



Faith United Methodist Church

6810 Montrose Road, Rockville, Maryland 20852

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 24, 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

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

What Child Is This

arr. Richard Purvis

(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

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

UMH #198

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING: The Candle of Love

The Aparaka Family

Love is the wick that is central to the candle.

Love is the wick, given by God. The flame that burns continually.

Love is the wick given by God that burns in the world.

Love is the wick given by God that burns in our hearts. (The candles are lit.)

Let us pray:

Source of light, shine in our lives and in your world with your unending love.

Through Jesus in whose name we pray. Amen.

*OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, who chose Mary to be the mother of the promised Savior:
Fill us, your servants, with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will and, with her,
rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

May the peace of Christ be with you always!
And also with you!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD AND FAITHFULLY RESPOND

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Pastor Kathryn

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.**

FIRST LESSON

Luke 1:46-55

PB, NT p. 57

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Mary's Magnificat
Chancel Choir

Andrew Carter

SECOND LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

PB, NT pp. 56-57

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SERMON

"God's Call and Our Response"

Rev. Dr. Woodrow

***HYMN**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

UMH #230

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #895

Worship with Us!

- 12/24** **10:00 a.m.** – Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship
4:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Worship for the Young and Young at Heart: A family-friendly service with familiar carols and scriptures. We will also have a “spontaneous Nativity” scene.
7:30 p.m. – Prelude by the M Street Brass Quintet
8:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols with Candlelight, Choirs, and Brass.
- 12/31** **10:00 a.m.** (one service only) – First Sunday after Christmas:
A Service of Covenant Renewal for the Turning of the Year.



We Want YOU to Join Us! New Member Events Coming in January

- **Sunday, January 7, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** – New Member Orientation with **Rev. Woodrow** in Room 206. If you are interested in knowing more about Faith UMC and Methodism, please join Rev. Woodrow for this event.
- **Sunday, January 14, at the 10:00 a.m. service, we will be receiving new members.**

If you are interested in participating in these events, please contact Rev. Woodrow:
revwoodrow@faithworkshere.com

