

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Joy Night: We are still needing volunteers to narrate in our Joy Night Program. If interested please see Kei after church or email office@fumc-jax.org. Thank you !

Upcoming Events:

JOY NIGHT: Our fantastic and whimsical Joy Night is approaching soon. Please come and invite your love ones to enjoy a evening of praise and delight this Christmas Eve , Dec. 24h at 5pm in our Sanctuary. We look forward to seeing you there.

21 DAY CONGREGATIONAL FAST: Let's get on one accord FUMC Family to encounter the Living God because Practice Meets Purpose. We are starting the new year out with intention. We will prepare our minds, hearts and diets for our Congregational 21 Day Fast that will be starting Jan. 04th, 2026.

SATURDAY SCHOOL TRAINING DAY: Please be advised that we are having our Saturday School Training on Feb. 04th from 10am -11am . If you have signed up to volunteer please be there!

PRAYER BOARD GATHERING: We are hosting a fun, intentional and purpose driven Prayer Board Party Jan. 21st at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Trust me your not going to want to miss out!

BIBLE STUDY: Bible Study will commence on Feb. 04th. You don't want to miss out on the new movement Rev. McCall will be bringing every Wednesday at 6pm.

AS WE GATHER: Is a ministry dedicated to providing resources , tools, activities and adventures for our seniors. AWG promotes technology , knowledge and building a community without boundaries. If this interest you contact Shakeria Mitchell at shakeria@2ndmilejax.com or 904-372-3382 also visit their website at www.2ndmilejax.com.

ALL info can be found on our church website and social media platforms!!!

GARDEN MINISTRY: Come join us for harvesting and cleaning the garden on Fridays at 11am during the fall. Enjoy fellowship and even take some produce!

Other Ways To Give:

Zelle- office@fumc-jax.org

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CONGRATULATIONS!

To those who are celebrating a birthday and/or an anniversary we cheerfully celebrate along side you!!!

Prayer list

Kitty and Jake McGill, Joni and Agnaldo Alexandre, Bruce and Haley Jones, Mozelle Thomas, The Stephens-Smith Family



Welcome

Sunday, December 21st, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Moving Forward
Confident in Christ

First United Methodist Church
225 E Duval St.
Jacksonville, FL. 32202

Order of Worship

We Gather For Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song

“Emmanuel”

Opening Prayer

Faithful God, You keep covenant through every generation. As we near Christmas, stir within us the wonder of the incarnation. May we receive Emmanuel with awe, faith and open hearts. Amen.

Call To Worship

Leader: Beloved, God calls us -- like Joseph-- through angels and messengers, inviting us to listen for the Spirits guidance in the midst of half-truths and distractions.

People: We listen faithfully for the day all the earth awaits.

Leader: Sometimes, angels surprise us (as they did Mary) with good news too fantastical to believe and yet too real --- realer than real-- to ignore.

People: We listen faithfully for the day that all the earth awaits.

Leader: For generations, God has sent signs of God’s coming kingdom in unexpected places--- the birth of a child, the wisdom of the lowly, the faithfulness of a carpenter.

People: We listen faithfully for the day that all earth awaits.

Leader: Come! Let us worship God who calls out to us, inviting us to faithfulness as we watch, wait and work for the day when the whole world knows the abundant love and grace of Emmanuel, God-with-us.

All: Come! Let us worship as we listen faithfully for the day that all the earth awaits.

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy

First Reader: Today, we come face to face with the scandal of Advent: Mary, the unmarried mother; God Incarnate growing in Mary’s womb as a vulnerable baby; Joseph contemplating leaving Mary because of her pregnancy; God’s love at work in ways that society and propriety could not understand; God calling Mary and Joseph to faithfulness despite the fear of disgrace.

All: With Mary and Joseph, we choose to wait, watch, and listen for the way of Love instead of responding in fear to the world’s judgment.

Second Reader: We light this candle of love as a sign of our faithfulness as we seek, find, and follow Emmanuel, God with us.

Morning Hymn

*Lighting the Candles

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Acolytes

Let us Affirm Our Church’s Mission and Vision

To be Loved Period, Love God, Love Neighbor, Love Self! We believe in teaching gospel truths; We believe God is with us and we are the living body of Christ. We are the hands, feet, and heartbeat of God. We believe the Spirit of God calls us to freedom, and we are not free until all of us are free.

Glory Be to the Father

UMH # 70

A Service of Giving

Offering Prayer

Rev. Tiffany McCall

Offering Song

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (I)

Tithes, Mission, and Public Offering

We Listen To The Word

The Reading of God’s Word

Isaiah 7:10-16, Matthew 1: 18-25

Song of Preparation

“For Every Mountain ”

Theme:

God with Us : The Promise Fulfilled

Sermon

“The Contingency Plan ”

Rev. Tiffany McCall

We Respond In Faith/Reaffirmation of Faith

Song of Commitment

“O Lord , hear our Prayer” (I)

We Depart To Serve

*Closing Song

“Come Upon the Midnight Clear” UMH# 218 vs 1

*Extinguishing the Candles

Acolytes

Congregational Response

Pastor and Congregation We have come to worship **because we have a heart for God**. We leave to go into the world to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable, **because we have a heart for humanity**. On mission for God:

Let’s do it

*Benediction

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.