



First United Methodist Church of Germantown

December 24th, 2024 | 11:00 AM

Carillon Prelude

Janet Tebbel

An Arrangement of Beloved Christmas Carols

Welcome

Pastor Alisa Lasater Wailoo

Call to Worship

One: Light the candle, hitch up the star.

All: Embrace the Stranger. Welcome the one from afar.

One: Move from a whisper to a shout.

All: Spread the Good News all about!

One: Jesus Christ comes to our world!

All: Jesus Christ comes to our hearts!

Opening Song

Valentina Sierra

“Joy to the World” (v. 1&4)

Bible Story, Part A

Luke 2:1-7

Sharing the Story of Las Posadas

Pastor Alisa Lasater Wailoo

We invite kids to come forward to hear the story.

Creating “Luminarias” and Reflecting on the Light

All children are invited to make a luminaria in their pew or at the back craft table while grown-ups reflect on the meaning of Las Posadas for our present moment.

Lighting the Christ Candle

The Hutnik-Horton Family

Reflection

Rev. Jackie Newsome

Enacting Las Posadas

All children and parents are invited to join as we walk through this tradition together through the aisles of the sanctuary.

Singing Together

Valentina Sierra

UMH 217 - “Away in the Manger”

Living Into Las Posadas

Pastor Alisa Lasater Wailoo

Bible Story, Part B

Luke 2:8-17

Sung Response

Valentina Sierra

“The Friendly Beasts”

Offering Las Posadas To Those In Our Community

*All are invited to give to the Community Needs Offering.
See Insert for More Details.*

Offeratory

Valentina Sierra

“Los Peces En El Rio”

We invite kids to bring forward offering, food, and connect card!

Prayer of Thanks

Pastor Alisa Lasater Wailoo

Closing Song

Valentina Sierra

UMH 251 - “Go Tell It On The Mountain” (v. 1 & 3)

Blessing and Invitation to Fiesta

Rev. Jackie Newsome

All are invited to Pilling Hall after the service for a Party and a Piñata.

JOIN US FOR THESE UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES!

COOK WITH OUR NEIGHBORS

Germantown Community Fridges are a 24/7 mutual aid resource that helps combat food insecurity and food waste in Philadelphia, specifically in the Germantown neighborhood. FUMCOG is blessed to host a fridge under our High St. porch. Come on January 2nd at 11 am to help us make delicious meals for our neighbors. Reach out to germantownfridge@gmail.com for more information and cooking times.

WORSHIPPING GOD AND CELEBRATING JUSTICE

Join us next Sunday, December 29 at 11 am for our annual worship service with our friends from the Germantown Mennonite Church. Both congregations will worship at FUMCOG and hear Rev. Jay Bergen preach a powerful sermon. In addition, we will celebrate a renewal of vows for Ruth Thornton and Barbara Mitchell on this, their 10th wedding anniversary, and our denomination's full inclusion of LGBTQIA siblings. A catered feast of Soul Food will follow.

LEARNING TOGETHER: ABOLITION TEACH-IN SERIES

Join FUMCOG's own Rev. Jackie Newsome as she guides us through engaging discussions on the concept of abolition—what it means, why it matters, and how we can integrate it into our daily lives. Beginning Jan 11, 2025, at 10:00am at FUMCOG, participants will explore both sacred (biblical) and secular (modern) perspectives, offering meaningful examples and thought-provoking insights. This is an interactive learning experience where participants will be encouraged to read aloud, share their thoughts, and actively contribute to dynamic discussions. Email Rev. Jackie with questions at Newsome@fumcog.org

EXPLORING COMMUNITY at FUMCOG

Are you new-ish to FUMCOG and want to learn more? Join us for a 4-session Intro Class. We will delve into our faith community's beliefs, history, connections, and denomination. Come meet other new folk and learn ways to join FUMCOG's mission of taking risks for social justice and building peace in our community, our city, our nation, and our world. We will meet on Sundays at 12:20 on January 7, Jan 26, Feb 2 and Feb 9. Reach out to Pastor Alisa at wailoo@fumcog.org or 267-405-1383 with questions or to RSVP.

Thank you to our musicians:

Dave Brown (Guitar) | Jodi Acker Bohr (Piano & Organ) | Valentina Sierra (Vocals)

Thank you to our tech team:

Mandonnah Mahallati | Geo Andujar | Andrew Wailoo

Special Thanks to Cindi Skripak for Costumes

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