

Elkton United Methodist Church
Sunday, December 23, 2018
Fourth 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 “LO, HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING”ARR. BY WEBER

SUNG RESPONSE #211 (UMH)..... “O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL” (stanza 4)

**O come, thou Root of Jesse’s tree; an ensign of thy people be;
before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: We seek a sign of the Lord our God.

People: From the depths of the earth to the heights of the heavens, let God’s sign be known to all.

Leader: A young woman shall give birth to peace, hope, and joy.

People: A young woman will give Love a name: Emmanuel – God with us.

**HYMN #213 (UMH) “LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES”

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

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

**Kindle the flame of love, 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)

O Holy One, who surrounds our lives with grace, we confess that our eyes are dull. Your presence in our lives takes us by surprise. We see only the outer signs: the baby, the feeding-place for cattle, the tired mother and father. Help us to know you, not only in the angels’ song, but in the ordinary happenings of our lives, that we may be channels of your grace in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

MUSICAL OFFERING ED MCKEOWN, SOLOIST

EPISTLE LESSON, ROMANS 8:22-28 (PAGE 158)

MUSICAL OFFERING – 8:30 ED MCKEOWN, SOLOIST
11:00..... “FOLLOW THE STAR” CHANCEL CHOIR

**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 “DO THE RIGHT THING”.....REV. KAREN F. BUNNELL

**HYMN #230 (UMH) “O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM”

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 (UMH) “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 “NOEL”DAQUIN

**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!**

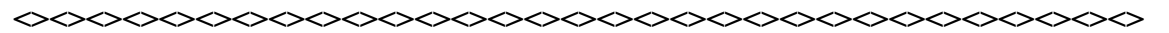
**HYMN #246 (UMH) “JOY TO THE WORLD”

**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 “WHEN THE SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST” ARR. BY BISH

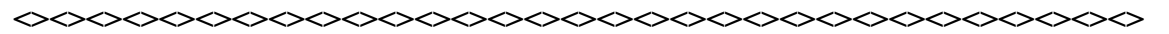


**Indicates the congregation should stand if able

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT COMMUNION – Communion will not be offered on December 26th and January 2nd.

ATTENTION ONLINE GIVERS! Don't forget that if you changed the amount you're giving from 2018 to 2019, you'll need to go to the church website, click on the online giving site, and follow the directions for changing the amount there. If you don't, Vanco will still follow the directions you gave for 2018. Questions? Call the church office.

THANK YOU!! - Millie Jones and Kathy Kiethley extend a very special Thank You to all that supported the Angel Tree again this year. This year, we were able to help 25 children hopefully have a brighter Christmas.

NEXT SUNDAY AT EUMC – Next Sunday, December 30th, we'll have one combined service at 10 a.m. Come and worship with your brothers and sisters from “the other” congregation!

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 23, 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)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2018 - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

5:00 PM..... Family Service
7:00 PM & 9:00 PM..... Candlelight Service
10:00 PM..... Silent Communion in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2018 - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2018 - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2018

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

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Worship Leader:	Judy Pugh	
Readers:	8:30 – Romie Jones	11:00 – Larry Gaultney
Acolytes:	8:30 – Lauren Zimmer	11:00 – Sienna Graham
Greeters:	8:30 – Wendy Eller	11:00 – Mary Mackie & Betty McCarthy
Hospitality:	8:30 – Grace Achuff & Lea Gochnauer	11:00 – Sarah Schmook & Dianne Thompson
Hall Monitors:	8:30 – Deb & Ted McDowell	11:00 – Carol Robinson
Nursery:	8:30 – Jack Kovicak	11:00 – TBD
Tech Team:	8:30 – Jamie & Paige Laning	11:00 – Roger Robinson & 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 Tina Osterbo and Danny Severance, daughter and grandson of Maryann and Wayne Scholz, who crafted the vases in their honor.

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

Members and Friends

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

Ben Allen (12/16) (Nadine’s brother)

Don Andrews (12/16)

Les Andrews (12/9)

Donna Baker (12/16)

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

Beth Camarra (12/9)

Vickie Cebula (12/16)

Beverly Cheeks (12/2)

Nancy Clugston (12/16)

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)

Liz Herr (12/16) (Dick Gohnauer’s
niece)

Brian Kirley (12/2)

Ken McCoy (12!6)

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)

Cathy Williams (12/16)

Rodger Williams (12/2)

Connie Wilkinson (12/16)

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

Julie Widdoes

Abbev Manor

Mildred McCormick

Calvert Manor

Henry Jacobs

Jim Melvin

Laurelwood

Helen Meyers

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.**

January

2019

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1 New Year's Day! Office Closed 	2 9:00 AM AARP Training 6:15 PM Communion 6:30 PM Men's Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	3 12:30 PM Weight Watchers 7:00 PM Board of Laity 8:00 PM AA Meeting	4 9:00 AM AARP Training	5
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