

Elkton United Methodist Church
Sunday, December 9, 2018
Second Sunday of Advent
8:30 a.m. † 11:00 a.m.

- 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

PRELUDE “ADAGIO IN A FLAT”..... MENDELSSOHN

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: Come and gather, O people of God!

People: Let us gather at the house of the Lord!

Leader: We await the Word, who will lead all nations.

People: We await the One who will guide us in Peace.

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

SUNG RESPONSE (sung to the tune of “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”)

**Kindle the flame of peace, may it burn bright and true.
Lighting the way that is of God, the journey we pursue.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (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.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

MUSICAL OFFERING “IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER” MEN’S CHOIR

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES, PSALM 89: 1-4 (page 545)

MUSICAL OFFERING – 8:30 STEVE GILMORE, SOLOIST
11:00 “PREPARE YE” CHANCEL CHOIR
ACCOMPANIED BY PAUL HUMPHREY ON CAHONE

**GOSPEL LESSON, LUKE 1: 5-38 (page 56)

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 “HOW CAN THIS BE?” REV. KAREN F. BUNNELL

**HYMN #198 (UMH) “MY SOUL GIVES GLORY TO MY GOD”

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 #217 “AWAY IN A MANGER” (stanza 3)

**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee
there.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY – 8:30..... “CLASSIC TRIO” YOUNG
11:00 STEVE GILMORE, SOLOIST

**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!**

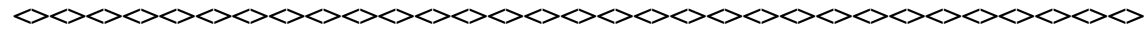
**HYMN #218 (UMH) “IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR”

**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 D” HANDEL

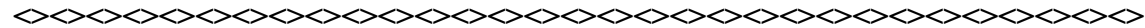


**Indicates the congregation should stand if able

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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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. Video of the sermon is now posted on-line 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 the You Tube site for our sermons.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2019 AVAILABLE TODAY – If you use offering envelopes, your envelopes for 2019 are ready to be picked up from the counter across from the Welcome Center. Your picking up the envelopes saves the church the expense of sending them in the mail. **Please note: Some envelope numbers have been changed.**

ATTENTION WOMEN'S RETREAT PARTICIPANTS – Just a reminder that your last installment payment is due now. Send or bring it into the church office.

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

CECIL COUNTY CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT – The Choral Society will present their Holiday Concert this afternoon at 4 pm in our sanctuary. The concert will feature a children's choir, which includes children from our church. Just a heads up – you'll want to get here early to get a seat. Last year's performance was standing room only!

CLASSIC CHRISTIANS' DECEMBER MEETING – The Classic Christians (age 50 and over) will meet this Friday, December 14th at 6:30 pm in Weldin Hall for the December/Christmas meeting. The night will begin with a potluck dinner (bring a dish to share) and continue on with Christmas music and fun. To take part, sign up on the sheet across from the Welcome Center.

CHARGE CONFERENCE - Our church's Charge Conference will be held this Saturday, December 15th at 9:30 am in Weldin Hall. It will be held in conjunction with the charge conferences of six other UM churches from around Elkton. Administrative Council members are required to attend, but all others are welcomed to attend as well.

NEXT SUNDAY AT EUMC!!

8:30 am & 11:00 am - Our Chancel Choir will present their Advent Cantata

10:00 am - Our Children will offer their Christmas program in Weldin Hall

4:00 pm - Blue Christmas Service in the sanctuary

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM..... Worship Services
8:30 AM-12:30 PM..... Child Care/Nursery Birth through Kindergarten (Rm. 24)
9:15 AM..... Youth Choir Rehearsal (Room 1)
9:45 AM..... Sunday School (all ages)
4:00 PM..... Cecil County Choral Society Concert
6:00 PM..... Youth Group

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2018

6:00 PM..... Cub Scout Meeting (Weldin Hall)
6:30 PM..... Women's Retreat Meeting (Conference Room)
7:00 PM..... Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Room 26)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018

9:30 AM..... Staff Meeting
6:00 PM..... Cecil County Choral Society Board Meeting (Weldin Hall)
7:00 PM..... Nar-Anon Meeting (Room 1)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018

10:30 AM..... Tele-Care Committee Meeting
12:00 PM..... Ruth-Sarah Circle Luncheon (Schaefer's Canal House)
2:00 PM..... Common Ground
6:15 PM..... Communion (Chapel)
6:30 PM..... Men's Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM..... Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM..... Boy Scout Troop Meeting (Weldin Hall)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2018

12:30 PM..... Weight Watchers (Weldin Hall)
6:00 PM..... Dorcas Circle (Weldin Hall)
8:00 PM..... AA Meeting (Room 1)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2018

12:00 PM..... Community Blood Drive (Weldin Hall)
6:30 PM..... Classic Christian's Pot Luck Dinner (Weldin Hall)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2018

9:30 AM..... Charge Conference (Weldin Hall)

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Worship Leader: Dick Gochnauer

Readers: 8:30 – Nancy Crawford 11:00 – Gerry Treese

Acolytes: 8:30 – Nathan Kovicak 11:00 – Kaitlyn Czarnecki

Greeters: 8:30 – Cathy & Norman Petterson 11:00 – Mike & Karen Gravatt

Welcome Center:

8:10-8:30 & 10:40-11:00 &
9:30-9:50 – Gail Garber 12:00-12:20 – Allene Rittenhouse

Hospitality: 8:30 – Ronnie & Dave Smith 11:00 – Kay Mortimer &
Kristen Czarnecki

Hall Monitors: 8:30 – Don Andrews 11:00 – Phil Czarnecki

Nursery: 8:30 – Jack Kovicak 11:00 – TBD

Tech Team: 8:30 – Rob Kovicak & 11:00 – Rich Juergens &
Paige Laning Sonny Tenney

Parking Lot

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

Ushers: 8:30 – Murray Thompson, Rich Gruebel, Wayne Scholz, Jamie Laning,
Jane MacDonald, Bob MacDonald, Deborah McDowell,
Ted McDowell
11:00 – Frank Deibert, Charles Campbell, Ken McCoy, Barton Funke,
Buddy Camors, Faye Camors, Robert Mitchell,
Michael Schmook, Ray Whiteoak

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in loving memory of Helen Allport by the Allport 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.



*You're Invited to Remember and Give Thanks
For Someone Special This Christmas*

You're invited to remember someone special in your life this Christmas by purchasing a poinsettia for our altar area for Christmas Eve, or by giving a monetary gift toward the purchase of a mosquito net for the United Methodist Church's "Imagine No Malaria" campaign. Whichever gift you choose, the cost is \$11.00, and all gifts will be listed in a special bulletin insert for our Christmas Eve services. The last day to order will be Sunday, December 16th.

*****If you are ordering a poinsettia and a net, please make separate payments!! Thank you!***

Your Name _____

In Memory of _____

Or In Honor of _____

Amount attached: \$ _____ Check #: _____

Envelope/On-line #: _____

Poinsettia _____ or Net _____

Make checks out to Elkton UMC and write "poinsettia" or "net" on the memo line.

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