# Elkton United Methodist Church
# Sunday, December 4, 2016
# Second Sunday of Advent
**8:30 a.m. † 11:00 a.m.**

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- Before the service begins, please give your white prayer request card to an usher.
- Please see an usher if you would like to have a large print bulletin or hymnal.
- All worshipers are asked to sign the attendance register. If you are a guest, please fill out all the information. As the register is passed back down the pew, make note of those sitting near you so you can greet them after the service.

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LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES AND RINGING OF CHIMES

GREETING AND WELCOME

TIME OF CENTERING PRAYER
AND PRELUDE .....“THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME” .....HOPSON

SUNG RESPONSE #211 (UMH).....“O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL” (stanza 2)
**O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;**
**to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.**
**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)
Leader: The season of Advent continues. Last Sunday the frail light of a single candle dared to pierce through the darkness of desolation and sin.
**People: Hope lives in us and will abide with us.**
Leader: Today we will light the candle of peace. In an age when people so seldom find peace within themselves, and nations threaten war with other nations, we light a candle called peace.
**People: Peace that is not merely the absence of war and conflict, but peace that is the fullness of blessing for all – that is the peace for which we dare to hope.**
Leader: Christ comes to bring peace to those who have been separated from God and one another.
**People: In the name of the Child born so long ago, we nurture our hope for peace and light today the candle called peace.**

*Two purple candles are lighted – the candle of hope and the candle of peace.*

**HYMN #196 (UMH) .....“COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS”

PRAYER (in unison)
**Almighty God, Light of the World, you caused light to shine out of darkness in the advent of Jesus our Christ; you continually open to us the ways we are to prepare. We confess our unwillingness to see the light and to walk in your ways. We have not always opened our eyes to the needs of others, and our feet have wandered from the paths of justice and peace. We ask that the Spirit of Christ be born anew within us, that our hearts may be stirred to glorify the nativity with acts of compassion and service. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

MUSICAL OFFERING – 8:30 –.....“WHAT CHILD IS THIS”.....BEN INGRAM, PIANO SOLO
11:00 – .....“COME, LORD JESUS” .....CHANCEL CHOIR

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES, ISAIAH 35:1-10 (page 663)

**GOSPEL LESSON, MATTHEW 1:18-25 (page 1)
Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSE #204 (UMH)..... “EMMANUEL”
**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel,**
**God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.**

SERMON ...“THE THINGS OF CHRISTMAS: II – CHRISTMAS STRESS!”…..REV. KAREN F. BUNNELL

**HYMN ..... “JOSEPH WAS TROUBLED” (see purple insert)
(During the singing of the hymn, the Children’s Choir may leave to practice in Room 1.)

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION, p. 12

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION, WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

**THE PEACE

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE #3051 (W&S)..... “A STAR SHONE BRIGHT” (stanza 2)
**O Son of God, Incarnate Word, O Wisdom’s Light, whom angels heard,**
**come forth again, our hearts console. O heal our hurts and make us whole.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY – 8:30................................“FUGUE IN A MAJOR” ........................................ ZACHAU
11:00 .......................“WHAT CHILD IS THIS”.................. BEN INGRAM, PIANO SOLO

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE (sung to the tune of “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”)

**Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,**
**glory to the Holy Spirit, glory to the Three-In-One.**
**Here we offer to you gladly all the gifts that you impart,**
**as we glory in your Presence, giving from a grateful heart.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, p. 13

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion will be served by intinction this morning. At the direction of the ushers, you are invited to come forward to the servers, where you will receive the bread, and you are then invited to dip the bread into the juice and consume both elements together. After receiving, you are welcome to pray at the chancel rail for as long as you wish, and then return to your pew.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**HYMN #377 (UMH) ....................................................................... “IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL”

**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.**
**Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, bind us together in love.**

POSTLUDE .......................................“THE JOYOUS HEART” ............................................ PETERSON

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****Indicates the congregation should stand if able**

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal (red cover)
TFWS: The Faith We Sing (black cover) - found in the rack underneath the pew in front of you
W&S: Worship & Song (green cover)

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME GUESTS!** We welcome all to worship at Elkton UMC this morning, and extend a special welcome to all who are visiting with us this morning. Please fill out the blue visitor card located in the pew racks. We also have a gift for all first-time visitors to our church. It is available from the welcome center or from the ushers in the foyer. If you are a first-time visitor and wish to receive the gift, just speak to one of the ushers as you're leaving the worship service this morning, and they will see that you receive one! Once again, welcome to worship at Elkton UMC!

**COPIES OF TODAY'S SERMON/VIDEO OF TODAY'S SERMON –** Several persons with hearing difficulties have found it helpful to have a copy of the sermon and read along as it is preached, therefore copies are now available from the ushers should you wish to have one. Videos of our 11 a.m. weekly service are now available online as well. To see a video, go the church website, elktonumc.org, and click on the "Sermons" link and there you will see a link to our You Tube channel where all EUMC videos are available.

**CALLING ALL TRAVELERS!** The Classic Christians are planning on hitting the road again in the spring of 2017. This time they're headed off to Niagara Falls and Toronto, Canada. The trip will take place from Monday, May 15 – Friday, May 19. Final details are still being hammered out, but we do know that the cost will be approximately $675/person double occupancy, and that everyone on the trip will have to have either a passport or the passport card (which allows entrance into Canada/Mexico/Caribbean). Flyers about the trip will be on the Welcome Center soon.

**ATTENTION WOMEN'S RETREAT PARTICIPANTS –** Your final installment payment is due now..

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT COMMUNION –** Holy Communion, led by Ivan Mehosky, is offered every Wednesday evening at 6:15 p.m. in the Chapel. All are welcome.

## *LOOKING AHEAD*

**Tuesday, December 6, 7:30 p.m. –** Cecil County Choral Society Concert in our sanctuary

**Sunday, December 11, 7:00 p.m. –** Elkton Town Band Concert in the Elkton High School Auditorium

**Sunday, December 18th –** Chancel Choir Cantata at both morning services
Children's Christmas Program at 9:45 a.m. in Weldin Hall
Blue Christmas Service at 4:00 p.m. in our sanctuary

# THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

**TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016**

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM ..... Worship Services
8:30 AM – 12:00 PM ..... Child Care/Nursery Birth through Kindergarten (Rm. 24)
9:15 AM ..... Children's Choir Rehearsal (Room 1)
9:45 AM ..... Sunday School (All Ages)
5:30 PM ..... Youth Group

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2016**

6:00 PM ..... Cub Scouts Pack 443 (Weldin Hall)
6:30 PM ..... Stewardship Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
7:00 PM ..... Boy Scouts Troop 443 (Room 1)
7:00 PM ..... Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Room 21)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2016**

9:30 AM ..... Staff Meeting (Room 1)
2:30 PM ..... Elkton Rehab, Nancy McCardell's Team
7:30 PM ..... Cecil County Choral Society Winter Concert (Sanctuary)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2016**

6:15 PM ..... Weekly Communion (Chapel)
6:30 PM ..... Cub Scout Committee Meeting (Room 1)
6:30 PM ..... Men's Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM ..... Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2016**

6:30 PM ..... Dorcas Circle Meeting (Weldin Hall)
8:00 PM ..... AA Meeting (Room 1)

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2016**

9:00 AM - ? ..... UMW Annual Cookie Walk (Weldin Hall)

## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

**Worship Leader:** Bethany Buckley

**Readers:** 8:30 – Romie Jones 11:00 – Larry Gaultney

**Acolytes:** 8:30 – Katie Zimmer 11:00 – Jack Edler

**Greeters:** 8:30 – Cheryl and Henry Fehlman 11:00 – Faye and Buddy Camors

**Welcome Center:**
8:10-8:30 & 9:30-9:50 – Sue Ivey
10:40-11:00 & 12:00-12:20 – Robyn Graham

**Hostesses:** 8:30 – Diane Shortall and Sue Ivey
11:00 – Mary Ann Schmook and Sheila Hendricks

**Hall Monitors:** 8:30 – Lorraine and Richard Jones 11:00 – Carol Robinson

**Nursery:** 8:30 – Jack Kovicak 11:00 – Larraine Campbell

**Tech Team:** 8:30 – Joe Buckley and Jamie and Paige Laning
11:00 – Rich Juergens and Damien Hollyday

**Parking Lot Knights:** Kevin White, Wayne Eller, Ken McCoy, Bob Perkins, Gary Lewis, Rod Perrine and Jack Williams.

**Ushers:** 8:30 – Gifford Biles, Murray Thompson, Rich Gruebel, Rich Achuff, Jane MacDonald, Bob MacDonald, Deb McDowell and Ted McDowell.
11:00 – Frank Deibert, Charlie Campbell, Ken McCoy, Ray Whiteoak, Bob Mitchell, Bob Perkins and Mike Schmook.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are in loving memory of my grandmother, Mom and Gammy given by Carolann and Gary Lewis.

**AVAILABLE ALL MORNING –** Nursery care is available during this morning's worship services. The nursery is located in Rooms 22-24 and is staffed by Yolanda Gomez, a professional childcare worker, assisted by volunteers from our congregation. One of our ushers can guide you there. New children are welcome! Also, please know that it is perfectly fine to leave the worship service with your child if they become restless or unhappy. Your child will be happier and those seated around you will appreciate your thoughtfulness.