



Joy

HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED...
THE MIGHTY GOD.

ISAIAH 9:6

Elkton United Methodist Church
Sunday, December 15, 2019
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 AND WELCOME

TIME OF CENTERING PRAYER

PRELUDE “COME, SAVIOR OF THE GENTILES”¹ EDITED BY JOHN WESTON

CHORAL INTROIT “PREPARE THE WAY O ZION”¹ FRANS MIKAEL FRANZEN

****CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

Leader: Last Sunday we lit the candle of Hope, remembering the hope which comes in Christ, and we lit the candle of Peace, remembering God’s dream of a peaceful world.

(The acolyte lights two purple candles.)

People: Today we light the third candle of Advent, the candle of Joy.

Leader: In Advent, we are in a time of waiting. Like the Israelites who wandered through the wilderness, waiting to come into the promised land, we wait for the coming of the Joy of Ages. We wait for the day where we can join our voices with the angels to sing “Joy to the World, the Lord is come!” We wait for the day when everlasting joy will be on each of us.

People: We light this candle with Joy!

(The acolyte lights the pink candle.)

All: On this day, we remember the Spirit who breathes joy into our lives.

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

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.....PAUL HUMPHREY, SAXOPHONE

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

****GOSPEL LESSON, LUKE 1:26-33 (page 56-57)**

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

****RESPONSE #204 (UMH)..... "EMMANUEL, EMMANUEL"**

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

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..... "THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME"¹..... ARR. BY H. HOPSON

****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 – “SONGS FOR THE ADVENT JOURNEY”

“Light in the Heart of Winter”

(Words by Nancy Middlemas, Music by Lloyd Larson)

“Every Valley”

(Words and Music by Joseph Martin)

“My Soul Glorifies the Lord”

(Words and Music by David Foley)

“Waiting”

(Words and Music by Ruth Elaine Schram)

“Is There Room in Your Heart for a King?”

(Words by Pamela Stewart, Music by Mark Hayes)

“Joy of Longing Hearts”

(Words by Charles Wesley, Choral Setting by Mary McDonald)

CLOSING PRAYER

**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 “TOCCATA IN C MAJOR”¹ EDITED BY H. HOPSON



****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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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
Rev. Carlos Reyes-Rodriguez

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:
Joe DeHaven
Randy Fisher (Phyllis Bixler’s
cousin’s husband)
Shane Hatfield (friend of the
Pugh’s)
William Hawkins (MacDonalds’
grandson)
Capt. Tim Johnson
Elizabeth Juergens
Garrett Mann
Joe Moore
Brandon Pearson
Jeremy Sanders
Zachary Schmook
Ethan Senn
Zachary Senn
Kyle Senn
Jeff Smith
Samantha Stapp (Nancy
Leathrum’s cousin)
Thomas Walmsley (Carolann
Lewis’ grandson)
William Henry Wright, Jr.
Matthew Yarrington (Wanda
Jackson’s son-in-law)
Jacob Zervas

Hospital

Kameron Salamon (Nadine Allen’s
great-grandson)
Bill Mackie

Members and Friends

Terri Allen (12/1)
Les Andrews (12/1)
Melissa Bondi (12/1) (Gretchen
Ginder’s sister)
Peg Bunnell (12/1)
Beth Camarra (12/1)
Vickie Cebula (12/1)
Mildred Chinski (12/1)
Virginia Davis (12/15) (Grace
Achuff’s mother)
Sadie Detweiler (12/15)
Nancy Draper (12/1)
Irene Dunlap (12/15)
Ruth Dvorak (12/1) (Sonia Dulin’s
Sister)
Kim Ernst (12/15)
Todd Foucek (12/1)
Finley Freedman (12/1)
Scott Gallen (12/1) (Faith Seltzer’s
son)
Marlene Gautsch (12/1)
Cathy Haley (12/1)
Josh Hamilton (12/15)
Muff Hurst (12/15)
Ryan Kosinski (12/8)
Bob Johnson (11/17)
Mary Mackie (11/24)
Lisa Malin (11/24)
Ken McCoy (12/1)
Alyse McKeown (11/17)
Ed McKeown (12/1)
Al Morgan (12/1)
Diana Morgan-Klusak (12/1)
Bill Osburn (12/1)
Jane Arrants-Parrack (12/1)
Gail Piazza (12/1)
Patty Roadcap (12/1)
Tom Runyon (12/15) (Neta’s son)

Frances Schneider (12/1)
Wayne Scholz (12/1)
Jay Sexton (12/1)
Stos Sfinas (12/1)
Robert Shumate (12/15) (Ina
Andrews’ brother-in-law)
Carol Sise (12/1)
Claire Sneeringer (11/17) (Andrea
Funke’s niece)
Joyce Stansfield (11/17)
Mike VanDenHeuvel (12/1)
Bob Waddington (12/15)
Lance Waltzer (12/1)
Owen Wevadou (12/1)
Ann Whitt (12/1)
Denise Willhelm (12/1)
Carolyn Williams (12/8) (Murray
Thompson’s sister)
Rodger Williams (12/8) Murray
Thompson’s nephew)
Ken Wyerman (12/1) (Sue Ivey’s
father)

Abbey Manor

Jane Cebula

Calvert Manor

Henry Jacobs
Marge Jacobs
Jim Melvin

Sympathy

To the family and friends of
Mildred McCormick

To Sharon Slayman and family on
the death of her sister Winona

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.**

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Worship Leader:	Mike Schmook	
Acolytes:	8:30 – Ryan Zimmer	11:00 – Kaitlyn Czarnecki
Greeters:	8:30 – Debbie & Ted McDowell	11:00 – Bret & Kelly Eddinger
Welcome Center:	8:30 – Lorraine Dryden Jones	11:00 – Allene Rittenhouse
Hospitality:	8:30 – Judy Pugh & Mabel Gary	11:00 – Eddinger Family
Hall Monitors:	8:30 – Debbie & Ted McDowell	11:00 – Barb & Sonny Tenney
Nursery:	8:30 – TBD	11:00 – TBD
Tech Team:	8:30 – Joe Buckley & Jack Kovicak	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, Christina Dant, Gregory Dant, Robert Mitchell, Michael Schmook, Ray Whiteoak

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in memory of Jack Loomis, given by Ruth Loomis.

FLOWERS ON THE ORGAN are in memory of Sandra Hampton John, given by Terry VanDenHeuvel.

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.

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 - Video of the service is now posted on-line. To see a video, go to the church website, elktonumc.org, and click on the "Sermons" link and there you will see a link to our You Tube Channel where you can watch the entire service each week.

COOKIE WALK THANKS! Many, many thanks to all who made yesterday's UMW Cookie Walk such a success! Thanks to all of the bakers, UMW members who worked so hard, and all who came to buy the delicious cookies!

MONTHLY MEN'S BREAKFAST – The December Men's Breakfast will take place this coming Wednesday, the 18th at 7:30 am at Cracker Barrel. All men of the church are invited and encouraged to attend. No need to sign up ahead of time, just show up and enjoy the food, fellowship and fun!

CLASSIC CHRISTIANS' CHRISTMAS GATHERING – The Classic Christians (age 50 and over) will gather together this coming Friday evening, the 20th at 6:30 pm for their December meeting. The night will start with a potluck dinner in Weldin Hall (bring a dish to share, please!) and continue on in a night of Christmas fellowship and fun. There will be a gift exchange – and details about that can be found on a sheet on the counter across from the Welcome Center.

ROTATING HOMELESS SHELTER - Our church will be teaming up with the Cecilton UMC parish to provide the shelter the week of January 20-26th. If you'd like to help by serving as a host/hostess, doing intake work, making a meal or staying overnight, please sign up on the form on the Missions bulletin board downstairs in the hospitality area. For more information, see Heidi or Larry Gaultney.

WOMEN'S RETREAT - Just a reminder to all who are taking part in the Women's Retreat that your final installment payment is now due. Also, there are a few spots left if you still haven't registered for the retreat. Brochures about it are available on the Welcome Center downstairs.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2020 – If you give your offering using the offering envelopes, you can pick up your 2020 envelopes this morning. They are downstairs, on the counter across from the Welcome Center. If you cannot find yours, please contact the church office at 410-398-0933 and we'll take care of it.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019

- 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM Worship Services
- 8:30 AM-12:30 PM..... Child Care/Nursery Birth through Kindergarten (Room 24)
- 9:45 AM..... Sunday School (all ages)
- 12:00 PM..... Youth Group
- 7:00 PM..... Elkton Town Band Concert (EHS Auditorium)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019

- 6:00 PM..... Cecil County Choral Society Board Meeting (Weldin Hall)
- 6:30 PM Cub Scout Committee Meeting (Chapel)
- 7:00 PM..... Cecil County Choral Society Rehearsal (Weldin Hall)
- 7:00 PM..... Nar-Anon Meeting (Room 1)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2019

- 7:30 AM..... Men's Breakfast (Cracker Barrel)
- 6:15 PM..... Communion (Chapel)
- 6:30 PM..... Men's Choir
- 7:00 PM..... Chancel Choir
- 7:00 PM..... Boy Scout Troop Meeting (Weldin Hall)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2019

- 12:00 PM Weight Watchers
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Committee Meeting (Chapel)
- 8:00 PM AA (Room 1)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2019

- 6:30 PM Classic Christians' Dinner & Meeting (Weldin Hall)

LOOKING AHEAD

- Sunday, December 22nd – Children's Christmas Program, 9:45 am, Weldin Hall
Blue Christmas Service in the Sanctuary, 4 pm
- Tuesday, December 24th – Christmas Eve Services
5 pm – Family Service (Stories and songs, no sermon)
7 & 9 pm – Identical Candlelight Services
10 – 10:30 pm – Silent Communion
- Sunday, December 29th – ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10 AM

“The Christmas Story”



Come watch the annual
children's Christmas pageant!
Sunday December 22, 2019
10am
Weldin Hall



***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 for \$11.50, or by giving a monetary gift to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

All gifts will be listed in a special bulletin insert for our Christmas Eve services.

The last day to order will be Sunday, December 15th.

*****If you are ordering a poinsettia and making a donation to UMCOR, please make separate payments!! Thank you!***

Your Name _____

In Memory of _____

Or In Honor of _____

Amount attached: \$ _____ Check #: _____

Envelope/Online #: _____

Poinsettia _____ or UMCOR Donation _____

***Make checks payable to Elkton UMC and write
"poinsettia" or "UMCOR" on the memo line.***

Please place in the offering plate or drop it by the church office.

December 2019

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 Communion 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Youth Group	2 1:30 PM JC Play Group 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Handbell Choir	3 2:30 PM Nursing Home Visitation (Nancy McCardell's Team) 7:00 PM CCCS Rehearsal 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg	4 6:00 PM God & Me - Scouts 6:15 PM Communion 6:30 PM Men's Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	5 12:00 PM Weight Watchers 6:30 PM Administrative Council Mtg 7:00 PM Board of Laity 8:00 PM AA Meeting	6	7
8 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Youth Group 4:00 PM CCCS Concert	9 1:30 PM JC Play Group 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Handbell Choir	10 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM CCCS Rehearsal 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg	11 10:30 AM Tele-Care Mtg 12:00 PM Ruth-Sarah 6:15 PM Communion 6:30 PM Men's Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	12 12:00 PM Weight Watchers 6:30 PM Dorcas Circle 8:00 PM AA Meeting	13 January Newsletter Deadline	14 9:00 AM Cookie Walk 
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