

Blended Worship Service

Sunday, January 7, 2024

8:30 a.m.

**People Standing*

***Gathering and Singing**

*Song of Hope (Heaven Come Down)
In Christ Alone*

***Welcome and Announcements**

Prayer Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

Great Are You Lord

Morning Prayer

***Gospel Reading**

Matthew 2:1-12

Message

An Epic Journey

Rev. David Jacobson

Communion

Holy, Holy, Holy

***Response**

Here I Am to Worship/ Build My Life

***Benediction**

Offering plates are available as you leave.

Celebration of Worship

Sunday, January 7, 2024

10:00 a.m.

**Indicates the Congregation is asked to stand*

Epiphany Sunday

*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 *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* Dietrich Buxtehude

Introit *As with Gladness Men of Old* William C. Dix
*As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed
its light, leading onward, beaming bright; so, most gracious God, may we
evermore be led to Thee.*

***Opening Hymn – No. 254** *We Three Kings*

***Call to Worship**

Leader: In the brightness of this day, we gather to seek the Light of the
World.

People: **Like the magi of old, we come on a journey of faith.**

Leader: Guided by the shining star of God's promises, we seek the
Messiah.

People: **In our seeking, we open ourselves to the light of God's
Spirit.**

Leader: Come, let us worship and celebrate the Light that guides us on
our journey.

People: **With hearts full of hope, we follow the path to the Savior,
Jesus Christ.**

***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**

Hymn of Response – No. 419

I Am Thine, O Lord

Invitation to Holy Communion, Confession, and Pardon - No. 12

The Great Thanksgiving, Musical Setting E - No. 24

Giving the Bread and the Cup

Come forward via the center aisle to receive. You may commune immediately after receiving the elements, or you may kneel at the rail to commune. Return to your seat via the side aisles. Please indicate to an usher if you wish to receive communion in your seat. Pre-packaged gluten-free elements are available upon request.

Hymns for the Serving - No. 616, 617, 618

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. 614** *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

***Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Star of Wonder

John H. Hopkins

*O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

Postlude

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Michael Burkhardt

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*We have a lovely **Parent and Little Ones Room** available during the Sunday morning service times. Young children are certainly welcome in the Sanctuary; this room is another option for parents with babies or toddlers who may need it.*

Downstairs one level, in Room 210, you will find rocking chairs, toys, books, and a live stream of the worship service, so you may continue joining for worship.

If you need anything while you are there, please ask the steward in the Church Office.

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***Have you ever wondered** what's happening in the balcony during the 10 am Worship Service? The Stream Team is producing the livestream which is viewed by worshippers who can't attend in person. If you'd like to see how it happens, feel free to come up and watch. For more info, contact Chuck Gehrman at chuckg201@gmail.com.*

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***Communion stewards needed.** CUMC needs volunteers to prepare communion elements on the third Sunday of each month. If you are willing to serve at least once a quarter, please contact Pastor David.*

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Misty Troll - Director of Christian Formation

Loriann Hughes – Director of Youth Ministries

Michael Schmitt – Early Music & Communications Coordinator

Sunday, January 7, 2024 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Contemporary Praise Celebration



Opening Song: *"In Christ Alone"*

Welcome & Birthdays
Karen Higby

Words of Assurance: Psalm 63: 5-6
Mary Coates

Praise & Worship:
"Shout to the Lord"
"Hosanna" - Hillsong

Greeting & Passing of the Peace

Offering & Music Video:
"Whatever May Come" - Adrienne and Jeremy Camp

Announcements, Joys & Concerns
Prayer and Reflection

Scripture Reading and Message: Matthew 2: 1 - 12
"An Epic Journey"
David Jacobson

Holy Communion

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

Week of January 7 - 14, 2024

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Blended Service
10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Junior Choir, 206
11:00 a.m. Swahili Service, SH
1:30 p.m. A.A., 206
3:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 126/1380, SR
3:00 p.m. Daisy 385, 202
7:00 p.m. Praise Service

Monday – Pastor David’s Sabbath

6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 653, 204
6:45 p.m. PEO, 211
7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Library
7:00 p.m. Round Dance, SH
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 307G, SR

Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Library
11:00 p.m. Prayer Time
1:30 p.m. Grief Group, Library
4:30 p.m. Daisy 884, SR
6:30 p.m. Stephens, 211
7:00 p.m. BSA 307B, SR, SH
7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Leaders, 208
8:00 p.m. A.A., 206

Wednesday

11:30 a.m. Warm Welcome Lunch, SH
1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawls, Library
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, 202-5, 305-6
6:45 p.m. Catonsville Co-Op, SH
7:00 p.m. Toastmasters, 206
7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Library
7:00 p.m. Lydia Circle, 211
7:00 p.m. Coin Club, 208

Thursday

1:00 p.m. Deborah Circle, 211
4:30 p.m. Brownies 178, SR
6:00 p.m. Confirmation, 201
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 1640, SR
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 2499, 305
7:00 p.m. Grief Group, Library
7:00 p.m. Square Dance, SH
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, 209

Friday

3:00 p.m. Catonsville Co-op, 102-4
7:30 p.m. MS Youth Group
8:45 p.m. HS Youth Group

Saturday

8:00 a.m. Methodist Girls
8:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study, 211
9:00 a.m. Ballroom Dance, SH
9:00 a.m. Catonsville Co-Op, 102-4
10:00 a.m. DAR, 211
12:00 p.m. AA, 208
1:30 p.m. Round Dance, SH

Intercessory Prayer Concerns

For the week of January 7th:

Janice Arcieri

Brenda Sutton

Kathy

Debbie Hobbs Klar

Greg Martin

Roger Atkinson

David Wong

Sympathies are expressed to the family and friends of Phyllis Lloyd who went to be with the Lord on December 22, 2023.

This week we pray for: *Iran, Iraq, Syria*

We are **thankful** for:

- the resilience of the people who remain in their homelands even when they face constant threats and ongoing violence
- the relief and assistance that has been provided to so many
- those who have made a new home for refugees fleeing from these countries
- those who have worked continually for peace, justice and reconciliation.

We **pray** for:

- an end to the violence racking these battlefields of global powers
- political leaders emerging in these countries who will pursue peace, the common good, and human rights of all groups
- the international community to pursue policies that will result in acceptable, just peace for all involved
- greater openness to welcoming those displaced or fleeing from these lands, desperately seeking safety and wellbeing.

Our Working Vision Statement

We seek to be a hospitable and vibrant intergenerational community steeped in prayer and scripture and empowered by the Holy Spirit to make disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing the blessings of the kingdom of God in Catonsville and beyond.

The altar flowers are given by the United Methodist Women in memory of departed members.

The flower arrangement is given in loving memory of William Sneeringer by his family.

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
Interpreter:		Sandy Brown
Lector:		Dick Henkel
Steward:	Logan Shaner	
Communion Servers:	Jody & Bill Crum	Janice & Jack Barber Deb Henkel Jan Strevig

Large-print bulletins are available from the greeters & ushers.

2024 Offering Envelopes are ready to pick-up in the parlor. Offering envelopes were prepared in response to a returned pledge card. Please contact the church office if you would like a box of envelopes and there is not a box for you.

Confirmation Class for 2024 will be held on Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. in Room 201, January 4th – May 19th. All 8th and 9th graders are welcome and encouraged to join us for learning and growing in faith together. Pizza dinner is provided each week. Contact Pastor David or Misty Troll (mistytroll@catonsvilleumc.org).

As we wind down the Holiday Season, please join the United Methodist Men on Saturday, January 13th, at 9 a.m. to help take down our historic creche. We can accomplish this effort quickly with a large turnout. Please contact Sean Coleman at umab8587@comcast.net with questions."

Catonsville UMC is seeking an experienced, friendly, and dependable person, 18 years or older, to join our staff as the "Nursery Coordinator and Attendant." This person will be responsible for the care and well-being of the children, for the management of the nursery room, and the scheduling and supervision of the volunteers. Hours: 8:15 ~ 11:30 a.m., Sundays. Please send a resume and cover letter to Pastor David (david@catonsvilleumc.org) to apply. For more information, visit catonsvilleumc.org/jobs.

Loriann Hughes has graciously agreed to continue leading the youth program while we await the appointment of an associate pastor. We are greatly appreciative of her dedication to this ministry.

We are going to gather for an informal time of prayer with the focus of "Praying for Our Adult Children." Even when they are grown, our children still need our prayers. Prayers for a connection with God, most importantly. We will also pray for their direction, guidance, safety, wise decision making, and health, as well as pray concerning dating, marriage, family, and career. Does this type of praying together speak to you? Mark your calendar - the first monthly gathering will be on January 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., following Thrive Thursday. The gathering will be held in the Upper Room (Level 3).

Join us for Thrive Thursday next week, January 18th 5:30 – 7 p.m. in the Social Hall. A time of being together in fellowship & worship.

Steps of Hope would like to thank everyone who participated in the Peace A Pizza and the Paint for Hope fundraisers. Besides enjoying two fun times of fellowship, you donated \$360.71. To give some perspective, that is enough to provide lunches for the students for three weeks! Thanks for your generosity!

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.

Blessings to You & Your Loved Ones during this Holy Christmas Season. As in the past, our rear 3rd floor sanctuary mitten tree will be decorated with your donations of school age winter hats, gloves, mittens & socks. These donations will be collected & shared with local Catonsville schools by January 12, 2024. We have a second donation surrounding the base of our sanctuary Christmas tree for Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP, Columbia MD chapter). NEW Light weight blankets & quilts for twin size bedding will be collected and donated for children's' beds built by SHP, as "NO CHILD SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR". For more information contact Bonnie Dickson, 410-245-6335

Are You Struggling? You do not have to face it alone. If you or someone you care about is challenged by a temporary crisis in your life, CUMC's Stephen Ministers are ready to listen, care, encourage, and be there to offer emotional and spiritual support. This is free and completely confidential. Let one of our trained Stephen Ministers meet with you privately—by phone, by video chat, or in person in a safe setting to focus on you and your needs. For more information, please contact Stephen Minister Referrals Coordinator, Glenda Henkel, at 410-303-6057 or grhenkel320@gmail.com.

Wreath Day 2023 was a success - we honored over three million servicemembers laid to rest at 4,225 participating locations across the country. The Wreaths Across America Matching Campaign is happening now! Through Tuesday, January 16, 2024 - all wreaths sponsored through a *registered* WAA Sponsorship Group will be matched by HQ for placement on this year's National Wreaths Across America Day - Saturday, December 14, 2024! This past December 2023, just over 8,000 wreaths were placed at Baltimore National, enough to provide placement at only about 20% of the veteran sites at this local cemetery. So, please consider sponsorship of a wreath now by using the link below to help increase the number that will be received at Baltimore National 12/2024. <https://www.wreathsassamerica.org/pages/166178/Overview/?relatedId=0>

We Three Kings

- 1 We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

- 2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign. [Refrain]
- 3 Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshiping God on high. [Refrain]
- 4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. [Refrain]
- 5 Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and skies. [Refrain]

We Would See Jesus

1. We would see Jesus; lo! his star is shining
above the stable while the angels sing;
there in a manger on the hay reclining;
haste, let us lay our gifts before the King.
2. We would see Jesus, Mary's son most holy,
light of the village life from day to day;
shining revealed through every task most lowly,
the Christ of God, the life, the truth, the way.

3. We would see Jesus, on the mountain teaching,
with all the listening people gathered round;
while birds and flowers and sky above are preaching
the blessedness which simple trust has found.
4. We would see Jesus, in his work of healing,
at eventide before the sun was set;
divine and human, in his deep revealing
of God made flesh, in loving service met.
5. We would see Jesus, in the early morning,
still as of old he calleth, "Follow me!"
Let us arise, all meaner service scorning;
Lord, we are thine, we give ourselves to thee.

I Am Thine, O Lord

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,
and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith
and be closer drawn to thee.

Refrain:

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to thy precious, bleeding side.

2. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,
by the power of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
and my will be lost in thine.
(Refrain)
3. O the pure delight of a single hour
that before thy throne I spend,
when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend!
(Refrain)
4. There are depths of love that I cannot know
till I cross the narrow sea;
there are heights of joy that I may not reach
till I rest in peace with thee.
(Refrain)

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

- 1 For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.

- 2 By this pledge that you do love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heaven above us,
hallow all our lives, O Lord.

- 3 With our sainted ones in glory
seated at the heavenly board,
may the church that's waiting for you
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

- 4 In your service, Lord, defend us,
in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world where you have sent us,
let your kingdom come, O Lord.