



The Perfect Gift

John 3:16

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Order of Worship

PRELUDE	<i>Carol of the Bells</i>	CALL TO PRAYER	UMH#204
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		<i>Emmanuel, Emmanuel</i>	
* GREETINGS		<i>His name is called Emmanuel</i>	
CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP	Teri Reese	<i>God with us, revealed in us,</i>	
	<i>O Holy Night</i>	<i>His name is called Emmanuel.</i>	
* CALL TO WORSHIP	Shane Crafton, Liturgist	PASTORAL AND LORD’S PRAYER	
Leader: This is a happy night, a holy night, the most joy-filled night of the year!		SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS	
People: We gather to hear the story of Jesus’ birth, how God came into this world to dwell among us.		OFFERTORY ANTHEM	
Leader: We come together to sing the songs we love that celebrate this special time.		* DOXOLOGY	
People: We come together to worship our Lord and Savior.		* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING	
Leader: We rejoice together in what God has done and continues to do in our lives.		Glorious God, this Christmas Eve we stand in awe before you. Everything that we have comes from you in the first place and we thank you for the many blessings you have poured out on us. We humbly give back to you what is rightfully yours knowing that you have called us to be faithful to you. Just as you gave your life for us, may we honor you by how we live our lives so that in everything we think, say or do we may bring you glory. In your holy name we pray. Amen.	
All: Christ, our lord, is born this night! So let us praise Him! Amen.		* HYMN OF PREPARATION	UMH #230
* OPENING PRAYER		<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	
* OPENING HYMN	UMH #196	SCRIPTURE	John 3:16
<i>Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus</i>		VIDEO	Christmas Story: As told by the Experts
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE		MESSAGE	Dr. Keva Green
Eddie, Laura, & Megan Hill			The Perfect Gift
We light this candle as a symbol of God’s eternal Word being born to us. May the birth of Jesus Christ in the stable of Bethlehem be renewed in our hearts this Christmas Eve. Glory to God in the Highest!		* LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES	
* RESPONSE	<i>Gloria</i>	* CLOSING HYMN	UMH #239
* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		* BENEDICTION	
* GLORIA PATRI			

Faith Walk

Our VISION:

Is to serve as the heart, hands,
and feet of Christ by...

- * strengthening our personal
relationship with Christ daily
- * growing internally within
our church family, and
- * connecting externally throughout
our community and our world.

Our MISSION:

is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world
from the heart of Clay County.



Announcements

January Sermon Series: In January we will be starting a new sermon series “Divine Support for the New Year.” It will address some of the questions that some of you have asked about angels, praying for protection, and turning difficulties into opportunities. Join us as we dig deeper into God’s Word and invite others to be a part of this time of seeking the Lord.

Altar arrangement: The alter arrangement was given in loving memory of our beloved son and brother, Shad Slaughter by Doris and Bill Slaughter, Shannon, Kade, Jade and Makenzie.

*Pastor Keva and all of
the staff of FUMC want
to wish you and your
families a very
Merry Christmas!*

Calendar

Monday, December 25	Celebrate Jesus’ Birthday
Tuesday, December 26	Church office closed
Sunday, December 31	
8:30 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
9:15 a.m.	Coffee and Conversation
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
10:35 a.m.	Worship with Rev. Ryan Elms