

Celebration of Worship

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

Sunday, December 4, 2022

8:30 a.m.

**People Standing*

***Gathering and Singing**

*Jesus
It Is Well*

***Welcome and Announcements**

Please sign the attendance register in your pew.

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle: Peace *Lighten Our Darkness*

Prayer Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer *Goodness of God*

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

***Gospel Reading**

Matthew 3:1-12

Message *Preparing the Way* Rev. David Jacobson

Communion *Mystery*

***Departing Song** *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

***Benediction**

Offering plates are available as you leave.

Celebration of Worship

Sunday, December 4, 2022

10:00 a.m.

**Indicates the Congregation is asked to stand*

Second Sunday in Advent

*Welcome to worship! The 10 a.m. service is recorded and streamed live online.
The first nine rows of seats may occasionally appear in the recording.*

Prelude *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* John Behnke

Choral Introit *An Introit for Advent* Rachel Aarons
*Come, Thou Redeemer of the earth, and manifest thy holy birth,
Let every age adoring fall, such birth befits the God of All.*

***Opening Hymn – No. 211** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v. 1, 5-7)*

***Call to Worship**

Leader: In this season of prophecy, promise, and preparation, we
come to be renewed and refreshed.

People: **We come to be inspired by stories of the Messiah who will
change the world and change us.**

Leader: We come to listen for words of hope and joy, promise and
challenge.

People: **We come with open ears, open minds, and open hearts.**

Leader: We come to receive the blessings God has in store for us in
this season of waiting.

People: **Come! Let us worship our God, who brings all things to
fulfillment.**

***Opening Prayer**

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

***Gloria Patri – No. 71**

Words of Welcome and Announcements

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Lighting of the Second Advent Candle: Peace

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.

Chancel Choir

Creator of the Stars of Night

Hal Hopson

Sarum plainsong, 9th cent.

*Creator of the stars of night, Your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray You, hear us when we call.*

*At Your great name, O Jesus now, all knees must bend, all hearts must bow;
all things on earth with one accord like those in heaven shall call you Lord.*

*To God Creator, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,
praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.*

Latin Hymn, 9th century

Tr. John M. Neale, 1818-66, alt.

Morning Prayer

God of timeless grace,

You fill us with joyful expectation.

Make us ready for the message that prepares the way,

that with uprightness of heart and holy joy

**we may eagerly await the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.**

Amen.

Quiet Prayer

Choral Response *I Him There is No Darkness* Kathleen Thomerson
*In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

Postlude *Savior of the Nations, Come* Johann Sebastian Bach
based on Hymn #214

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Of the Father's Love Begotten

1. Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be - gan to be,
 2. O ye heights of heaven, a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his prais - es sing;
 3. Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost, to thee,

he is Al - pha and O - me - ga, he the source, the end - ing he
 powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him, and ex - tol our God and King;
 hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing, and un - wea - ried prais - es be:

of the things that are, that have been and that fu - ture years shall see,
 let no tongue on earth be si - lent, ev - ery voice in con - cert ring,
 hon - or, glo - ry and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry,

Interlude

ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more. A - men, — A - men.

WORDS: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851 and
 Henry W. Baker, 1859
 MUSIC: Traditional Polish melody.

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Intercessory Prayer Concerns

For the week of December 4th:

Bryce Doxzon	Melody Stump	Joan McFarland
Bob Sansbury	Hazel Sosa	Janice Arcieri
Bill Sneeringer	Max Wiener	Tom Flinn
Barbara	Bill Mercier	

*A Memorial Service will be held for Tom Edwards
on Saturday, December 10, 2022 at 11 a.m.*

This week we will pray for: ***Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore***

We give thanks 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.

*In response to what I have learned, experienced and heard from God,
this week I will _____*

Sunday, December 4, 2022 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Contemporary Worship Celebration

*Prepare
the way
of the
LORD.*

Opening Song: *"Give Us Clean Hands"*

**Welcome & Birthdays
Call to Worship**
Karen Higby

Rejoice in the Word: Psalm 16: 7-8 (NLT)
Mary Coates

Praise & Worship:
"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Greeting & Passing of the Peace

Offering & Music Video:
"Thanks Giver" - David Crowder

**Announcements, Joys & Concerns
Prayer and Reflection**

Scripture Reading and Message:
Matthew 3: 1-12
"Prepare the Way" - David Jacobson

Holy Communion

Closing Song: *"I Give You My Heart"*

Week of December 4 - 10, 2022

Sunday

8:30 a.m.	Blended Worship	11:15 a.m.	Jr. Choir, 206
9:45 a.m.	Bible Study, 211	1:00 p.m.	Piano Recital
10:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship	1:30 p.m.	A.A., 206
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School	3:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts 2499, 204-5
10:00 a.m.	Swahili Worship	6:00 p.m.	Advent Gathering
11:00 a.m.	Youth Play rehearsal	7:00 p.m.	Praise Service

Monday – Pastor David’s Sabbath

7:00 p.m.	Bible Study, Library	7:00 p.m.	Round Dance, SH
7:00 p.m.	BSA 307G, SR		

Tuesday

10:30 a.m.	Bible Study, Library	7:00 p.m.	GS Green Hats, 208
11:00 a.m.	Prayer Time	7:00 p.m.	BSA 307B, SR, Kit.
1:30 p.m.	Grief Group, Library	7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts 2188, 204
4:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts 884, SR	8:00 p.m.	A.A., 305

Wednesday

11:30 a.m.	Warm Welcome Lunch	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts, SH
12:00 p.m.	Men’s Bible Study, Lib.	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study, 211
1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawls, Library		

Thursday

4:15 p.m.	Girl Scouts 178, SR	7:00 p.m.	Grief Group, Library
6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts 2499, 305	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts 1640, SR		

Friday

10:00 a.m.	MS Crafts, 211	9:00 p.m.	HS Youth, SC
7:30 p.m.	MS Youth, SH		

Saturday

8:00 a.m.	Methodist Girls	11:00 a.m.	Tom Edwards Service
9:00 a.m.	Ballroom Dance, SH	12:00 p.m.	AA, 208
9:00 a.m.	BS Wreath Sale, PL		

The flowers on the altar are given in honor of my family by Robin Holtman.

The rose on the altar is given in loving memory of Brittany Stevens.

The bulletins are given in loving memory of Brittany Stevens.

Serving today:	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>10:00 a.m.</u>
Greeters:	Jody & Bill Crum	Janice & Jack Barber
Interpreter:		Sandy Brown
Lector:		Ginger Bartlett
Steward:	Samantha Shepherd	

Large-print bulletins are available from the greeters & ushers. Please let them know if you would like one.

The Nursery (Room 210) is not currently staffed, but it is open for parents and their young children to use. The 10 a.m. worship live stream is available on TV

The Brass Reflections (Jim Wharton's brass quintet) will be joining us for the 10:00 Morning Worship on Sunday, December 11th.

As the cold weather has arrived, we've had requests for winter coats from some of the people who join us for Warm Welcome Lunch. So, we are starting an adult winter coat drive so we can provide "warmth" for those in need. Coats that are water resistant are best. You can drop any donations in the bin outside Loriann's office or make a monetary donation and we'll buy the coats.

Mustard Seed Project - The Mustard Seed Project is the sale of homemade arts and crafts. All proceeds are donated to the Missions Committee for use far and wide. This year we will only be able to sell food that is prepared in a certified kitchen, no homemade food items. We will collect items in the library on December 4th from 9:15 – 10:15. The sale will take place on December 11th from 9:00 – 12:00. For more information, please contact Mary Coates at mascoates@rocketmail.com.

Warm Welcome Lunch is served every Wednesday, 11:30-1:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. Good food and warm fellowship! Donations are accepted, but not expected. Bring a friend! Spread the word!

Mitten Trees - As a new advent season of thanksgiving begins, remember the needs of others that may be right next to us. One tree is located in the elevator entrance to the sanctuary & one downstairs in the foyer for your gifts of hats, gloves, mittens, scarfs, & socks for school ages children of the Catonsville areas. Trees will remain up through the first week of January until your gifts are distributed. May God's comfort warm you throughout our holidays of love.

Holiday assistance - CUMC will once again partner with Catonsville Emergency Assistance (CEA) to provide holiday assistance to Catonsville families in need by providing Walmart gift cards in \$25 & \$50 increments for families to purchase food, gifts and necessities for their children. Gift cards or cash/check donations marked "Holiday Missions" can be left with the office or in the locked mailbox outside of the elevator tower, or through the church website by selecting the "Holiday Missions" fund.

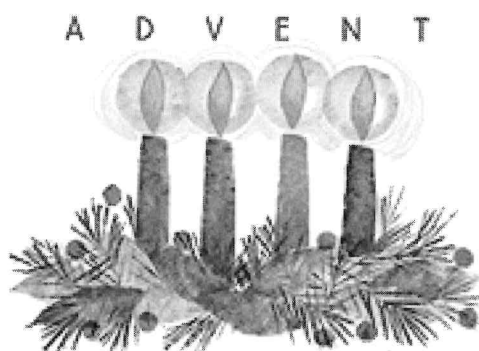
Steps of Hope fundraiser at Peace of Pizza, December 14th from 3-7 p.m. Mark your calendar! The restaurant will donate 20% of your sales if you mention Steps of Hope at checkout. They appreciate it if you call in your order earlier that day at 410-747-2255.

Please consider supporting Boy Scout Troop 307 with their annual Wreath & Greens Fundraiser from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on December 10th. There will be wreaths, pine rope, and miscellaneous greens to decorate for Christmas. Location is the parking lot across from the Post office.

The October Rummage Sale made \$5890! The UMW thanks everyone--from the balcony "luggers", unpackers, displayers, checkers, shoppers, and cleaner uppers--for their many hours of help. Profits benefitted the various Women Circles, the Youth of CUMC, the GS of 2188 and 307G, the BS of 307, and our Mission's Fund (Guatemala, Rosebud, and Men). Again, thank you so much!!

The church office operates 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.

Please Join Us for an Advent Gathering



O come • O come • Emmanuel

Sunday, December, 4th
6:00 – 7:00 PM

All are welcome!
Enjoy making an Advent craft together.
Desserts too!

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

Hope to see you!
Catonsville UMC
Social Hall

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

- 5 O come, thou Key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home.
The captives from their prison free
and conquer death's deep misery. Refrain
- 6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thy justice here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night
and death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain
- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind.
From dust thou brought us forth to life;
deliver us from earthly strife. Refrain

Lighting of the Advent Candle

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.

Of the Father's Love Begotten

- 1 Of the Father's love begotten
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see
evermore and evermore.
Amen. Amen.

- 2 O ye heights of heaven adore him,
angel hosts his praises sing,
powers, dominions bow before him
and extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
every voice in concert ring
evermore and evermore.
Amen. Amen.

- 3 Christ, to thee, with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
and unwearied praises be,
honor, glory, and dominion
and eternal victory
evermore and evermore.
Amen. Amen.

Take Our Bread

Refrain:

Take our bread, we ask you; take our hearts, we love you.
Take our lives, O Father; we are yours, we are yours.

1. Yours as we stand at the table you set;
Yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.
We are the sign of your life with us yet,
We are yours, we are yours. [Refrain]

2. Your holy people standing washed in your blood,
Spirit filled yet hungry we await your food.
We are poor, but we've brought ourselves the best we could;
We are yours, we are yours. [Refrain]

People, Look East

1. People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east: Love, the Guest, is on the way.

2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east: Love, the Rose, is on the way.

3. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east: Love, the Star, is on the way.

- 4 Angels announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east: Love, the Lord, is on the way.