

Memorial First India United Methodist Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022 10:30 AM CHRISTMAS DAY

A CHILD IS BORN

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

THE CELEBRATION OF THE CHRIST CHILD

PRELUDE

Peter Kotiah

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rev. Saroj Sangha

****CHORAL INTROIT** *“Angels from the Realms of Glory”*

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth.

Ye who sang creation’s story, now proclaim Messiah’s birth.

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King.

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Vinolia Victor

Leader: The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light.

**People: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.**

Leader: We are that people.

People: For a child has been born for us.

Leader: Christ is that light.

People: For God’s own Son has been given to us.

Leader: He is called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

People: Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Leader: His authority shall grow continually.

People: And there shall be endless peace through his glorious reign.

Leader: Let all creation shout for joy,

ALL: Let heaven and nature sing.

**** CAROL**

“Joy to the World”

UMH #246

**** THE LITANY (insert)**

“The Word Became Flesh”

Rev. Samuel Honnappa

PRAYER OF CONFESSION(unison)

Lord of Christmas Peace, we have done wrong. We have tarnished the gift you gave freely. We have buried you so deeply in our hearts, the world doesn't see you. We have not followed Christ, we have ignored your teachings, we have lived lives of apathy against your love, we have built fences and fortresses to push people away, and we have silenced the screams of those in need. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our sin, free us from our captivity, free us to a life lived in Joy through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Minister: Listen to the sea roar to the glory of God. Listen to heaven and nature sing. Listen to a child cooing in joyful love, assuring us that all will be well.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Pastor and MFIUMC staff

****CAROL** **“O Come, all Ye faithful,”** (Stanzas 6 only) **UMH #234**

Yea, Lord we greet Thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given.

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: O come, let us adore Him,

O Come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

ANTHEM

“JOY!”

Chancel Choir

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (Unison)

Dr. Hanock Gnana Mithra

Holy God, heaven and earth are met this day in the new born Child, Savior of the world. We celebrate his birth; for in Him you come to be close to us, that we might be close to you. Especially, we give thanks for the birth, life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and all He means to us. For prospects of peace in the world. For the confidence in your steadfast love, for those who generously give and those who receive. For the church’s nurturing us in the faith. God of all mercy, as you have come in Jesus Christ to be our guest, inspire our hearts to welcome all your children in Your name. We pray for those who have not heard your good news, for the sick and suffering, for those who know no laughter, only tears, for prisoners of addiction or abuse and for the church as a refuge for the needy, all this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

SERVICE OF PROCLAMATION

MUSICAL SELECTION

Telugu Chancel Choir

Written and Composed by Mohan Marapaka

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 9: 6-7

Praneeth Medapally

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

**THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 1: 18-23

Sowbhagyam Timothy

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE:

“He shall be called”

Rev. Saroj Sangha

SERVICE OF COMMITMENT

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS (*Bhajana Insert*)

Congregation

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

****DOXOLOGY** *“Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow”*

UMH #95

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

SENDING FORTH

****DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING:**

Rev. Samuel Honnappa

Minister: Once we walked in darkness.
People: **Tonight, we walk in the light of Christ.**
Minister: Once we wandered with no one to lead us.
People: **Tonight, we follow the Prince of Peace.**
Minister: Once we felt lost and forsaken.
People: **Tonight, we sing the glory of our salvation.**
Minister: Once we were weary from toil.
People: **Tonight, we are reborn with Christ,
 Through God’s glorious love.**
ALL: **Amen.**

****CAROL**

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

*Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light;
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord at thy birth, Jesus Lord at thy birth.*

POSTLUDE

Peter Kotiah

***We Welcome our guests and visitors for joining us in worship today!
We thank Rev. Samuel Honnappa and Dr. Hanock Gnana Mithra for participating in
the Worship Service, today.***

***The Poinsettias are presented to the Honor and Glory of God!
You may take home your Poinsettias after the Worship Service, but please leave the saucers at
church. Thank you.***

Please join us for the following Services:

December 31, 2022	WATCHNIGHT SERVICE	10:30 p.m.
January 01, 2023	NEW YEAR SERVICE	10:30 a.m.

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year!

“JOY!”

Cantata Composed and Arranged By: JOEL RANEY

English Choir Anthems for 12/25/22

ANTHEM (1) “SONG IN THE AIR “:

Nighttime is falling; shepherds are leaving their sheep.

Angels come calling, singing the baby to sleep.

Guarding the manger, Mary keeps watch in the night;

Holding the stranger, the King of love and light.

There’s a song in the air! There’s a star in the sky;

A mother’s deep prayer and a baby’s low cry.

The star rains its fire while the beautiful sing;

“The manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!”

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.

The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Come to the manger, bow down and worship the King.

Loud “Alleluias,” lift up your voices and sing.

There’s a song in the air! There’s a star in the sky;

A mother’s deep prayer and a baby’s low cry.

The star rains its fire while the beautiful sing;

“The manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!”

There’s a song in the air! (There’s a song.) There’s a star in the sky; (there’s a star)

A mother’s deep prayer (there’s a prayer) and a baby’s low cry.

The star rains its fire while the beautiful sing;

“The manger of Bethlehem cradles a King! The manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

The manger of Bethlehem cradles a new-born King!”

ANTHEM (2) “SING JOY! “:

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy! O tidings of comfort and joy!

Sing “joy to the world” ‘cause Mary had a baby, O, my Lord!

Rejoice with the angels in heaven! Glory hallelujah to the newborn King!

Sing joy! Sing joy! Sing joy to the world, the Lord is come; let earth receive her King.

Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing,

And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy! Sing “Joy to the world” ‘cause Mary had a baby, O, my Lord!

Rejoice with the angels in heaven! Glory hallelujah to the newborn King!

Sing joy! Sing joy to the world, the Savior reigns; let all their songs employ;

While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat the sounding joy; repeat, repeat, repeat, repeat, repeat,

Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy!

Sing “Joy to the world” ‘cause Mary had a baby, O, my Lord!

Rejoice with the angels in heaven! Glory hallelujah to the newborn King!

Sing joy, (to the world) to the world, sing joy, to the tiny little Baby,

Sing joy, (to the world) to the world, sing joy, to the newborn King!

Sing joy! Sing joy! Sing JOY!

Litany: The Word Became Flesh

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, God's self-disclosure.

People: The Word was with God.

Leader: As energy that brought all things into being.

People: The light embodied in that Word was the Light of the human race.

Leader: A Light that shines in the darkness.

People: A Light that darkness has not overcome.

Leader: A prophet came, whose name was John.

People: John came as a witness.

Leader: As a witness to bear testimony to the Light.

People: For the Word, the true Light that enlightens all people, was coming into the world.

Leader: Many of God's own people were blind to its shining.

People: But all who were able to perceive the light were given the power to become the children of God.

Leader: Yes, all who believe in the One whose power to save came not from human characteristics, not maleness, Jewishness, or anything human,

People: But from God alone.

Leader: And this is the wonder: that the Word became flesh in one Jesus of Nazareth

People: And wonder of wonders, even we, late in time, have been transformed By God's glory shining in Christ, full of grace and truth!

ALL: Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto the God who has come to us, and spoken to us, in flesh, in blood, in this very human form, the Word of truth and light for all ever! Amen.

Our Sincere thanks and appreciation to all who have made this Christmas Season a joyful celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ!

Christmas Decoration: Praveen Anchula, Sanjeeth Thomas, Preston Anchula.

Decorating and updating the bulletin boards: Jayakumar & Suneethy Durgam.

Christmas Caroling: Praveen Anchula, Silas Samson, Sujay Polimati along with Rev. Saroj Sangha and the to all the carolers for bringing Christmas Spirit to some of our members homes, with their enthusiasm in singing the Christmas Carols.

We thank Paul Hanreeder for taking up ***Shepherd's Table*** as the Missions Project, and collecting needed canned goods to provide meals for their guests.

Banners: Colin Robinson, Praveen Medapally and Vijaya Henry.

Christmas Star: John Punith and family.

Christmas Poinsettias: Liz and John Roth and Vijaya Henry.

Website & Media: We thank Stephen Manti for updating the Website and Eric, Kiran Jagga, Sumanth Raj Durgam, Joel Tallapally and Ezekiel Kola for Online telecasting.

Cantata: We thank our Choir Director, Peter Kotiah and all the Cantata participants for an amazing performance of Christmas Cantata, JOY! 2022. We appreciate all their hard work and dedication to bring glory and honor to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Christmas Play: We thank directors, Ashish and Emily Henry for their hard work and dedication in presenting us with this year's Christmas play, called "A Christmas Musical" on December 10, 2022. The directors, all the helpers and especially the children who practiced and led us into the Christmas spirit.

Here are the few of Santa's Helper...

Sound /Media Team: Eric Kola, Joyce Kola, Kiran Jagga and Colin Robinson.

Stagehands: Pranay Medapally, Preston Anchula, Jadon Tallapally and Ian Dhanraj.

Costumes & makeup: Esther Samuel, Naomi Samson and Johanna Jagga.

Setup, Decorations & Cleanup: Preston Anchula, Pranay Medapally, Johanna Jagga, Praveen Medapally, Padma Medapally, Lenora Henry, Lincoln Korani, Emmanuel Sahas Rana, Jordan Kola and Vibhinay Marapaka.

We also take this time to thank the Hospitality Committee Chair, Andrew Tadikonda and all his team members for providing snacks & light lunch and to Arun Henry and John Tukkappa for providing Christmas Dinner.

Saturday, December 31st Watch Night Service at 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 1, 2023 -New Year Worship Service with Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The first set of altar flowers are placed in birthday celebration of **Ashley Tadikonda**, by her loving 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.

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. Sandeep Keshiah, 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

Our Sunday attendance and Offering for December 18th, 2022

Tithes and Offering = \$10,314.00

Attendance: Adults 108, Youth 15 Children 10 =133

Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Vinolia Victor; **Readers:** Praneeth Medapally & Sowbhagyam Timothy;

Acolyte: Preston Anchula

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CHRISTMAS CAROLS (BHAJANA)

PUTTE YESUDU NEDU

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PATTI YAAYE PARAMA GURUDU, PRAAYASCHITTHUDU YESUDU ||PUTTE||

YOODHA DESHAMULONU, BETHLE-HEMANU GRAAMAMUNA
NAADHARIMPA NUDBHAVINCHENU, ADHMULA-MAINA MANALANU (2) ||PUTTE||

THUURPU GYANULU KONDHARU, PURVA DIKKU-CHUKKANU GAANCHI
SARVONNATHUNI MARIYAKUMARUNI, MROKIRI
ARPANAMBULICHCHIRI (2) ||PUTTE

SRI YESUNDU JANMINCHE

SRI YESUNDU JANMINCHE REYILO (2)
NEDU PAYAKA BETHLEHEMU YURILO (2) ||SRI YESUNDU||

KANNIYA MARIYAMMA GHARBHAMANDUNA (2)
IMMAANUYELANEDI NAAMAMANDHUNAA (2) ||SRI YESUNDU||

PATTI POTHU GUDDALATHO JHUTTA BAADI
PASULATHOTI LO BAARUNDA PETTA BHADI (2)

YESHU AAYA

YESHU AAYA, YESHU AAYA, ISS DHARTHI PE YESHU AAYA (2)
NAYA JEEVAN SAATH LAYA (2)

DHOOR HUE HAI ANDHERE, JAGMAG DHEEP JALE HAI, KHUSH HAL SAANJ
SAVERA, SHAK SHAK PHOOL KHILE HAI ||YESHU||

DOOTHONE SANDHESHA, CHARUAHONKO BATAYA, AAYA MUKTHI DHATHA,
PREM GEETH HAI GAAYA ||YESHU||

TURPU DIKKU CHOOSE

Turpu dikku chukka butte – Meramma O Mariyamma..! /2/
Chukkanu joochi memu vachhinaamu mrokki povutaku /2/

1. Betelemu puramulona baaludamma – Goppa baaludamma..! /2/
Beeda kanya garbhamandu – Buttenamma – Satyavantudamma /2/Turpu/
2. Pandita saastrulanella – Bilachinaaru – vaaru vachhinaaru! /2/
Purva vedambulanu techhinaaru – Teri chuchinaaru /2/Turpu/
3. Bangaaru saambraani bolam techhinaamu – Baala Yesunoddaku..! /2/
Bangaaru paadamula mrokkudaamu – Bahuga vededamu /2/Turpu/

MANA YESU

Mana Yesu Bethehemulo
Chinna pashuvula pakalo putten

Golla lantha dootha dwara
Yesu yoddaku vachi yundiri
Vachi yundiri namaskarinchiri
Mana Yesu

Gnanulantha chukha dwara
Yesu yoddaku vachi yundiri
Vachiyundiri kanuka lichiri
Mana Yesu