



# Faith United Methodist Church

6810 Montrose Road, Rockville, Maryland 20852

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3, 2017

10:00 a.m.

*\*Those Who Are Able, Please Stand    The People's Responses Are in Bold Print*  
UMH=United Methodist Hymnal    PB=Pew Bible

### WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

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#### GATHERING AND MEDITATION

*As you enter and take your seat, please respect those around you who use this time to quietly center themselves and prepare their hearts for worship.*

#### PRELUDE

*Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming*                      arr. James Mansfield  
*(As the Prelude begins, please observe silence)*

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Friendship Books – Please record your attendance and pass the book to those next to you.*  
**First Time Visitors** – Please complete the yellow card & place it in the offering plate later in the service.

#### \*HYMN

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verses 1-4)*                      UMH #211

#### ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING: The Candle of Hope    The Young/Winchenbach Family

Hope is a light given by God at the beginning of creation.

**Hope is the gift of God.**

Hope is a light given by God in the teaching of the prophets.

**Hope is the gift of God revealed in the life of Christ.**

Hope is a light given by God, the Son of God, the Son of Mary. (The candle is lit.)

Let us pray:

**Source of light, shine in our lives and in your world with your renewing hope.**

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, as we begin this season of Advent remind us again  
that in the midst of our darkness you are bringing us peace,  
to calm our anxious spirits and hectic lives.**

**Turn our hearts again toward you. Make us ready to receive your Son our Savior.  
Slow our pace, and give us the blessing of feeling your peace in our spirits.  
For we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*(A time of welcome; please warmly greet your neighbors.)*

May the peace of Christ be with you always!

**And also with you!**

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**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD AND FAITHFULLY RESPOND**

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**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

Brian Jones

*Children in Preschool through Grade 5 may go to Sunday School afterwards.*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Let us pray.

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit that,  
as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you have to say to us today. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Isaiah 64:1-9

PB, OT p. 694

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

*Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People*  
Chancel Choir

arr. Howard Helvey

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 13:54-56

PB, NT p. 15

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

"A Carpenter Named Joseph"

Rev. Dr. Woodrow

## JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

### PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

*I Will Know Him When He Comes*  
Chancel Choir

Douglas E. Wagner

## **WE OFFER GOD OUR THANKS AND RECEIVE THE GIFTS OF GRACE**

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### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation, Confession and Pardon

*UMH p. 12*

The Great Thanksgiving: Musical Setting "A"

*UMH p. 17-18*

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

*UMH p. 895*

### GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*Please come forward by the side aisles at the direction of the ushers. Once you receive a piece of bread, dip it into the cup and eat it immediately. You may then return to your seat by the center aisle or, if you wish, go to the altar rail for prayer.*

*If you are unable to come forward for Communion, please let an usher know and Communion will be brought to you. Gluten-free communion wafers are available; let your server know if you would like one.*

*Offering plates are available at the front of the chancel for your gifts. During Communion we will sing the following hymns: 202, 206, 209, and 213.*

## **WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD**

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\*HYMN

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

*UMH #203*

\*BENEDICTION

\*SUNG RESPONSE

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel (sung once)*

*UMH #204*

POSTLUDE

*O Thou of God the Father*  
*(You are encouraged to be seated and enjoy the Postlude).*

J.S. Bach



The flowers at the front of the chancel are given by Amy and Carl Swanson in honor of Duane Swanson and in memory of Joyce Swanson, Mary Bremer, and Russell Bremer.



**Join us next Sunday at 10:00 a.m. as we enjoy a worship service filled with special music of the Advent and Christmas seasons.**

Our Chancel Choir and Organist Bob Holder will be joined by the M Street Brass Quintet to deliver a special Advent music presentation, a premier of the work of Brian Holmes (b. 1946). These new settings of old Advent and Christmas texts (Sir Christmas, High on a Hill, As Dew in April, Who Will Come to Bethlehem, There is No Rose, and Lullay My Liking) are set by a composer who not only writes music and plays French horn, but is also a professor of physics at San Jose State University in San Jose, California. Brian has also recently published a textbook on Physics and Music. His compositions have won awards, most recently the 2012 American Prize in Choral Composition, and he has served as composer in residence for the Vivace Children's Chorus.

### **Worship with us on Christmas Eve!**

- **10:00 a.m.** - We will observe the Fourth Sunday of Advent. The sermon series on Joseph will conclude with "The Journey to Bethlehem." Scriptures: Luke 1:26-38; Luke 2:1-20. No Sunday School; nursery care for infants and toddlers will be available in Room 102.
- **4:30 p.m.** - A Christmas Eve Service for All Ages (especially children!). We will hear the familiar Christmas story and sing familiar carols. Children will choose props to help us form a "spontaneous Nativity scene" at the front of the church.
- **7:30 p.m.** - The M Street Brass Quintet will play a prelude of traditional Christmas music.
- **8:00 p.m.** - A Festival Service of Lessons and Carols with music by the Chancel Choir, Bells of Faith, the M Street Brass Quintet and Organist Bob Holder. We will conclude with candlelight and the singing of "Silent Night" as we remember the birth of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

