Celebration of Worship

(A casual, family-oriented, "come as you are" worship)

Sunday, November 28, 2021

8:30 a.m.

*People Standing

Prelude

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

*Gathering and Singing

O Come, O Come Emmanuel Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus Like a Child Until Jesus Comes

*Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Prayer Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

Please Enter My Heart Hosanna

Morning Prayer

New Testament Lesson

Luke 21:25-36

Message

Christ's Advent?

Rev. David Jacobson

Communion

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

*Departing Song

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

*Benediction

Celebration of Worship Sunday, November 28, 2021

10:00 a.m.

*Indicates the Congregation is asked to stand

First Sunday of Advent

Prelude Prelude on "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Paul Manz

*Opening Hymn – No. 718 Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending The congregation is invited to stand and join in singing while properly masked.

*Call to Worship

Leader: There will be signs in heaven and distress among the nations. **People: When Christ returns in power and glory, people will faint with fear.**

Leader: But when you see these things, lift up your heads:

People: Our redemption is drawing near! Leader: Heaven and earth may pass away,

People: But the Word of God will stand unshaken.

*Opening Prayer

O God of all the prophets, you herald the coming of the Son of Man by wondrous signs in the heavens and on the earth. Guard our hearts from despair so that we, in the company of the faithful and by the power of your Holy Spirit, may be found ready to raise our heads at the coming near of our redemption, the day of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Gloria Patri - No. 70

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Leader: Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again. Let us pray that we may always be ready to welcome him.

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope.

People: May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to

show us the way of salvation.

Sung Response - No. 196 (v. 1)

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Solo

O Come, O Come Emanuel

Tom Hall

Pastoral Prayer

The Giving and Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Michael Burkhardt Prelude on "Savior of the Nations, Come"

*Presentation of the Offering – No. 95

Hymn of Preparation – No. 626 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

New Testament Lesson

Luke 21:25-36

Sermon

Christ's Advent

Rev. David Jacobson

Holy Communion – No. 12

Prayer Following Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Closing Hymn – No. 202

People, Look East

Postlude

Toccata on "Savior of the Nations, Come"

Paul Manz

Sunday, November 28, 2021 ~ 7:00 p.m. **Contemporary Worship Celebration**



Opening Song: "I Walk by Faith"

Welcome & Birthdays
Call to Worship/Advent Wreath Lighting: Karen Higby
Rejoice/Psalm Reading: Mary Coates

Praise & Worship: "Lord, I Need You" "Multiplied"

Greeting & Passing of the Peace

Offering & Music Video: For KING & COUNTRY - "The Proof of Your Love"

> Announcements Joys & Concerns Prayer and Reflection

> Scripture Reading Message: Pastor David

Closing Song: "God is Good, All the Time"

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Intercessory Prayer Concerns

For the week of November 21st:

Bryce Doxzon

Connie Saywell

Paul Bonicker

Please contact the church office via phone or email to request an addition to the prayer list.

Your prayer request will remain in the bulletin for four weeks.

This week we lift up: Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore

We are thankful for:

- Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox and evangelical churches and councils
 of churches in Malaysia and Singapore which have witnessed to the
 gospel and ministered to groups who are discriminated against and
 marginalized
- economic developments that have enhanced the standard of living for many
- policies and practices that seek to sustain the environment and its resources
- those who have sought to further ethnic and religious harmony.

We pray for:

- more just, participatory and democratic rule
- locally-determined economic development that lessens inequalities and protects natural resources
- greater ethnic and religious understanding and cooperation
- the forging of national identities and visions that genuinely include all the diverse people in these countries.

Week of November 28 – December 4, 2021

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Blended Worship 1:30 p.m. A.A., 206

10:00 a.m. Sunday School 5:30 p.m. Adonai

10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 7:00 p.m. Praise Worship

Monday

6:30 p.m. Square Dancing, SH 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, SR

7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Library

Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Library 7:00 p.m. Adonai, Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Prayer, Sanctuary 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, SR, SH

4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 884, SR 8:00 p.m. A.A., 305

6:30 p.m. Dream Team, Library

Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study, 211 7:00 p.m. Cubs 307, SH

1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawls, Library 7:30 p.m. Finance Committee, 211

7:00 p.m. Bible Study, via zoom

Thursday

4:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 178, SR 7:00 p.m. DMM Training, 211

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 1640, SR 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Sanc

Friday

7:30 p.m. Mid School Youth, SH 9:00 p.m. High School Youth, SC

Saturday

8:30 a.m. King's Men 9:00 a.m. Greens Sale, Parking Lt

9:00 a.m. GS/BS Workshop, SH 1:00 p.m. Accordion Club, 211

The altar flowers are given by Judy & Chuck Gehrman in loving memory of their parents, Frances & Gus Stewart and Augie & Louise Gehrman.

The bulletins are given in loving memory of Virginia & Karl Varner and Craig Varner by their family.

Serving today: 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Greeters: Pat & Ed Johnson Jan Strevig

Deb Henkel

Lector: Al Morse

Interpreter: Marcia Threatt

Steward: Samantha Shepherd

TODAY in the Social Hall there is still a **HUGE** selection of Fall and Christmas items from Michael's Arts & Crafts. All items are available by making a donation. Proceeds benefit a CUMC family in need.

Children's Choir and Christmas Eve Program - The Children's Choir will practice after Sunday School each Sunday from 11:00 – 11:20 a.m. in the Social Hall. Ms. Erica, of the CUMC Choir, will teach some new Christmas songs, as well as some favorites. Songs will be performed on Christmas Eve during the Family Service. We need children (and family members) to read and record short skits or to dress up in costumes to be a part of the live nativity scene. Sign-up on the bulletin board next to 210. Questions? Contact Loriann @ 443-794-0805.

Troop 307 Wreath & Greens Annual Fundraiser is December 4th and 11th at the CUMC parking lot across from the post office. Hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be hand-made wreaths for sale, pine roping, swags, and miscellaneous greens.

Be part of "The Stream Team!" and help people to stay connected to CUMC. We're forming a team of people to be trained to use our new live streaming system. If you're willing to serve, email Chuck Gehrman, chuckg201@gmail.com.

Christmas Mitten Trees are placed in the sanctuary, the second-floor hallway entrance to Asbury Hall and in the Social Hall for you to decorate with your donations of school age winter gloves, mittens, hats, scarves & socks. If you see an empty tree, please continue to decorate it until trees are removed. Delivery of your donations will be to local Catonsville schools and the Board of Child Care. Monetary donations are welcome through Advent – please designate Mitten Tree on your check. Thank you and in the Christmas spirit of Tiny Tim, "God Bless Us Everyone".

Wreaths Across America has a goal to see a wreath placed at each of Baltimore National Cemetery's 37,000 gravesites. If you're interested in sponsoring a wreath for \$15, contact Sharon Loving at 410-747-4750 or slloving@verizon.net.

CHRISTMAS - Grandma's coffee cakes are back, \$20/each!!

- Christmas orders must be received TODAY!
- Christmas cake pickup is Sunday, December 19th.
- Additional details are on the order form found outside the church office. Return the form to the church office with your cash or check.
- Questions call or text Jennifer Parker at 410-627-4162.

Online Giving – Recurring Gift Donor Match Program - Ministry Brands (a SiteOrganic Partner) is offering a Donor Match Program for all donors that add new recurring gifts from November 1 – December 31, 2021. For every first gift from a new recurring donor that is added between November 1 and December 31, 2021, they will match that first gift, up to \$50. To be eligible for the matching gift, more than one installment must be set-up and the first recurring gift must be transacted by December 31, 2021. The Church will receive the matching donation in Quarter 1 2022. To sign up for a recurring donation, go to the Church website, www.catonsvilleumc.org, and press the donate now button.

If anyone would like to purchase Christmas gifts for The Children's Home..... https://smile.amazon.com/registries/holiday/3JIBGOD287XSD/ or https://www.thechildrenshome.net/holiday/2021-wish-lists/. Items can be shipped directly to the Home, 205 Bloomsbury Avenue, 21228.

The holidays are a time of joyful celebration. CUMC is partnering with Catonsville Emergency Assistance (CEA) to provide food assistance and grocery gift cards to Catonsville families in need. CEA also hopes to provide holiday gift cards for families to purchase gifts and necessities for their children. Your donation will make the holidays merry and bright for local families. You can donate gift cards (Walmart preferred, but also Giant and Safeway) in \$25 or 50 increments by 1) donating through the church website and selecting "Holiday Families Mission" from the drop-down menu. 2) Mailing a gift card or donation to the church with "Holiday Mission" in the memo. 3) Dropping a donation or gift card into the church locked mailbox.

We will be collecting items to support the students at Johnnycake Elementary on Sunday, December 12th from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Items may be dropped in the bins outside Ms. Loriann's office. The principal has requested: children's winter jackets, child sized masks, backpacks, and school supplies. If shopping isn't your thing but you would still like to help, you can make a monetary donation and we will do the shopping for you.

The youth group has decided to create an emergency supplies closet for the Safe Families for Children program. Donations of diapers (all sizes), wipes, children's clothes in good condition, and a Pack'n Play or two may be dropped in the bins outside Loriann's office during the month of December.

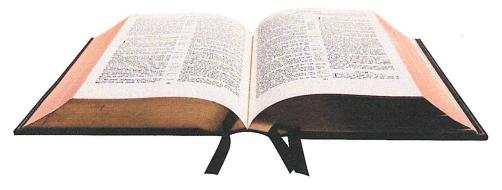
The church office is operating remotely Monday and Wednesday, and in person on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Emails and phone messages are checked regularly. Pastor David and Pastor Jeff continue to be available to provide pastoral care. If you need pastoral care, you may contact a pastor by phone, by email, or through the church office.

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Please Join Us for Adult Bible Study / Small Group



4 Week Adult Bible Studies using the Simple Discovery Bible Study Method

Monday Evening Group

Begins Mon., Nov. 29th 7:00 – 8:30 PM (Church Library)

Tuesday Daytime Group

Begins Tues., Nov. 30th 10:30 AM - Noon (Church Library)

Wednesday "Working Lunch" Group for Men working from home or locally

Begins Wed., Dec. 1st Noon – 1:00 PM (Room 211)

Bible Journaling/Coloring Group will begin soon. Determining a day and time.

Email Misty Troll for more information or to sign up for a group. mistrytroll@catonsvilleumc.org

Please Join Us for an Advent Gathering



Sunday, December, 5th 6:00* – 7:00 PM

*Arrive at 5:15 for a hot dog dinner

Learn about Advent and why it is an important time in the year of the church.

Enjoy making a craft together.

Plan to stay to worship at the evening service at 7:00 PM.

Hope to see you!

Catonsville UMC

Social Hall