

Celebration of Worship

Sunday, January 1, 2023

11:00 a.m.

**Indicates the Congregation is asked to stand*

New Year's Day

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

Meditation: *"All of humanity's problems stem from man's inability to sit quietly in a room alone"* -Blaise Pascal

Prelude *Go Tell it on the Mountain* J. Wayne Kerr

***Opening Hymn – No. 246** *Joy to the World*

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We recount the gracious deeds of God, all the praiseworthy acts the Lord has done for us.

People: **Praise God for coming to dwell among us, Immanuel.**

Leader: Praise God for the good news of Jesus, the pioneer of our salvation.

People: **Praise God for making us brothers and sisters in Christ.**

Leader: Praise God who is present with us still, lifting us up and carrying us.

People: **God's glory shines in heaven and on earth. Praise the Lord!**

***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.)

Morning Prayer

**We bless you, Abba, Father,
for you have visited your people
in one like us in all things but sin,
and in human fragility you have revealed
the face of divinity.**

**Gather into your arms
all the peoples of the world,
so that in your embrace
we may find blessing, peace,
and the fullness of our inheritance
as your daughters and sons. Amen.**

Quiet Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Giving and Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *O Little Town of Bethlehem* Christopher Uehlein

***Presentation of the Offering – No. 94** *Praise God*

Scripture Reading *Psalm 46*

***Hymn of Peace – No. 230** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Sermon

PRAY: Pause

Rev. David Jacobson

Hymn of Response – No. 534

Be Still My Soul

Confession and Pardon – No. 12

The Great Thanksgiving with Musical Setting A – No. 17

The Lord's Prayer

Receiving the Bread and Cup

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. 245**

The First Noel

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Postlude

The First Nowell

Hugo Gehrke

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Go Tell It on the Mountain - Organ Arrangement –

J. Wayne Kerr

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Intercessory Prayer Concerns

For the week of January 1st:

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

Sympathies are expressed to the family of Joan McFarland who went to be with the Lord on December 19, 2022.

This week we will pray for: ***Japan, North Korea, South Korea***

We give thanks for:

- the distinctive temples, art and cultures in the region
- the education and economic developments that have improved the lives of many in Japan and South Korea
- how the council of churches in Japan has promoted reconciliation with the rest of Asia
- the prophetic witness of Christians in Japan and South Korea
- the persistent witness to justice for “comfort women” from the Second World War
- the Ecumenical Forum for Peace, Reunification and Development Cooperation on the Korean Peninsula, which with others has sought to reunify Korea, to defend human rights, and to work for peace and justice.

We pray for:

- an end to repression of people and to threats of military confrontation, especially on the Korean peninsula
- the reunification of Korea, that peace and justice might prevail
- women and other marginalized groups, and the inequalities they experience
- greater acceptance of immigrants that they might make a positive contribution
- new hope and meaning for the young, amid pressures of competition and consumerism.

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

Week of January 1-7, 2023

Sunday

10:00 a.m. Swahili Worship 1:30 p.m. A.A., 206
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Monday – Pastor David’s Sabbath

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

Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Library 7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 2188, 204
11:00 a.m. Prayer Time 7:00 p.m. BSA 307B, SR
1:30 p.m. Grief Group, Library 7:00 p.m. GS Green Hats, 208
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 7:00 p.m. Square Dance, SH
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 1640, SR 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday

7:30 p.m. MS Youth, SH 9:00 p.m. HS Youth, SC

Saturday

8:00 a.m. Methodist Girls 12:00 p.m. AA, 208
9:00 a.m. Ballroom Dance, SH 1:00 p.m. Accordion Club, 211
11:00 a.m. Swahili Singers, SH

The altar flowers are given in loving memory of Frank & Rose Schimizzi and George & Lida Blum by Lois & Tom Blum.

The bulletins are given in loving memory of Betty S. Hill by her daughter Donna Links.

Serving today:	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>10:00 a.m.</u>
Greeters:	Jody & Bill Crum	Janice & Jack Barber
Lector:		Dick Henkel
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.

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.

A new Bible study on Sunday mornings - Learn about the 10 Most Misunderstood Verses in the Bible on Sundays from 9:45 – 11:00 a.m. in Room 211. Read and learn from the Bible, watch a short video, and engage in an interesting discussion.

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!

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

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.

CUMC Stephen Ministry needs another Stephen Leader. Stephen Leaders function as a team by sharing responsibilities for the various facets of leading Stephen Ministry. Thorough training will be provided through ten 2 ½ hour Zoom sessions about all aspects of Stephen Ministry. Included will be training to facilitate continuing education classes for Stephen Ministers at CUMC. Stephen Leaders equip, empower, and guide CUMC Stephen Ministers to provide one-on-one Christian care to hurting people when they need it most. For more information contact Donna D'Arcy at 410-442-3625 or gramof5girls@gmail.com.

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.

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Joy to the World

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

- 1 O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.
- 2 For Christ is born of Mary,
and, gathered all above
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.

O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King
and peace to all the earth.

3 How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

4 O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray,
cast out our sin and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!

Be Still My Soul

1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2 Be still, my soul; your God will undertake
to guide the future as in ages past;
your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.

3 Be still, my soul; the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still my soul; when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

The First Noel

- 1 The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.

- 2 They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. [Refrain]
- 3 And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went. [Refrain]
- 4 This star drew nigh to the northwest;
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay. [Refrain]
- 5 Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon the knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. [Refrain]