

# Memorial First India United Methodist Church

DECEMBER 11, 2022 10:30 A.M. THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Ministers: The Whole Congregation Together We Can Make a Difference*

\*\* Indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able. At those places marked “unison” or printed in bold you are invited to join in reading aloud with the entire congregation

## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE:

*Peter Kotiah*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

*Rev. Saroj Sangha*

CHORAL INTROIT: (Telugu)

*Lokamulo...Nee ..Prati Roopam Maanavali, Rudhi Papaharam,  
Paraloka Nivasa... Karuna Kara... Kavara...Naravathara Deva Kumara, A...A...men.*

\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Mohan Marapaka*

Leader: Rejoice! God’s promises are ever near.

People: **We wait for Christ’s birth with patience.**

Leader: Rejoice! God’s strength is with us.

People: **We rest in the power of God’s mighty love.**

Leader: Rejoice! We gather in the joy of our salvation.

ALL: **In this love, we gather to worship and pray. Amen!**

\*\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*“The First Noel”*

*UMH #245*

## SERVICE OF CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of promise, be with us in our hour of need. Grant us hope, when despair overwhelms us. Grant us healing and mercy, when illness and injury sap our strength. Grant us life and growth, when death and stagnations threaten us. Grant us patience and perseverance, when we grow weary of waiting for the coming of your kingdom. In Christ’s holy name, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Minister: In Christ’s mercy and grace, God’s ransomed ones return. In Christ’s love and faithfulness, everlasting happiness and joy flow abundantly and forgiveness and mercy make us whole.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

*Pastor*

PRAYER RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

*LIGHTING OF THE 3<sup>rd</sup> ADVENT CANDLE: JOY*

*Mr. Scott Harper and Mrs. Chandrakala Somaram  
and Mr. & Mrs. James and Sasi Somaram*

**\*\*HYMN (3<sup>rd</sup> Stanza) “O Come, O Come, Em - man - u - el”** **UMH #211**

*O come, o come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Si-nai’s height  
in an-cient times once gave the law in cloud and maj-es - ty and awe.  
Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.*

**CHILDREN TIME** *Sharmila Thomas*  
**CHILDREN MAY GO TO THEIR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

**SERVICE OF PROCLAMATION**

**ANTHEM** *“To a maid engaged to Joseph”* *Chancel Choir*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 35: 1-4** *Flora Tallapally*

**L:** This is the Word of God.

**All:** Thanks be to God

**\*\*THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 1: 46-55** *Smitha Kola*

**L:** This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**All:** Thanks be to God

**MESSAGE:** *“Christ came to right the wrongs”* *Dr. Hanock Gnana Mithra*

**SERVICE OF COMMITMENT**

**MUSICAL SELECTION** *Telugu Chancel Choir*  
**WORSHIP GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**\*\*Doxology # 95 UMH “Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow”**

**DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING**

**SENDING FORTH**

**\*\*HYMN** *“Joy to the World”* *UMH #246*

**\*\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

**Minister:** As children of God’s promise, we go now to bring hope to the world.

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His  
face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up  
His countenance and give you His everlasting peace

**ALL:** Blessed by Christ’s presence, we go forth in joy and love. Amen.

**\*\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *“Go, Tell It On the Mountain”*  
*Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere,  
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.*

**POSTLUDE** *Peter Kotiah*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **The Altar flowers are presented to the Honor and Glory of God!**

The first set of altar flowers are placed in celebration of **Priscilla Anchula's** 20<sup>th</sup> birthday by her loving family members.

The second set of altar flowers are placed in loving memory of **Late Mr. Noble Samson's** First death anniversary, by his loving wife, children and family.

The third set of altar flowers are placed in loving memory of **Late Mr. Richard Raja Rathnam**, (brother of Mrs. Rachel Samuel) by Rev. & Mrs. Samuel Honnappa, and family.

**Please inform the Pastor or the Church Office if you are planning to host a Fellowship hour in the Parlor, so proper arrangements can be made.**

**Please remember to take home the altar flowers you placed in celebration or memory of your loved ones.**

TODAY – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent.

Also, TODAY is the LAST day to drop your Canned Goods and Rice in the Shepherd's Table bin that is kept in the Narthex.

Sunday, December 18, 2022 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent.

Wednesday Bible Study has been at 7:00 pm. Via Zoom.

Every Saturday at 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study is held via Zoom.

Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study is in the Church Parlor.

### PRAYER SUPPORT FOR THE FOLLOWING:

**Mr. Sikander Henry, Mr. John Punith, Mr. Scott Whittemore (Liz Roth's Cousin),  
Dr. T. Vishwas Rao Jude, Dr. Prabha Clarence, Mr. Moses Peram (Kalyani Bezwada's brother),  
Mr. Paul Jerome Kola, Mr. Anil Keshiah, Mrs. Pauline Robinson and her son Mr. Anthony Robinson,  
Mrs. Victoria Jaipal, Mrs. Stella Samuel, Mr. Sherlock Ratanjee,  
Mr. Raphael Neville Victor, Mr. Richard McMullen, Mrs. Esther Cornelius and  
Mrs. Asuntha Francis (Mrs. Rachel Samuel's sister).**

**CHILDREN RECEIVING CARE AT HOME:** Elysia Durgam and Abigail Channuri.

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Office hours 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday thru Friday, [www.mfiumc.org](http://www.mfiumc.org)

*Our Sunday attendance and Offering for December 04<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

Tithes and Offering = \$10,033.00

Attendance: Adults 82, Youth 12 Children 15 =109

### *Worship Leaders*

**Liturgist:** Mohan Marapaka ; **Readers:** Flora Tallapally & Smitha Kola; **Acolyte:** Jadon Tallapally



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December 2022

**Dear Members and Friends:**

We invite you and your family to celebrate the joy of Christmas with us at MFIUMC. Mark your calendars and plan to attend these events. Your presence is very much appreciated.

**Dear Members and Friends:**

**Below is the list of CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
December 11, 2022	CHRISTMAS CAROLING	Starting at 6:00 p.m.
December 16, 2022	CHRISTMAS CAROLING	Starting at 6:30 p.m.
December 17, 2022	CHRISTMAS CAROLING	Starting at 5:00 p.m.
<b>December 18, 2022</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT/CANTATA</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
December 18, 2022	CHRISTMAS CAROLING	Starting at 6:00 p.m.
<b>December 24, 2022</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>December 25, 2022</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>December 31, 2022</b>	<b>WATCHNIGHT SERVICE</b>	<b>10:30 p.m.</b>

Our God is an awesome God! Let us worship and adore Him for the gift of His son, Jesus Christ. We continue to live stream our Sunday Worship Services. May God's blessings be upon you and your family.

***We wish you a blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year!!!***

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Saroj Sangha

## **“To a maid engaged to Joseph”**

To a maid engaged to Joseph, the angel Gabriel came.  
"Fear not," the angel told her, "I come to bring good news,  
Good news I come to tell you, good news, I say, good news."

"For you are highly favored, by God the Lord of all,  
Who even now is with you; you are on earth most blest,  
You are most blest, most blessed, God chose you, you are blest!"

Come Immanuel, God with us today;  
Come into our hearts, show us all Your way.

But Mary was most troubled, to hear the angel's word.  
What was the angel saying? It troubled her to hear,  
To hear the angel's message, it troubled her to hear.

"Fear not, for God is with you, and you shall bear a child.  
His name shall be called Jesus, God's Offspring from on high.  
And He shall reign forever, forever reign on high!"

Come Immanuel, God with us today;  
Come into our hearts, show us all Your way.

"How shall this be?" said Mary, "I am not yet a wife."  
The angel answered quickly, "The power of the Most High  
Will come upon you shortly, your Child will be God's Child."

As Mary heard the angel, she wondered at his words.  
"Behold, I am Your handmaid," she said unto her God,  
"So be it, I am ready, according to Your Word."

Come Immanuel, God with us today;  
Come into our hearts, show us all Your way.

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Come into our hearts, show us all Your way.



We express our gratitude to **Dr. Hanock Gnana Mithra**, for bringing God's message to us. Dr. Mithra is accompanied by his wife, Irene and daughter Disha. We welcome him and his family and pray for God's blessings upon them.

**We welcome all our visitors, friends and online worshippers to our Worship Service, this morning.**

**Even if you are coming early, could you kindly leave the Upper Level parking for the elderly and handicapped. Rest of the members, please try and use the lower level parking. Thank you!!!**

### **2022 CHRISTMAS CANTATA**

The MFIUMC Choir will be presenting a Christmas Cantata called "**JOY**". It is composed by Joel Raney, and will be performed on December 18, 2022, during the Worship Service, starting at 10:30 AM. Choir practices during December will be held on both Saturdays and Sundays, beginning at 1:30 PM on those days.

**Please invite your family and friends to attend this special cantata service in person at MFIUMC, or witness it online.**

*It is time to order Christmas Poinsettias, in honor or in memory of your loved ones. The price is \$10.00 per plant. Please complete your order form and give it to Liz or John Roth (301-924-2211) no later than Sunday December 18, 2022.*

*Make checks payable to MFIUMC  
and please print "Poinsettias" on the memo line.*