

Elkton United Methodist Church
Sunday, December 16, 2018
Third 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, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CENTERING PRAYER

PRELUDE “LO, HOW A ROSE E’ER BLOOMING” ARR. BY YOUNG

SUNG RESPONSE #211 (UMH).....“O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL” (stanza 3)

**O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai’s height
in ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: The wilderness will dance and the dry places will sing praises to God.
People: When we see the glory of the Lord revealed, we will be strengthened and saved!
Leader: God’s peace opens our eyes. God’s gift of hope opens our hearts.
People: With joy, we will praise the promised Savior of the world!

**HYMN #203 (UMH) “HAIL TO THE LORD’S ANOINTED”

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

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

**Kindle the flame of joy, 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)

**God of the Past, in the wilderness of Jordan you sent a messenger to prepare
human hearts for the coming of the Christ. We rejoice that through the centuries
that message of hope has brought confidence and joy to people. God of the
Present, even now you are among us. Forgive us that often we have failed to
discern your presence with us, and have felt deserted and alone. Make strong in
our hearts the faith that enables us to live serenely and triumphantly. God of the**

**Future, you have promised that Christ’s reign is coming. Teach us to live in
expectation, that what we are and do today may be anchored in the certainty of
your tomorrow. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

MUSICAL OFFERING “HEAVEN EVERYWHERE”YOUTH CHOIR

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.**

CALL TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY “COME, SAVIOR OF THE GENTILES”PACHELBEL

**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!**

ADVENT CANTATA

*TAPESTRY OF LIGHT
BY JOSEPH M. MARTIN*

GENESIS 1:1-3
“CAROLS OF HOPE AND LIGHT”

ISAIAH 40:3-5, ISAIAH 42:6
“LONGING FOR THE LIGHT”

ISAIAH 35:1-2
“AN ADVENT GARDEN”

ISAIAH 7:14, LUKE 1:26-33
"THE HOLY CHILD OF MARY"

ISAIAH 9:6, LUKE 2:1-7
"O WONDROUS NIGHT"

LUKE 2:8-14
"A CELTIC NOEL"

ISAIAH 60:1-3, MATTHEW 2:1-2
"CAROLS OF THE QUEST"

CLOSING PRAYER

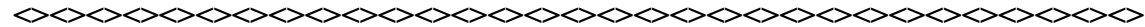
**HYMN #242 (UMH) "LOVE CAME DOWN AT CHRISTMAS"

**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 "CLASSICAL POSTLUDE" LORENZ

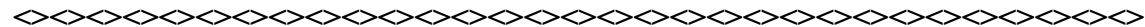


**Indicates the congregation should stand if able

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!

VIDEO OF TODAY'S SERVICE – Today's worship service is being videotaped and will be posted online by this evening. To see the video, go to the church website, elktonumc.org and click on the "Sermons" link and there you will see a link to the YouTube site for our sermons and services.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - Please come and support our Sunday School children as they present their Christmas program today at 9:45 a.m. in Weldin Hall. They've been working hard getting the program ready for us, and would love to see a roomful of smiling faces as they offer it!

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE THIS AFTERNOON – Our annual Blue Christmas service will take place this afternoon at 4 p.m. in our sanctuary. This service is designed for those who have experienced loss or are struggling during this Christmas season. It is a quiet, contemplative service, designed to last about 45 minutes.

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE AT ELKTON UMC!!

5:00 PM – Family Service
(stories and song, no sermon)

7:00 & 9:00 PM – Identical Festival Candlelight Services
Featuring music by the Chancel, Handbell and Men's Choirs
as well as organ and brass

10:00 – 10:30 PM – Silent Communion in the Sanctuary

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 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 Christmas Program
4:00 PM..... Blue Christmas Service
6:00 PM..... Youth Group
7:00 PM..... Elkton Town Band Concert (EHS Auditorium)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2018

6:00 PM..... Cub Scout Meeting (Weldin Hall)
7:00 PM..... Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Room 26)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018

6:30 PM..... Cub Scout Committee Meeting
6:30 PM..... Church and Society Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
7:00 PM..... Nar-Anon Meeting (Room 1)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2018

6:30 AM..... Men's Breakfast (Cracker Barrel)
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 20, 2018

12:30 PM..... Weight Watchers (Weldin Hall)
7:00 PM..... Boy Scout Committee Meeting (Chapel)
8:00 PM..... AA Meeting (Room 1)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2018

5:00 PM..... Youth Progressive Dinner

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Worship Leader: Bill Graham

Readers: 8:30 – Carolann Lewis 11:00 – Heidi Gaultney

Acolytes: 8:30 – Courtney Forman 11:00 – Alice Mackie

Greeters: 8:30 – Bethany Buckley 11:00 – Nancy Stubbs &
Alice Holland

Welcome Center:

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

Hospitality: 8:30 – Carolann Lewis &
Judy Pugh 11:00 – TBD

Hall Monitors: 8:30 – Tom White 11:00 – Helen Hanel

Nursery: 8:30 – Jack Kovicak 11:00 – Katie Sparks

Tech Team: 8:30 – Joe Buckley &
Rob Kovicak 11:00 – Gail and Rich Juergens

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 Jack Loomis by the Loomis 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.

PRAYER CONCERNS*

“Never stop praying, especially for others. Always pray by the power of the Spirit.
Stay alert and keep praying for God’s people.” Ephesians 6:18 CEV

Our Missionaries

Rev. Phil Godbey, Red Bird, KY

Our Pastors

Rev. Peggy Johnson, Bishop

Rev. Joe Archie, DS

Rev. Karen Bunnell

Rev. Ray Graham

Our Nation

President Trump, & All Leaders

Those serving in the military:

Aaron Baunchalk

Joe DeHaven

Shane Hatfield (friend of the
Pugh's)

Capt. Tim Johnson

Elizabeth Juergens

Eric Luppold

Garrett Mann

Joe Moore

Brandon Pearson

Robert Rakes

Jeremy Sanders

Zachary Schmook

Ethan Senn

Zachary Senn

Kyle Senn

Jeff Smith

Samantha Stapp (Nancy Leathrum’s
cousin)

William Henry Wright, Jr.

Matthew Yarrington (Wanda
Jackson’s son-in-law)

Jacob Zervas

Hospital

Nancy Clugston

Fran Vassalotti

Cathy Williams

Jennifer Slayman

Members and Friends

Cindy Abrams (12/16) (Ted & Deb
McDowell’s niece)

Ben Allen (12/16) (Nadine’s brother)

Les Andrews (12/9)

Enid Brumbley (12/16) Diane Mauk’s
Mother

Beth Camarra (12/9)

Vickie Cebula (12/16)

Beverly Cheeks (12/2)

Dottie Cochran (12/2)

Jaxon Davis (12/9)

Barbara Dean (12/2)

Ruth Dvorak (12/16) (Sonia Dulin’s
sister)

Marlene Gautsch (12/16)

Robyn Graham (12/16)

Charlotte Gruebel (12/16) (Rich’s
mother)

Sharon Halsey (12/9)

Brian Kirley (12/2)

Ken McCoy (12/16)

Ed McKeown (12/16)

Carrie Olewine (12/9)

Jane Arrants-Parrack (12/16)

Audrey Russell (12/16) (Lucille’s
mother-in-law)

Bennie Sharp (12/9)

Bob Shumate (12/16) (Ina Andrew’s
brother-in-law)

Cheri Stout (12/16) (Donna Perkins’
sister-in-law)

Mike VanDenHeuvel (12/16)

Wanda Webber (12/9)

Owen Wevadou (12/16)

Rodger Williams (12/2)

Connie Wilkinson (12/16)

Ken Wyerman (12/16) (Sue Ivey’s
father)

Abbey Manor

Mildred McCormick

Calvert Manor

Henry Jacobs

Jim Melvin

Laurelwood

Helen Meyers

Sympathy

To the family and friends of Jackie
McGuirek

To the family and friends of Duane
Arentzen

If you know that a church member is hospitalized or sick, so as to need
a pastor’s attention, please let the Church Office know.

**Names are listed for 4 weeks. After that, if you wish a name to remain,
please submit a white prayer card indicating that.**

December

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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2 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> Communion 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM Youth Group	3 11:00 AM Line Dancing 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Handbell Choir	4 2:30 PM Nursing Home Visitation (Nancy McCardell's Team) 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg. 7:00 PM CCCS Rehearsal	5 6:15 PM Communion 6:30 PM Men's Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	6 12:30 PM Weight Watchers 6:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Board of Laity (Parlor) 8:00 PM AA Meeting	7	8 9:00 AM Cookie Walk 
9 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 4:00 PM Cecil County Choral Society Winter Concert 6:00 PM Youth Group	10 6:00 PM Cub Scout Mtg. 7:00 PM Handbell Choir	11 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Cecil County Choral Society Board Meeting 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg.	12 10:30 AM Tele-Care Committee Meeting 12:00 PM Ruth-Sarah Circle Luncheon 2:00 PM Common Ground 6:15 PM Communion 6:30 PM Men's Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	13 January Newsletter Deadline 12:30 PM Weight Watchers 6:00 PM Dorcas Circle Meeting 8:00 PM AA Meeting	14 12:00 PM Community Blood Drive (WH) 6:30 PM Classic Christians' Potluck Dinner/Program	15 9:30 AM Charge Conference (WH)
16 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> Choir Cantata 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School Christmas Program 11:00 AM Worship Service 4:00 PM Blue Christmas Service 6:00 PM Youth Group	17 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Handbell Choir	18 6:30 PM Cub Scout Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg.	19 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast (Cracker Barrel) 6:15 PM Communion 6:30 PM Men's Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	20 12:30 PM Weight Watchers 7:00 PM Boy Scout Committee Meeting 8:00 PM AA Meeting	21 <i>First Day of Winter</i> 	22 5:00 PM Youth Progressive Dinner
23 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> Children's Time 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service	24 Christmas Eve Office Closed 5:00 PM Family Service 7:00 PM & 9:00 PM Candlelight Services 10:00 PM Communion	25 Merry Christmas! Office Closed 	26 Office Closed	27 12:30 PM Weight Watchers 8:00 PM AA Meeting	28	29
30 10:00 AM Worship Service	31					