



Faith United Methodist Church

6810 Montrose Road, Rockville, Maryland 20852

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2, 2018

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

Of The Father's Love Begotten
(As the Prelude begins, please observe silence)

Arr. David Lasky

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trish Clark

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.*

*OPENING HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verses 1-4)

UMH #211

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING: The Candle of Hope Clyde Ragland & Glenda Winters

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.

RESPONSE TO LIGHTING

Hail to the Lord's Anointed
verse 1

UMH# 203

***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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD AND FAITHFULLY RESPOND

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Trish Clark

Children in Preschool through Grade 4 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

Jeremiah 33:14-16

OT page. 738

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

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Emmanuel
Chancel Choir

David Paul, Arr. Nancy Telfer

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 21:25-36

NT page. 85-86

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SERMON

"Ready, Set, Wait"

Rev. Oden Warman

On this First Sunday of Advent we begin a new Christian year. Our life and schedules are often filled with chaos and doubt. In Advent we look back to the prophecies that a messiah would come and we look forward in hope to the age of Christ's return. We wait for God with hope, love, joy and peace. The sacrament gives us strength along the way. Advent calls us to prepare as we wait.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD, PASTORAL PRAYER

If you have a prayer request that you would like to have listed in the bulletin or given to the Prayer Chain, please complete one of the white cards in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

ANTHEM

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Chancel Choir

Arr. Michael Wu

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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation, Confession, and Pardon

UMH pp. 12

The Great Thanksgiving: Musical Setting "A"

UMH pp. 17-18

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

UMH p. 985

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.

If you are unable to come forward for Communion, please let an usher know and Communion will be brought to you.

*Please join in the singing of the following hymns as we celebrate Holy Communion:
#171; #202; #221; #402*

PRAYER AFTER 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.**

WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN	<i>Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus</i>	UMH #196
*BENEDICTION		
*SUNG RESPONSE	<i>Emmanuel, Emmanuel</i> (sung once)	UMH #204
POSTLUDE	<i>Come, O Savior of the World</i> <i>(You are encouraged to be seated and enjoy the Postlude).</i>	Glenn Medlock



Following this service, you are invited to come to the Fellowship Hall after the service for coffee and treats.

The flowers at the front of the chancel are given by Amy Swanson in memory of Joyce Swanson, Russell & Mary Bremer, and Noel Sparks.

Christian Love and Sympathy is extended to the family of Connie Matter who died November 26, 2018. Her service will be held here on Tuesday, December 4th at 1:00pm followed by a reception. Please keep Harold and the rest of her family in your prayers.

Pastor Wayne Update: We continue to pray for Pastor Wayne as he recovers from surgery. Cards can be sent to him at 18048 Wagonwheel Court Olney MD, 20832.

Worship Preview

Sunday Dec. 9- Rev. Warman preaching

Sunday Dec. 16 (10am only) The Music Ministries of Faith are leading a service of Lessons and Carols, patterned after the tradition at Kings College, Cambridge, where the festival celebrates its centenary! We will have professional musicians joining our Chancel Choir, Bells of Faith, and Young Singers of Faith, as we journey through the Advent story in Scripture readings, special music, and carols for all to sing.

Advent Wreath Lighting: As we come upon Advent, we are looking for people to light the Advent Wreath during the 10am service and at both services on Christmas Eve. Instructions will be provided. If you can help, please contact Theresa at office@faithworkshere.com or call the office.