



United Methodist
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December 31st, 2023

Watchnight Service 10:30AM

Welcome to the United Methodist Church of Summit! We invite you to join us on a journey of faith, worshiping and serving God.

PRELUDE *"O Lord Most Holy"*
For Trumpet and Organ

Cesar Franck

GREETING

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Alison Johnson

(please rise as you are able)

Leader: We have welcomed the Christ child and declared the glory of God's salvation that comes to live among us. And yet, still, we wait.

People: We watch and work for God's kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven.

Leader: We prepare to welcome a new year, thankful for how God has brought us through the past year and anxious to discover what the new year might bring.

People: We watch and work for God's kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven.

Leader: We join generations who have learned and taught us how to listen, notice, and discern divine love at work in the world.

People: We watch and work for God's kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven.

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, June 2023)

***CENTERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)*

Alison Johnson

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the

covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen. (*John Wesley Covenant Prayer*)

***OPENING HYMN:** *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"* UMH#224

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Alison Johnson

SCRIPTURE:

Alison Johnson

Old Testament: Isaiah 61-62, 123

New Testament: Galatians 4, 4-7

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:**

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

UMH#240

SERMON: *"Reasons for Rejoicing"* Dadi Hove, Seminary Intern

OFFERING

(please place offering envelope in basket or text:

"dollar amount you wish to give" to 908-224-7670)

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION Variations on the Carol

"Glory to God in Heaven on High"

William Teubner, Trumpet

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Joy to the World"

UMH#246

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on *"Let Us Rejoice"*

** Please rise in body or spirit as you are able.
Please join us after the service in the Social Hall for Coffee Hour!*

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Boden, Bob Z., Veronica S., Zandie S., Chris and Dot C., Rachel Calman and the Calman-Beland family, Caroline Kenny, Rick Picorale, Brandon Gomes and family, Adrian, Ricky for a new heart, Neil with pneumonia, Irma, Victims of violence in the Middle East and around the world, Millie, Family and friends of Janet Skakum, David Griffith, Pauline Griffith, Kaye Griffith, The Rivera family, Irma George, Oscar Gonzalez, Dillan, Anabelle, Guy Brasteid

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, December 31:

9:30am-10:00am Instrumentalists (Sanctuary)
10:00am-10:15am Song Leaders (Sanctuary)
10:30am-11:30am In-person/online Worship (Sanctuary)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Monday, January 1:

7:45pm-9:30pm Gamblers Anonymous (Fellowship Room
and Chapel)

Tuesday, January 2:

9:30am-10:15am Baby Bandstand (Social Hall)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Wednesday, January 3:

7:15pm-9:15pm Toastmasters (Social Hall)

Thursday, January 4:

1:30pm-5:00pm CPR (Chapel)

Friday, January 5

7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Saturday, January 6:

2:00pm-11:00pm EMC Shalom (Fellowship Room)

CYF Ministries Update

UMC SUMMIT CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY

month at a glance

DRAMA CLUB

Dec. 17: Christmas Pageant Practice

Dec. 24: **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT DAY!!!**

***If your child has a part in the pageant, please have them at Drama Club (9:30-10:15 am). ***

Dec. 31-Jan. 28: NO DRAMA CLUB!!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dec. 17: LESSON - The Light of the World

Dec. 24: Family Christmas Eve Service

(No Sunday School -> Christmas Pageant)

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL New Years Eve!!!

Jan. 7: LESSON - The Wise Men

Jan. 14: LESSON - Jesus in the Temple

YOUTH GROUP

Jan. 7: Monthly Meeting

6:00-8:00 pm in Green Room

Dinner will be provided

ANNOUNCEMENTS



**This is a wonderful time to
consider sharing your musical
gifts as we praise Our Lord!**

The Music Ministry line up is as
follows:

Saturdays: 12:00-1:00 Chancel
Choir

1:00-1:45 Contemporary Ensemble

2:00-3:30 Instrumental

Sundays: 9:30-10:15 Chancel Choir,
10:30 Worship,

11:45 Bell Choir, 12:15 Singing

Believers Children's Choir

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