

**Elkton United Methodist Church**  
**Sunday, January 29, 2017**  
**Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany**  
**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 ..... “PRELUDE ON MARTYN” ..... G. YOUNG

SUNG RESPONSE #328 (UMH)..... “SURELY THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD IS IN THIS PLACE”

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.  
I can hear the brush of angels’ wings, I see glory on each face;  
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: In faith, Abraham and Sarah set out for a new land.

**People: In faith, we seek to follow God in our lives.**

Leader: In faith, the church seeks to discern the future to which God calls us in our age.

**People: In faith, we gather now to worship, seeking new life in Christ.**

**All: God of present, past, and future, guide us to your new age of promise.**

\*\*HYMN #400 (UMH) ..... “COME, THOU FOUNT OF BLESSING”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**O God of love, God of power, we have heard your promises of abundant life and have been afraid to believe them. We have worshipped you with our lips but have reserved parts of ourselves for our own purposes and plans. We are bound by our need for absolute certainty and so we often miss your living presence in the surprises of life. Renew us by turning our trust to you again. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

MUSICAL OFFERING – (8:30 & 11:00)..... “’TIS A GIFT TO BE SIMPLE”..... HANDBELL CHOIR

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES, ISAIAH 46:3-4 (page 676)

MUSICAL OFFERING – ( 8:30)– ..... JEN NOLL, SOLOIST  
(11:00)–..... “THROUGH ALL THE CHANGING SCENES OF LIFE” .....  
CHANCEL CHOIR

\*\*GOSPEL LESSON, LUKE 1:34-45 (page 57)

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 ..... “80’S TV: III – THE GOLDEN GIRLS” ..... REV. KAREN F. BUNNELL

\*\*HYMN #2051 (TFWS) ..... “I WAS THERE TO HEAR YOUR BORNING CRY”  
(During the singing of the hymn at 8:30, the Children’s Choir may leave to practice in Room 1.)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.**

RESPONSE #2215 (TFWS)..... “CARES CHORUS”

**I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens down at your feet,  
and anytime that I don’t know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY – ..... “VOLUNTARY” ..... GEMINIANI

**\*\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE, #94 (UMH).....“PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW”**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

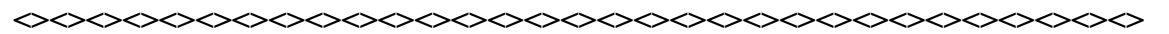
**\*\*HYMN #2197 (TFWS) .....“LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS”**

**\*\*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 ..... “MARCH IN C” ..... D. JOHNSON**

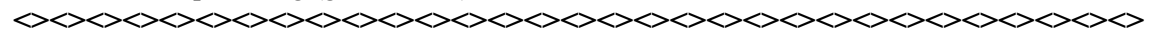


**\*\*Indicates the congregation should stand if able**

**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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*“A place to know Jesus, be known by Jesus, and make Him known to others.”*

## 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](http://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.

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF ELKTON UMC?** Then you're invited to take part in the next New Member Orientation Class which will be held today at 12:15 p.m. in Weldin Hall. Lunch will be provided. You're welcome to attend, even if you did not pre-register.

**COSTA RICA TRIP** – The Missions Team is in the planning stage for a mission trip to Costa Rica this summer. The trip is 10 days and is tentatively set for August 2-11, 2017. Young adults age 16 and up and other interested adults are invited to join the team. More information about the trip will be shared at a meeting to be held next Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, at 12:15 p.m. in Weldin Hall. A light lunch will be served. If interested, please sign up on the sheet across from the Welcome Center. Questions? Please contact Terri Lokey at [tlokey16@gmail.com](mailto:tlokey16@gmail.com) or 443-350-1986.

**LENTEN CANTATA** – The Chancel Choir will begin rehearsing a cantata for lent, Hope in the Shadows, on February 1st, from 7:00 - 7:45 p.m. in the sanctuary. All who enjoy singing, high school thru adults, are invited to join us.

**WEDNESDAY COMMUNION** – Every Wednesday evening at 6:15 p.m. holy communion is offered in the Chapel. It is led by Ivan Mehosky and all are welcome.

### ORGAN FUND UPDATE –

Total Cost for the New Organ	\$104,500.00
Funds Received Thus Far	\$ 81,015.65
Pledges Received	\$ 4,650.00
Amount Still Needed	\$ 18,834.35

To make a contribution, please use one of the organ offering envelopes in the pew racks. Make your check out to Elkton UMC and write “Organ” on the memo line.

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### TODAY, SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017

- 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)
- 12:15 PM ..... New Member Class & Lunch (Weldin Hall)
- 12:30 PM-3:00 PM ..... Youth Group

### MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2017

- 6:00 PM ..... Cub Scout Meeting (Weldin Hall)
- 7:00 PM ..... Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Room 27)
- 7:00 PM ..... Boy Scout Troop Meeting (Room 1)

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2017

- 9:30 AM..... Staff Meeting (Room 1)
- 7:00 PM ..... Cecil County Choral Society (Weldin Hall)

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2017

- 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, FEBRUARY 2, 2017

- 8:00 PM..... AA Meeting (Room 1)

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2017

#### **Joy of Faith Weekend**

- 9:00 AM..... Prayer Breakfasts
- 5:00 PM ..... Dinner at Elkton UMC (Weldin Hall)
- 7:00 PM ..... Program with Aaron Wilburn (Sanctuary)

## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

**Worship Leader:** Bethany Buckley

**Readers:** 8:30 – Dave Pugh                      11:00 – Ivan Mehosky

**Acolytes:** 8:30 – Andrew Noll                      11:00 – Jack Edler

**Greeters:** 8:30 – Marsha and Rod Perrine                      11:00 – Peg Bunnell and  
Linda Boulden

**Welcome Center:**

8:10-8:30 &                      10:40-11:00 &  
9:30-9:50 – Lorraine Jones                      12:00-12:20 – Heidi Gaultney

**Hostesses:** 8:30 – Carolann Lewis and                      11:00 – Carol Robinson and  
Judy Pugh                      Allene Rittenhouse

**Hall Monitors:** 8:30 – David Miller                      11:00 – Bob Perkins

**Nursery:** 8:30 – Kyle Slayman                      11:00 – Diane Mauk

**Tech Team:** 8:30 – Joe Buckley and                      11:00 – Joe Buckley and  
Chris DiSciullo                      Connery Eddinger

**Parking Lot**

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

**Ushers:** 8:30 – Gifford Biles, Murray Thompson, Rich Gruebel, Wayne Eller,  
Ed Sprague, Keith McKenica, Henry Jacobs, Irv Webber and  
Kevin White.  
11:00 – Frank Deibert, Charlie Campbell, Ken McCoy, Buddy Camors,  
Bart Funke, Roger Robinson, Phil Norman and Sonny Tenney.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are in loving memory of my son Charles Samuel Dunlap, Jr.,  
for his birthday, given by Irene Dunlap and family.

**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.