



WELCOME TO FIRST EVAN

“We exist to glorify Jesus Christ and magnify
His gospel in all of life until He comes.”

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023



We are so excited you are visiting with us today! Be sure to visit the Connect Center, fill out a connect card in the pews, or visit www.firstevan.org/connect.



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SON OF THE MOST HIGH

"And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son... He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High." Luke 1:31–32

Welcome Christy Bicknell, *Women's Ministry Director*

First Candle of Advent: Isaiah 9:2, 6–7 The Hensley Family

Song of Hope O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Scripture Reading Zechariah 2:10–13

Choral Meditation Peace, Peace, Peace

Elder Prayer Buddy Jones

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26–38 Geoffrey Warberg

Sermon Pradip, *Former Global Missions Pastor*

"In His Time"
Luke 1:26–38

The Lord's Supper

Songs of Worship What Child is This?
Joy to the World (Hymn #146)

Benediction

*Musicians: The Worship Choir, Amelia Boer, Jeremy Conner, Trent England,
April Eichthorn, Jake Ferwerda, Kathryn LaVire, Jamie Scholik, Mark Stelling, Phil
Thompson. Ken Boer, Pastor of Worship.*

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," Latin hymn, tr. John M. Neale (1851). "Peace, Peace, Peace" by Ken Bible, arr. Richard Kingsmore, traditional Austrian Melody © 2006, 2008 LNWhymns.com. "What Child is This," traditional English carol. "Joy to the World" by Isaac Watts (1719), George Frederick Handel (1742) and Lowell Mason (1836). CCLI #47316.

“In His Time”

Luke 1:26–38 | Pradip, former Global Missions Pastor

In the sixth month –

God sent –

“For nothing will be impossible with God...May it be done according to your word” –

Mary and Joseph –

Application: three takeaways

1. Rest _____

2. Request _____

3. Respond _____



"Prepare Him Room": A Christmas Festival of Lessons & Carols
NEXT Sunday, December 10, 9:00 and 10:45 a.m., Sanctuary.
 International friends are invited to the **International Brunch at 10:20 a.m.** This service is presented by the Worship Choir, orchestra, soloists, and readers. As the hymn "Joy to the World" says, "Let earth receive her king, let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing!" Invite your friends, family, and neighbors. Childcare is available for those ages 2 and under. www.firstevan.org/christmas



Emmanuel: A Live Nativity, Wednesday, December 13, 6:00 p.m.
 Your family and friends are invited to join us for a special family Christmas celebration brought to you by FEC Kids. We will start our evening with a pizza dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Then at 6:30 p.m., a special guest will take us on a journey to a live nativity in the Gym where we will hear the story of Jesus' birth, sing Christmas carols, and pet live animals. We will end the night back in the Fellowship Hall with crafts, cookies, indoor s'mores, and hot chocolate.
www.firstevan.org/emmanuel



Sunshine Stockings for Seniors
 Lining the reception desk, you will see "Sunshine Stockings" for our homebound senior adults. Adopt a stocking as a family or partner with friends to honor our homebound members. Check out a stocking at the desk, fill the stocking, and then deliver with a smile to share a little joy this Christmas! Contact Kate Taylor with questions at ktaylor@firstevan.org.

Thanksgiving Offering: A Christmas Gift for our Missionaries — So far, we have reached 90% of our goal. Designate "Thanksgiving Offering" on your check to First Evan or give online by next Sunday, December 10 at www.firstevan.org/thanks.

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

Jeri & Gloria Little, Novo, Romania/Moldova

- Praise**
- That God made all of our proposed 2023 Mission Projects come off without a hitch!
 - That the Lord has provided enough resources to ensure that the Youth Center in Paun Village that FEC helped fund will be mostly completed by Spring.
 - For the beautiful send off for Gloria's father, David Gish (age 87), for which the extended family gathered.

- Pray**
- For our NEO/NOVO staff in Gaza/Egypt, Pastor Hanna, his wife and three children.
 - For a potential site for a new Business as Mission project in Romania.
 - For our 5 grandchildren. We are simply asking the Lord to bring them, in faith, into His Kingdom of Marvelous Light.

MEMPHIS PARTNER OF THE WEEK

Life Choices of Memphis

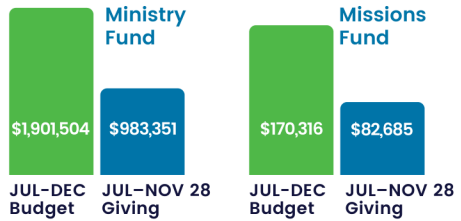
- Praise**
- That our adoption department has been SO busy placing babies in homes recently!
 - That we already have some women interested in our next post abortion retreat for healing!
 - That our Abortion Pill Reversal service has helped two women and they are still carrying healthy babies!

- Pray**
- For those going through our Post Abortion Retreat. This is an intense time filled with healing, but it's hard work.
 - For our clients who need to hear the good news of Christ!
 - For our staff. They carry their own burdens that the world brings but also take on the burdens of our clients.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

www.firstevan.org/giving

Historically we receive 21% of our budget in December. Will you pray, seeking our Lord's guidance for your year-end giving?



FAMILY MATTERS

Rehab Jim Henry, Baptist Rehab on Germantown Parkway behind Chick-fil-A (No visitors)

PRAYER

Pastor Search Prayer Focus, Tuesdays & Weekly
 Church-wide prayer for pastoral search committee and our next pastor. A weekly prayer guide will be made available to you.

World Prayer Focus, Sunday, December 3
 6:00-7:00 p.m., Chapel
 Join us in intercessory prayer for our world, country, county, city, and church.