

Celebration of Worship

Sunday, December 18, 2022

10:00 a.m.

**Indicates the Congregation is asked to stand*

Fourth 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 *Of the Father's Love Begotten* Christopher Uehlein

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. 250** *Once in Royal David's City*

***Call to Worship**

Leader: In the midst of darkness, God brings a new light.

People: **Thanks be to the God of light.**

Leader: In the midst of confusion and fear, God brings hope and peace.

People: **Thanks be to the God of peace.**

Leader: In the midst of strife and stress, God comforts and soothes us.

People: **Let us praise God who truly loves us and brings us new life.**

***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

(Please sign the attendance register in your pew.)

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle: Love

Sung Response – No. 196 (v. 2)

*Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.*

Chancel Choir

People, Look East

Traditional French Carol
Stephen Caracciolo

*People, look east. The time is near for the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today, Love, the guest, is on the way.*

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

*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 and sing today, Love, the Star, is on the way.*

*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 and sing today, Love, the Lord, is on the way.*

Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

Morning Prayer

**God of promise,
You have given us a sign of your love through the gift of Jesus
Christ, our Savior, who was promised from ages past.
We believe as Joseph did the message of coming.
Purify our conscience, that when your Son appears,
he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself. Amen.**

Pastoral 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 *People, Look East* J. Wayne Kerr

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Monthly Financial Report

<u>Tithing Income</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>2022 Operating Fund - YTD</u>
Peak Year -2017	\$58,267	\$575,342	\$535,562 Total Income
2018	\$47,978	\$558,284	(\$566,231) Total Expenses
2019	\$49,055	\$555,033	(\$30,669) Net Deficit
2022	\$49,920	\$505,441	

Average needed every month = \$54,395

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Sunday, December 18, 2022 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Contemporary Worship Celebration



Opening Song: *"The Power of Your Love"*

Welcome & Birthdays

Karen Higby

Words of Praise: Psalm 96: 11-13a (NLT)

Mary Coates

Praise & Worship:

"Mary Did You Know?"

"Noel"

Greeting & Passing of the Peace

Offering & Music Video:

"The Manger" - Anne Wilson & Josh Turner

Announcements, Joys & Concerns

Prayer and Reflection

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1: 18-25

Message:

"God With Us" - David Jacobson

Closing Song: *"Halleluia, Your Love Makes Me Sing"*

Intercessory Prayer Concerns

For the week of December 18th:

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

This week we will pray for: *China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau*

We give thanks for:

- the long and complex history of China, with its many artefacts, cultures and traditions that have developed over millennia
- those who established missions and churches in the past, and the determination of Chinese Christians to contextualize the church here and now
- those who boldly live out their faith, challenging injustices even when they fear persecution
- the economic growth and development that have lifted many out of poverty
- the great religious tolerance exhibited by the Taiwanese and their pioneering of contextual theological education
- the steps China is taking to counter huge environmental challenges.

We pray for:

- those left behind and further marginalized by rising economic growth, especially women and peasants in rural areas
- the political and social tensions between the mainland of China and Hong Kong and the rest of the world
- a growth in prophetic witness of the Chinese church in society
- peaceful resolution of the many disputed claims to islands in the South China Sea by Taiwan and its neighbors and for greater understanding and cooperation between Taiwan and mainland China
- spiritual meaning and freedom from captivity to economic growth and consumerism.

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

Week of December 18 - 24, 2022

Sunday

8:30 a.m.	Blended Worship	11:15 a.m.	Jr. Choir, 206
9:45 a.m.	Bible Study, 211	1:30 p.m.	A.A., 206
10:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship	3:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts 2499, 204-5
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School	7:00 p.m.	Praise Service
10:00 a.m.	Swahili Worship	7:00 p.m.	Crew 307, SR

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	4:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts 884, SR
11:00 a.m.	Prayer Time	7:00 p.m.	BSA 307B, SR
1:30 p.m.	Grief Group, Library	8:00 p.m.	A.A., 305

Wednesday

11:30 a.m.	Warm Welcome Lunch	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts, 202-5
12:00 p.m.	Men’s Bible Study, Lib.	7:00 p.m.	Blue Christmas
1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawls, Library		

Thursday

6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts 2499, 305	7:00 p.m.	Square Dance, SH
6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts 1640, SR	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
7:00 p.m.	Grief Group, Library		

Friday

8:00 p.m. Youth Group Sleepover

Saturday

8:00 a.m.	Methodist Girls	5:00 p.m.	Children’s Service
9:00 a.m.	Ballroom Dance, SH	7:30 p.m.	Contemporary Service
12:00 p.m.	AA, 208	10:45 p.m.	Candlelight Service

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of our parents, Virginia & William Bowman and Richard Bracken by Linda & Phil Bowman and family.

The bulletins are given in honor of Alva Smith-Grubb for her 101st birthday by Linda & Dan Hammil.

Serving today:	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>10:00 a.m.</u>
Greeters:	Pat & Ed Johnson	Jan Strevig
Interpreters:		Ronisha Green Sandy Brown
Lector:		Judy Loar
Steward:	Logan Shaner	

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.

Pick up your Christmas cake orders today, Sunday, December 18th, in room 208 between the 8:30 and 10:00 services and after the 10:00 service. We have NO extra cakes. Thank you to everyone that ordered cakes in support of missions! Any cakes not picked up today will be put in the church office.

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.

Volunteers are needed to help take down the creche on Saturday, January 7th starting at 9 a.m. Contact Sean Coleman for more information.

Youth group will meet on December 23rd at 8 p.m. for a sleepover until December 24th at 9 a.m.!!!! Entrance fee is 4 non-perishable food items. Permission slip on the youth bulletin board.

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 from the parking lot and one in the elevator entrance to the sanctuary 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.

Sunday School will not meet on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

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.

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!

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. The church office will be closed December 26th-30th.

Christmas Week Worship Services



Blue Christmas Service

Wednesday, December 21st at 7 p.m.

Christmas Eve

Children's & Family Service - 5 p.m.

Contemporary Service - 7:30 p.m.

Candlelight Service - 10:45 p.m.

Christmas Day - 11:00 a.m.

New Year's Day - 11:00 a.m.

Once in Royal David's City

- 1 Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary, loving mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little child.
- 2 He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and scorned the lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.
- 3 Jesus is our childhood's pattern,
day by day, like us he grew;
he was little, weak, and helpless,
tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feeleth for our sadness,
and he shareth in our gladness.
- 4 And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love,
for that child, so dear and gentle,
is our Lord in heaven above,
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

Love Came Down at Christmas

- 1 Love came down at Christmas,
love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas;
star and angels gave the sign.
- 2 Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, Love divine;
worship we our Jesus,
but wherewith for sacred sign?
- 3 Love shall be our token;
love be yours and love be mine;

love to God and all men,
love for plea and gift and sign.

He Is Born, the Holy Child

Refrain:

He is born, the holy Child;
play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!
He is born, the holy Child;
sing we all of the Savior mild.

- 1 Thru long ages of the past,
prophets have foretold His coming;
thru long ages of the past,
now the time has come at last! [Refrain]
- 2 O how lovely, O how pure
is this perfect Child of heaven;
O how lovely, O how pure,
gracious gift to humankind! [Refrain]
- 3 Jesus, Lord of all the world,
coming as a Child among us;
Jesus, Lord of all the world,
grant to us Thy heavenly peace. [Refrain]

Sing We Now of Christmas

- 1 Sing we now of Christmas,
Noel, sing we here!
Hear our grateful praises
to the babe so dear.

Refrain:

Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

- 2 Angels called to shepherds,
"Leave your flocks at rest,
journey forth to Bethlehem,
find the child so blest." [Refrain]

- 3 In Bethlehem they found him;
Joseph and Mary mild,
seated by the manger,
watching the holy child. [Refrain]
- 4 From the eastern country
came the kings afar,
bearing gifts to Bethlehem
guided by a star. [Refrain]
- 5 Gold and myrrh they took there,
gifts of greatest price;
there was never a stable
so like paradise. [Refrain]