

JESUS, PRINCE OF PEACE with AWAY IN A MANGER

Jesus, Prince of Peace, come here from Heaven our darkness to cease. Infant Redeemer secures our release, Jesus Messiah, Jesus, Prince of Peace. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay. Jesus, Prince of Peace, come here from Heaven our darkness to cease. Infant Redeemer secures our release, Jesus Messiah, Jesus, Prince of Peace. Gloria, Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria, Gloria. Jesus, Prince of Peace, come here from Heaven our darkness to cease. Infant Redeemer secures our release, Jesus Messiah, Jesus, Prince of Peace.

FIRE IN THE SKY

Gloria! Gloria! Glory to God in the heavens above. He's coming to earth to show us His love. Gloria! Gloria! Peace on earth; good will to all men. The Savior is born in Bethlehem. Shepherds awoken to a glorious sight, stars in the heavens, a radiant light. Angels rejoicing, they sing from on high. The glow overwhelming like fire in the sky. Peace on the earth, their heavenly song. The Savior is descending; we've waited so long. Fear not – they comfort; redemption draws nigh. The glory of heaven like fire in the sky! Gloria! Gloria! Glory to God in the heavens above. He's coming to earth to show us His love. Gloria! Gloria! Peace on earth; good will to all men. The Savior is born in Bethlehem. Gloria!

CHILD OF THE PROMISE

Under the stars sleeps a Child of the promise. Common made holy, our God come to earth. Glory residing here in a poor manger, come to redeem us and show us our worth. Glory to God in the highest. Peace and good will to all men. Glory to God in the highest. Forever and ever, amen! Fall on your knees here beside the Lord's cradle. Come now to worship on this silent night. In love, He has come here to bear all our sorrows, to end all our darkness and make all things right. Glory to God in the highest. Peace and good will to all men. Glory to God in the highest. Forever and ever, amen! Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! O night divine! O night when Christ was born! O night divine! O night, O night divine! Glory to God in the highest. Peace and good will to all men. Glory to God in the highest. Forever and ever, amen! Forever, amen!

AND IT CAME TO PASS FINALE

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning; O 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. Worship Christ the Lord! And it came to pass, that in those days we saw the Savior face to face. The Word of God has come among us now! And it came to pass! Emmanuel, the Word of God among us now on earth. It came to pass! Emmanuel! Rejoice! He's come to earth, Emmanuel!

Original words and music by Jay Rouse and Rose Aspinall.

A dark blue background with a black silhouette of a nativity scene. In the foreground, a manger contains baby Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. To the right, a donkey and a horse are present. In the background, two camels are being led by riders, and two angels with wings are flying. The scene is set against a backdrop of pyramids and a night sky with several stars, including a prominent bright star in the upper right.

AND IT CAME TO *PASS EMMANUEL

Sunday, December 12, at 8:30 and 11:00 AM

Tuesday, December 14, at 7:00 PM

Chester United Methodist Church

12132 Percival Street, Chester, VA 23831

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Joshua N. Wortham, director
Dawn & Keith Boyd, narrators
Ellen Trimble, sign language
Charles Green, piano
Gary Williams, percussion
Jack Price, trumpet
Dan Hayes, bass
James Hargraves, sound tech

Marissa Resmini, violin
Chris Johnston, violin
Brenda Johnson, viola
Ned Haskins, cello
Heidi Thurmond, flute
Ben Grondahl, clarinet
Daniel Edwards, oboe
Gretchen Georgas, horn

PROGRAM

Christmas Overture
Chester UMC Chamber Orchestra

Carol of the Bells *with* God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen
Electric guitar soloist: Luke Carson

Adeste Fideles

And It Came to Pass

Joseph's Song
Soloist: Joshua Wortham

Jesus, What A Wonderful Child
Soloist: Renee Harvey

Jesus, Prince of Peace
*Includes: Away in a Manger &
Angels We Have Heard on High*

Fire in the Sky

Child of the Promise
Includes: O Holy Night

And It Came to Pass Finale
*Includes: Adeste Fideles &
And It Came to Pass*

ADESTE FIDELES

O come, all ye faithful, joyful, and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem. Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels. O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord. Highest, most holy Light of light eternal, born of a virgin, a mortal He comes. Son 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. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation. O sing all ye citizens of Heaven above. Glory to God, all glory in the highest! O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord. O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord. Worship Christ the Lord!

AND IT CAME TO PASS

A Child has been born in our darkest night, the Word of God, Incarnate One, Redeemer, Holy Light. God's own Son in humble birth leaves His throne in Heaven to dwell with us on Earth. And it came to pass that in those days we saw the Savior face to face. The Word of God has come among us now! And it came to pass! Emmanuel, the Word of God among us now on earth. It came to pass! Emmanuel! Come now, you rich and poor, hear the Baby's cry. The Prince of Peace, the Lamb of God here in a stable lies. Joyful news on earth today! The bright and morning star has come to light the way! And it came to pass that in those days we saw the Savior face to face. The Word of God has come among us now! And it came to pass! Emmanuel, the Word of God among us now on earth. It came to pass! Emanuel! Rejoice! O come, Emmanuel. Rejoice! O come, Emmanuel. And it came to pass that in those days we saw the Savior face to face. The Word of God has come among us now! And it came to pass! Emmanuel, the Word of God among us now on earth. It came to pass! Emmanuel! Rejoice! He's come to earth, Emmanuel!

JOSEPH'S SONG

Now the angel's gone away and the silent night has come, will my peace return to stay and my fears be overcome? Will I tremble at this task? Will I place in Him my trust? Will this journey prove too long for me to be the man I must? Should I help Him count the stars? Or should I help Him carve a piece of wood? Can I teach Him what he needs to know? Oh, how I wish I could? You see, I'm falling on my knees and I'm crying out to You. O God, please help me now. Won't You? How did You come to choose me? I'm not sure I understand. The Son of God, Incarnate One, can He be the Son of Man? Still I trust You have a plan, though a mystery to me. I will set my feet upon Your path, so You can set us free. Should I help Him count the stars? Or should I help Him carve a piece of wood? Can I teach Him what he needs to know? Oh, how I wish I could? You see, I'm falling on my knees and I'm crying out to You. O God, please help me now. Won't You? I am crying out to You. O God, please help me now. Won't You?

JESUS, WHAT A WONDERFUL CHILD

Jesus, Jesus, oh, what a wonderful Child! Oh, Jesus, my Jesus, so lowly, meek and mild. New life, new hope, new joy He brings, won't you listen to the angels sing? Glory, glory, glory to the newborn King. While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down and glory shone around. "Fear not," for the mighty dread had seized their troubled mind. "Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind." Jesus, Jesus, oh, what a wonderful Child! Oh, Jesus, my Jesus, so lowly, meek, and mild. New life, new hope, new joy He brings, won't you listen to the angels sing? Glory, glory, glory to the newborn King! His name is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God! King of kings! Lord of lords! Prince of peace! Oh Jesus, Jesus, oh, what a wonderful Child! His name is Jesus, Jesus, so lowly, meek and mild. New life, new hope, new joy he brings. Won't you listen to the angels sing? Glory, glory, glory to the newborn King Singin' glory, glory, glory. Singin' glory, glory, glory to the newborn King, newborn King!

CALENDAR

December 12-19, 2021

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30 AM–2:00 PM

Today: 8:30 AM Nursery until 12:15 PM
 9:30 AM XMAS Cantata-Sanc
 9:30 AM Children’s Sun Sch-DFH
 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School
 9:55 AM Youth Sun Sch.-Annex
 9:55 AM NO BRIDGE SERVICE
 11:00 AM Online Worship–Facebook
 11:00 AM XMAS Cantata-Sanc
 4:00 PM NO MS/HS Youth-Annex
 5:00 PM Family XMAS Paint-DFH
Mon. 6:30 PM Cub/Boy Scouts
Tues.: 10:30 AM NO Joy Singers-Music Suite
 3:30 PM Rest Stop-Annex
 6:00 PM Brownie Investiture-DFH
 7:00 PM XMAS Cantata-Sanc
Wed.: 12:00 PM Race Rel Planning-Online
 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl- Parlor
 7:00 PM Finance-226
 7:00 PM XMAS Cantata-Sr APTS
Thurs.: 7:30 AM Men’s Group-First Watch

Thurs: 11:00 AM Presch Happy B’day Jesus
 6:00 PM Contemplative Prayer
 6:00 PM Presch XMAS Prog-Sanc
Fri.:
Sat.:

Next Sunday: December 19, 2021

8:30 AM Nursery until 12:15 PM
 8:30 AM Fresh Start Service-DFH
 9:30 AM Children’s Sun Sch-DFH
 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School
 9:55 AM Youth Sun Sch.-Annex
 9:55 AM The Bridge Service-Sanc
 11:00 AM Online Worship
 11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc
 3:00 PM Children’s XMAS Party-DFH
 3:00 PM Blue XMAS Service-Sanc
 4:00 PM MS/HS Youth-Annex Loft

Donations for CUMC Food Pantry: Thank you, Church, Cub Scout Pack 2815, and the TDHS Key clubs for your generous donations to our pantry. Please continue to donate goods or money (as you are able) to help us keep our pantry well stocked for the many clients we serve. (Checks payable to CUMC (Memo: Food Pantry). Refer to the bulletin list of items needed.

Children’s Sunday School and Choir meets at 9:30 AM in the fellowship hall. We will offer a time of games (until about 10:00 AM), a Bible lesson, music, and prayer for children in grades PK-5. To volunteer, please contact Carrie Coyner (carrie.coyner@gmail.com).

Need a Nametag? Contact Terry (cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org) or register in the pew pad. Indicate how you want your name to appear on the tag and drop a check in the offering plate (\$10 per nametag, payable to CUMC, Memo: Nametag).

Online Giving: Scan the QR code (on the front of the bulletin) with your smartphone to contribute online or visit www.chesterumc.org and click “Online Giving.”



***We are truly blessed if you are a guest who has chosen to worship with us today!
First-time guests are invited to pick up a blue Welcome Bag from the Atrium or
Narthex. Thank you for celebrating the Lord with us today!***

Christmas Cookie Sale—The UMW is selling Homemade Christmas Cookies by the Tin in the Fellowship Hall following both worship services TODAY. Proceeds will go to support our gifts to local, national, and international missions, including, but not limited to, our CUMC Food Pantry, United Methodist Family Services, Branches, and the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

Christmas Paint Party: TODAY at 5:00 PM in Davis Fellowship Hall. See ad in bulletin. *It's not too late to register in the pew pad.*

Christmas Musical: Join us for a bonus performance of "And It Came to Pass Emmanuel" on Tuesday, December 14, at 7:00 PM. A video recording will be available online later this week.

Children's Christmas Party: 3:00 PM, Sunday, **December 19**, in the Fellowship Hall. See ad in today's bulletin. *Please register in the pew pad.*

CUMC Christmas Sharing Tree: CUMC has collaborated with Chesterfield Mental Health Support Services for more than 10 years to provide Christmas cheer to roughly 100 developmentally challenged adults. To select an individual to adopt for Christmas, visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A49ADA82FA7FE3-sharing>. A limited number of gift tags are available on the tree in the Atrium for those who do not have internet access. (These individuals are NOT on the online list.) Place your wrapped gifts under the tree no later than Thursday, December 16. **Be sure to label the gift(s) with the ID # on the signup tag.**

PIZZA, FAMILY FUN, and BOARD GAMES! Sunday, **January 9**, 5:30 PM in Davis Fellowship Hall. Looking for something to do this cold winter? Bring your favorite board game to the church to play with the church family. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

CONFIRMATION 2022 is a time for youth to explore what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and claim the faith as their own. The dates for this year's sessions are January 16, 30, February 13, and 27 at 4:00 PM at the Annex. *Please register in the pew pad if you have a youth who is asking faith questions or is ready to take the faith as their own.* POCs: Rev. Nathan Decker (nathandecker@chesterumc.org) and Rev. Chad Beck (chadbeck@chesterumc.org)

Stewardship Update: To date, we have received 120 Pledge Cards promising to give **\$573,132.00** to God's work through Chester UMC in 2022! *If you have not turned in your Pledge Card, please drop it in the offering plate or mail to the church.*

KEEP IN PRAYER: family of Sandra Buyalos (Skip’s mother); family of Molly (Dianna Poulsen’s guide dog); Becky & Eddie Leonard; Lynn Crump; Debbie Freed; Aaron Anderson; Nancy Murdock; Malcolm Stone; Beth Powner; Cathy Chase; Aaron Anderson; family of Janet Nagy (mother of Monte Nagy); Dennis Knaack; Janean Trimble; Marylou Cumby; Forrest [and June] Garrett; Clara Dyson (mother of Jim Dyson); Doug and Clara Gestwick.

Our Presence December 5, 2021

Online.....	12
Fresh Start	115
The Bridge	53
Traditions	121
Total Worship Attendance	301

Nursery Volunteers Needed: Please volunteer to serve on a rotation schedule at 8:30 AM and 9:45 AM with our paid nursery professional, Alistia Mabry. Visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D44ACAE2DA75-nursery>. POC: Pastor Chad Beck

Contemplative Prayer Group meets weekly on **Thursdays at 11:00 AM** in the Church Parlor. We read scripture and then practice using silence to focus, pray, and connect with God. Please join us. It is a small group, and we practice social distancing. If you have questions, contact Lisa Stanfield (lisajostanfield@gmail.com)

Leading Our Worship TODAY, December 12, 2021

Greeters:	8:30	Andy & Eileen Steck
	9:55	NO SERVICE
	11:00	Donna Nunery
Ushers:	8:30	Gordon Morris*, Dale Clark, Bill Comer * Indicates Head Usher
	9:55	NO SERVICE
	11:00	Gordon Morris*, Marshall Henry, Dean Hutchins, Tommy Petrey, Scott Pugh
Nursery:	8:30, 9:55, 11:00	Staff Member, Alistia Mabry, plus a church volunteer

Cantata – Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Greeters:	7:00	TBA
Ushers:	7:00	Gordon Morris*, Scott Pugh

SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

Fresh Start Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Room 205

NEW: *Incarnation* by Adam Hamilton

POC: Susan Petrey (susanmpetrey@gmail.com)

Journey Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Annex and Google Meet (*hybrid class*)

Advent Study

POCs: Carolyn Landis (landisfamily05@gmail.com);

Eric Houglan (ehouglan88@gmail.com)

Seekers Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Room 226

Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam by James W. Moore

POC: Barbara MacIntyre (telluwhatbarbara@aim.com)

Senior Singles Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Parlor

Almost Christmas, A Wesleyan Advent Experience by deVega, McIntyre, Casperson, Rawle

POC: Cynthia Corley (cacorley@ctsi.net)

Witness Group

6:30 PM, Room 226

POC: Chad Beck (chadbeck@chesterumc.org)

Class will resume January 16.

Middle and High School Youth Sunday School

9:45 AM, Annex Loft

POC: Dale (fungoboy77@gmail.com) and Karen Clark (klslark51@gmail.com)

WEDNESDAY Online Study Group: 12:00 PM, Google Meet. *Class will resume in January 2022.* POC: Chad Beck (chadbeck@chesterumc.org)

THURSDAY Morning Men's Group: All men are invited to join us EVERY Thursday at 7:30 AM at First Watch Restaurant (9949 Iron Bridge RD, Chesterfield, VA 23832) for prayer, study, and fellowship. POC: Vann Stanfield (vannstan34@gmail.com)

Join the Fresh Start Sunday School Class in Study, Fellowship and Service:

- Advent Study: “Incarnation.” Learn the meaning behind the names of Christ and the difference He makes in our lives this Christmas. Be Transformed this Advent Season! His parents gave him the name Jesus. But the prophets, the shepherds, the wise men, and the angels addressed him by other names. In *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*, best-selling author Adam Hamilton examines the names of Christ used by the gospel writers, exploring the historical and personal significance of his birth.

The Fresh Start Class meets every Sunday morning at 9:45 in room 205 (across the hall from the church library). Visitors and new members are always welcome. Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, for more information.

Seekers Sunday School Class: You are cordially invited to join us November 28 through December 26 at 9:45 AM in Room 226 (above the Music Suite) for our Advent study, "Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam" by James W. Moore. POC: Barbara MacIntyre (telluwhatbarbara@aim.com)

Christmas Cards for Veterans: While you are writing your Christmas cards, please write a Christmas card or two to a veteran at McGuire Hospital. Write a note inside thanking him/her for their service to our country or say "We'll never forget" or that you'll pray for them and hope they feel better. Put your cards in the labeled box in the Sharing Bin outside the Atrium by Sunday, December 19. Cards may be addressed to "A Special Veteran" or "Especially for You" or "To Someone Special", etc. Only sign your first name and do not seal the envelopes.

Leading Our Worship NEXT SUNDAY, December 19, 2021

Greeters:	8:30	Maureen Coker	
	9:55	Stephanie Decker	
	11:00	Sharon Buchanan	
Ushers:	8:30	Dave Coker*, Ron Dombrowski, JR Irvin	* Indicates Head Usher
	9:55	Linda D'Agostino*, Diane Medina	
	11:00	Gordon Jones*, Scott Pugh, Vann Stanfield, Beth & Tim Stewart	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:55, 11:00	Staff Member, Alistia Mabry, plus a church volunteer	

Blue Christmas

Greeters:	3:00	TBA
Ushers:	3:00	Gordon Jones*, Beth Stewart

Historical Sanctuary Notecards for Sale Notecards that depict each of our four sanctuaries since the inception of Chester United Methodist Church are for sale in the Church Office--8 cards and envelopes for \$10. On the inside of the card is a scripture, and on the back is a synopsis of the history of the church at that time and its location. We hope you will support the History Committee as we prepare and plan for our 150th Anniversary. Please make your check payable to CUMC Memo: History Notecards.

A Wonderful Stocking Stuffer! Chester UMC Rose Window Notecards. The Rose Window was dedicated in 1957, installed in the Atrium following the 2007 renovation, and now you can share our Rose Window with friends and relatives! CUMC Rose Window Notecards will be sold weekdays in the Church Office. The cost is \$10 per package of 10 cards plus envelopes. Proceeds will benefit the Chester United Methodist Women’s pledge to mission. Make checks payable to Chester UMW. Call Susan Petrey for details, 938-5396

Cookie Tins Needed!—As you unpack your Christmas decorations, please donate your cookie tins. The UMW Cookie sale earned \$910 from the sale of Homemade Christmas Cookies in 2019. Please place cookie tins in the designated bin in the Missions Closet. POC: Katy McCarney, 402-0082

Welcome Baby Ministry: We have been blessed with several births in our church family in recent months and our Welcome Baby supply has dwindled considerably. We ask for your donations of handmade baby blankets. They are so beloved by our families with newborns. If you do not knit, crochet, or sew, we need donations of LARGE gift bags for babies and pastel tissue paper. Please leave all donations in the labeled bin in the Missions Closet. POC Sue Matthews (spmatthews8788@gmail.com; 804-439-3145.)

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CUMC FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

We rely on food and monetary donations to stock our Food Pantry which we use to help feed the hungry in our community. We work closely with CCHASM (Chesterfield, Colonial Heights Alliance of Social Ministry) which screens clients in need of food and refers them to us.

Bath Soap	Macaroni & cheese – boxed
Beef Stew – 16 oz can	Mashed Potatoes – lg. boxed, instant
Biscuit / Pancake Mix – lg. box	Mayonnaise – large jar
Carrots – 16 oz. can	Peanut Butter – 16 oz jar
Cereal – cold	Peas – 16 oz. can
Cereal – hot	Pork & Beans – 16 oz. can
Chef Boyardee Pastas – 15 oz. can	Ramen Noodles
Chicken – 8 oz. can	Rice – white, instant
Chili w/Meat – 16 oz. can	Salmon –14.75 oz. can
Coffee – instant	Shampoo – 12 oz.
Corn – 16 oz. can	Soup – can or dry
Corned Beef Hash – 12 oz can	Spaghetti Noodles – 16 oz. pkg.
Fruit – 16 oz. can	Spaghetti Sauce – 20 oz. can or jar
Green Beans – 16 oz. can	Spam, Treat Luncheon Meat – canned
Ham – 1 lb., canned	Syrup – pancake
<i>Hamburger Helper</i> type meals	Tea – box of bags
Jelly – 16 oz jar	Toilet Tissue
Juice – lg. jar	Toothpaste – tube
Laundry Soap – lg. box	Tuna Fish – 8 oz. can

LOOKING AHEAD

December 12: Christmas Cantata, 8:30 and 11 AM
UMW Christmas Cookie Sale
Christmas Paint Party, 5 PM

December 14: Christmas Cantata, 7 PM,

December 19: Blue Christmas Service, 3 PM
Children's Christmas Party, 3-5 PM

December 24: Services at 3:00, 7:00, and 10:00 PM

December 26: One worship service only @ 11:00 AM; Wear your pajamas Sunday!

January 2: Three worship services: 8:30 AM, 9:55 AM, 11:00 AM

January 16: 1st of 4 Confirmation Sessions (then Jan. 30, Feb.13, and Feb.27)

January 30: **Allison Speer**, all three worship services



CHRISTMAS PAINT PARTY

Sunday, December 12, 5PM

Christmas Paint Party

TODAY, December 12, 5:00 PM.

Join us in the fellowship hall to create a beautiful painting of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. All ages are welcomed. Please register in the pew pad or notify Charlotte Brummette (CHARL208@yahoo.com) with the number of attendees.

Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, December 19,
3:00-5:00 PM.

Calling all kids 5th grade and younger (and their parents) to join us for an afternoon of holiday cheer! Wear your favorite Christmas shirt or sweater and come ready to start off the fun with some caroling with the CUMC Middle and High School Youth. After caroling we will return to the fellowship hall to enjoy cookies, cocoa, holiday coloring, and games!

CAROLING, COLORING, COOKIES, AND COCOA

FOR CHILDREN 5TH GRADE AND YOUNGER



Sunday, December 19

3:00 - 5:00 PM

Davis Fellowship Hall



December 2021

December 12 - Christmas Musical 8:30 & 11 AM
Christmas Cookie Sale
Paint Party 5:00 PM

December 14 - Christmas Musical 7:00 PM

December 19 - Blue Christmas Service 3:00 PM
Christmas Party 3:00 PM

December 24 - Family Friendly Worship 3:00 PM
Candlelight Communion 7:00 PM
Candlelight Communion 10:00 PM

December 26 - ONE Worship Service 11:00 AM

Wear your pajamas to worship!

Sunday School will meet at 9:45 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
December 19	<i>Mother Mary Singing...</i>	Luke 1:46-55
December 26	<i>Willing to Give</i>	Acts 7:54-60 NRSV
January 2	<i>Hiding Our Candle</i>	Isaiah 60:1-6
January 9	<i>TBA</i>	Philippians 2: 1-11 NIRV

Hearing Assistance Devices, Large Print Hymnals, and Braille Hymn Sheets are available for use in the Sanctuary. Please ask an usher.

A Service of Worship and Praise

December 12, 2021

8:30 & 11:00 AM

3rd Sunday of Advent

Please sign the red attendance pad, register for activities, and pass it to your neighbor.

Welcome, Announcements and Greeting

Chimes

Prelude

Christmas Overture

Chamber Orchestra

* Call to Worship¹

Leader: We light this candle for joy.

People: Joy for a family finding a place for the birth.

Leader: Joy for a baby born in a stable.

People: Joy for shepherds sharing good news. Joy to comfort in the dark of night.

* Lighting the 3rd Advent Candle

Samantha Garcia (8:30)

Bryon and Josefa Wall (11:00)

* Opening Prayer²

Lord, you came to us when we least expected. We thought that all hope for humanity was lost, or that it was up to humanity to save ourselves. Then you came to us in the dark of night, born to Mary and Joseph; you came to us as a baby. Lord, forgive us when we don't see you because we look in the wrong places, because we expect you to come in power, majesty, and glory rather than in humility, poverty, and meekness. Lord, help us to experience your birth among us. God with us. God with us not on our terms, but on your terms, as a baby, Jesus, a human one who took upon himself our humanity that we might be brought back to God. Amen.

* Hymn No. 240

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Why We Give

Offertory

Carol of the Bells

Luke Carson, guitar

with God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

Pastoral Prayer

* Cantata

And It Came to Pass Emmanuel

* Benediction

* Choral Amen

* *Please stand as you are able.* **Bold print indicates a response in unison.**

¹Worshipswake.wordpress.com. Nathan Decker (CC) 2016

²Will Willimon, *Lectionary Sermon Resource: Year A Part 1*, Abingdon Press, 2019.



Wreath Dedications

In Loving Memory of

- † **Bill Goodwyn** by his family
- † **My granddaughter, Elizabeth Dalton**, by Gypsy Cook
- † **Our parents, Robert & Dorothy Scharmann and Edwin & Betty Pospahala**, by Pat & Don Pospahala
- † **Our parents, Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Chappell and Mr. & Mrs. Winston**, by Steve & Penn Shultz
- † **Bill & Jackie Perdue** by Amy Perdue

In Honor of

- † **Oma (Terry Wisegarver)** by her grandchildren, Oscar and Adela Lamas





Poinsettia Dedications



In Loving Memory of

- † **John & Doris Owen** by Ron & Gail King
- † **Sidney & Madaline King** by Ron & Gail King
- † **Preston & Jackie Wilkinson** by Barbara & Kent Yandle
- † **Clyde & Jane Yandle** by Barbara & Kent Yandle
- † **Judy W. Dyson** by Gwen Byer
- † **Belinda Stone Carroll (1961-2017)** by Roger, Betty, Doreen, & David Stone
- † **T.R. Stone (1971-2019)** by Roger, Betty, Doreen, & David Stone
- † **Ricky Swinson** by Debbie, Aubrey, and Meredith
- † **John & Joyce Harvey and Grace & Don Darling** by Matt, Mary Beth, Emily, & Caroline Johnson
- † **Clarence Curtis, Jr.** by his family
- † **Mark Harmel** by Janet Bradley
- † **Joe Stiles** by Hilah Stiles
- † **Kate Kelley Ewalt** by her parents, Mike & Mindy Kelley
- † **Stan Freed** by his wife, Joyce, & family
- † **Our dad, Ted Nicholson,** by Thomas & Caroline Nicholson
- † **Jim Huber** by Rod & Charleene Holmes
- † **Blake & Wilma June Holmes** by Rod & Charleene Holmes

In Honor of

- † **Wayne & Ginny Virag** for our 56th Anniversary on December 20
- † **Our mother, Jean Carotenuti,** by Charles & Kathi Williams
- † **Our 5 grandsons** by Charles & Kathi Williams
- † **Our loving mother/grandmother, Barbara Goodwyn,** by her children and grandchildren
- † **Our three granddaughters, Caroline, Amelia, & Annika,** by Tim & Beth Stewart
- † **Steve & Joan Osborne** by Tim & Beth Stewart
- † **Andy & Eileen Steck** by Tim & Beth Stewart
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