

Fourth Sunday
of Advent

December
20
2020

10:30 am

Memorial United Methodist Church

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MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Poolesville, MD



Thank you for coming together in worship this morning. As we gather, take time to relax and prepare your heart to listen for God through today's time of prayer, song, and scripture study. As you participate with heart and/or voice, the words will be displayed on your screen for your convenience.

UMH=United Methodist Hymnal.; TFWS=The Faith We Sing.

WORSHIP SERVICE - December 20, 2020

MESSAGE - *Nothing is Impossible with God* SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:26-38

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Now is the time of watching and waiting.

PEOPLE: **The time of pregnant expectation of new life.**

LEADER: Now is the season of hope unfolding.

PEOPLE: **The dark winter season when hope is waiting to be born.**

LEADER: Let us come before God with receptive and willing spirits.

PEOPLE: **May our souls magnify God's name and may our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!**

ALL: **Rejoice! God comes to bring the birthday of life and hope. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE - *Waiting on the Threshold*

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE FOR AFTER CANDLE IS LIT

**O Come, O Come, thou Root of Jesse's tree; An ensign of thy people be
Before thee rulers silent fall; All people on thy mercy call.**

Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel; Shall come to thee, O Israel.



MUSIC

SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i> (Bell Choir)	by Prichard/Arnold
PRE-SERVICE	<i>The Angel Gabriel</i> <i>Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne</i>	by Robert Lau by Matthews/McDonald
PRELUDE	<i>What Child is This</i> (Piano Duet)	by Mark Hayes
HYMNS	<i>My Soul Gives Glory to my God</i> <i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear</i>	UMH 198 UMH 218
POSTLUDE	<i>The First Noel</i>	by Mary McDonald

WORSHIP SERVICE CONTRIBUTORS

PASTOR:	Rev. Timothy A. Dowell	WORSHIP ASST: Sandy Parnell-Dowell
ORGAN/PIANO:	Linda Custer, Janet Hartz	COMMUNION: Bob and Janet Spiker
READERS:	Sandi Baggett, Priscilla Lyon, Bob Spiker	
VOCALIST:	Sandi Baggett, Laura Blauch, Link Hoewing, Wendy Huff	
BELL RINGERS:	Becky Smalley, Brenda Boulter, Priscilla Lyon, Beth Parker, Kaitlyn Schramm, Kevin, Schramm, Corrine Selby	
AUDIO/VIDIO:	David Melton, Tim Melton, Kevin Schramm	

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

SUN - DEC 20 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:30 - 10 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	Adult Sunday School - Zoom ADVENT Child & Youth Sunday School - Zoom Worship Service - In-Person & YouTube
WED - DEC 23	2 - 3 pm	Saval Community Food Distribution - Parking Lot
THU - DEC 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	4 - 5 pm	Christmas Eve Worship Service - In-Person & YouTube
FRI - DEC 25 <i>Christmas</i>		
SUN - DEC 27 <i>First Sunday after Christmas</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:30 - 10 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	Adult Sunday School - Zoom Youth Sunday School - Zoom Worship Service - In-Person & YouTube
MON - DEC 28	All Day	Office Closed
TUE - DEC 29	All Day	Office Closed
WED - DEC 30	All Day 2 - 3 pm	Office Closed Saval Community Food Distribution - Parking Lot
THU - DEC 31	All Day 7 - 8 pm	Office Closed Review/Preview with Pastor Tim - Canceled
FRI - JAN 1 <i>New Year's Day</i>		
SUN - JAN 3 <i>Second Sunday after Christmas</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:30 - 10 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	Adult Sunday School - Zoom Youth Sunday School - Zoom Worship Service - In-Person & YouTube

UPCOMING READER SCHEDULE

DATE	DEC 24	DEC 27	JAN 3	JAN 10
ADVENT READERS	Andrew Lewis Kirsten Lewis	N/A	N/A	N/A
LITURGIST	Sandi Baggett	Betty Jean Selby	Pam Flick	Sandi Baggett
ACOLTYE	Samantha B.			

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun., Dec 20 - **DEUTERONOMY 7:7-9** *A Daughter's Gift*
 Mon., Dec 21 - **ROMANS 12:1-8** *Working Together*
 Tue., Dec 22 - **PSALM 62:1-12** *A Much-Needed Gift*
 Wed., Dec 23 - **ISAIAH 43:14-21** *Christmas Blessings*
 Thu., Dec 24 - **JOHN 1:5-18** *The Miracle of Christmas*
 Fri., Dec 25 - **LUKE 2:1-7** *A New Perspective*
 Sat., Dec 26 - **MATTHEW 14:28-33** *Refuge in the Storm*

Visit www.upperroom.com for more information.

MEMORIAL'S PURPOSE



CHURCH GIVING

AVERAGE WEEKLY GIVING (last 8 weeks)
\$5,325.25

WEEKLY BUDGET GOALS
\$5,770

WAYS TO GIVE:

- **MAIL** to Memorial's PO Box 358
- **DROP** in Memorial's secured mailbox next to entrance
- **ELECTRONICALLY** via PMUMC.org

OFFICE INFORMATION

COORDINATOR HOURS
Monday-Friday, 9am-Noon

APPOINTMENTS WITH THE PASTOR
To schedule, please contact the office at 301-349-2010, office@pmumc.org, or visit www.pmumc.org

PHONE MESSAGES
Messages for Shirley and Pastor Tim are sent to their email accounts.

EMERGENCIES
For immediate pastoral care, please email Pastor Tim at PastorTim@PMUMC.org

CHURCH PERSONNEL

PASTOR - Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

CHURCH COORDINATOR
Shirley Prasada-Rao

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC - Janet Hartz

ORGANIST - Linda Custer

BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR - Becky Smalley

HEAD USHER - Dr. Robert Spiker

HEAD ACOLYTES
Charlotte Selby and Rachel Smalley

CUSTODIAN - Pecoe Fleming

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial's Child/Youth Sunday School presents...

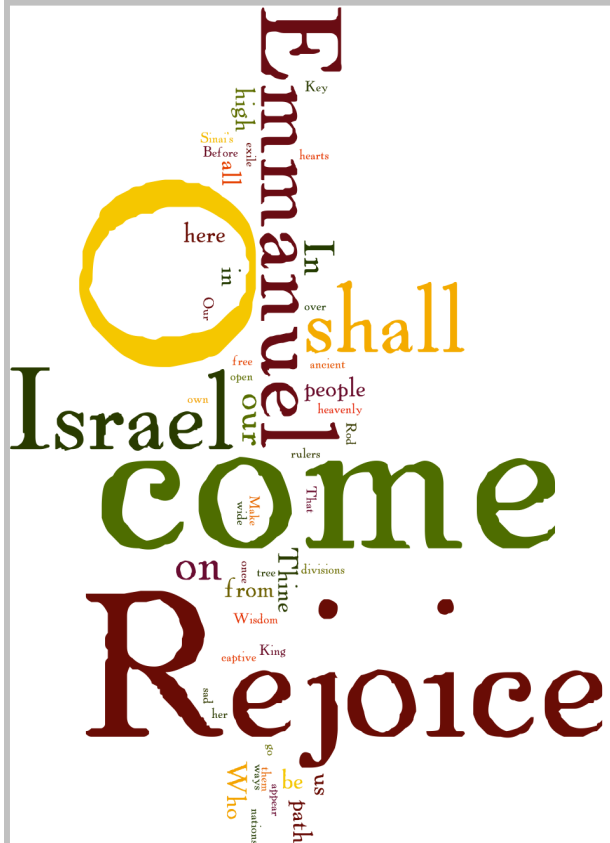
Boxes of LOVE!



EVERYONE is encouraged to take one!

Boxes of all shapes and sizes will be filled with LOVE and wrapped for ALL to take home. Whenever you look at your beautifully wrapped "gift" you will be reminded that God loves you!

Boxes are available for pick-up next to the dropbox by the Main Door of the church.



Advent and Christmas Display

an opportunity for reflection and meditation

As we prepare for the birth of our Lord and Savior, a progressive display will be in the sanctuary throughout Advent and Christmas.

In-Person - You may visit the sanctuary 10-10:30 and 11:30-11:45 am on Sundays during Advent, or from 3:15-4 pm on Christmas Eve.

Virtually - An updated pictures of the display will be available on Sundays before and after services from 10-10:15 and 11:30-11:45am on our YouTube channel.

*“though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be like snow”
Isaiah 1:18*



The red drape represents our sins and the snowflakes forgiveness.

We pray this display will bless each of you.

Board of Child Care
“BCC”

Red Stocking Offering

For many, the Board of Child Care Red Stocking is a part of your holiday tradition. Whether this was filling a card of coins, or an envelope in the back of a pew, seeing the red stockings meant that the Holidays were here. We are continuing this tradition for 2020. Pick up your stocking to fill in the back of the Fellowship Hall or visit www.BoardOfChildCare.org/donate/Christmas for additional options.



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CONNECT



CHALLENGE

Our new Connect Challenge is to reach out to someone that you LOVE

Have fun with this new challenge or return to a former challenge engaging with someone new. Some of our previous challenges were to reach out to someone...

- you haven't seen since March
- that typically sits near you in church
- whose last name starts with the same letter as yours
- you talked to at a community dinner
- you are THANKFUL FOR; or gives you HOPE or PEACE or JOY

These connections can be done by phone call or text, a porch visit, dropping off goodies (garden vegetables, flowers, sweets), or sending the time-less note. If you need a phone number or address, contact the church office at office@pmumc.org or 301-349-2010.

Have fun bringing joy to others and yourself!

Send requests to
prayers@pmumc.org
PRAYER REQUESTS
We are here to pray for you!



Gather for Worship
Sundays at 10:30 am



Most of Memorial's Small Groups will remain online.

If you are part of a group of 5 or less you may opt to hold your meeting in the church building while maintaining all proper social distancing protocol. To connect with a group email...

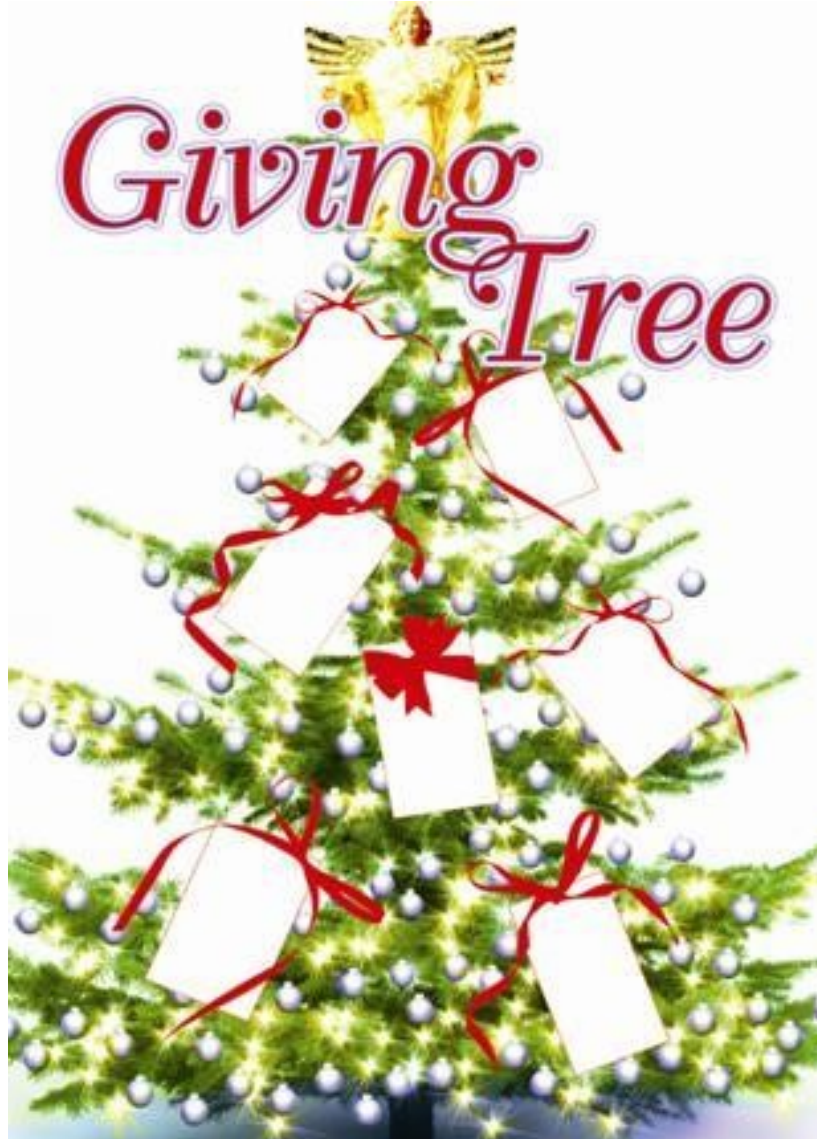
- **Worship Service** - visit www.PMUMC.org for instructions
- **Adult Sunday School** - contact Fred Lyon at cfredlyon@gmail.com
- **Youth Sunday School/VBS** - contact Betty King at bking21710@gmail.com
- **Church Council Meeting** - contact Scott McGrew at scott.mcgrew@aol.com
- **Youth Group** - contact Pastor Tim at pastortim@pmumc.org or Betty King at bking21710@gmail.com
- **Trustees Meeting** - contact Gary Hartz at gjalaska@verizon.net
- **Review/Preview with Pastor Tim** - contact Pastor Tim at pastortim@pmumc.org
- **Men's Group** - contact Ray Hoewing at RLHoewing@gmail.com

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The Giving Tree -

THANK YOU for all the generosity that was shared with the families we are lifting up this Christmas!!!

If you pledged a gift and haven't dropped it off at the church yet—please do so by Sunday, December 20th at noon. If you've run into any problems, please give Shirley a call on her cell, 301-760-6542 or email the office at office@pmumc.org.



FROM BALT/WASH CONFERENCE

pray

Lift up your Hearts:

A weekly prayer for the Baltimore-Washington Conference from the Appointive Cabinet.

Loving and Ever-present God,

Our souls magnify the Lord!

Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

Though this season of expectant waiting is filled with darkness pressing against the light of your love, our souls magnify the Lord.

Though illness and death have visited far too many homes and shattered countless hearts, our souls magnify the Lord.

Though we traverse this wilderness of uncertainty and disruption for what feels like an eternity, our souls magnify the Lord.

Though we have yet to embrace family and friends in this season of distancing and our hearts yearn for their presence, our souls magnify the Lord.

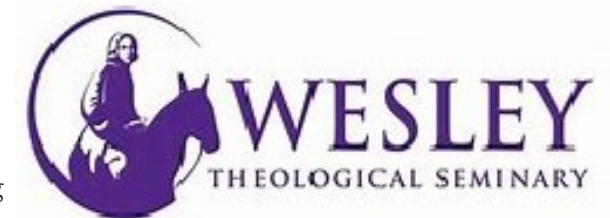
Though many hunger for succor, our souls magnify the Lord.

Because you have planted seeds of hope in the heart of all created beings;
because you have birthed within creation a power that cannot be conquered;
because you are present in all of our suffering and promise blessing to your faithful;
because you love us with an everlasting love,
our souls magnify you, O Lord, and await your presence, anew. Amen.

Online courses at Wesley:

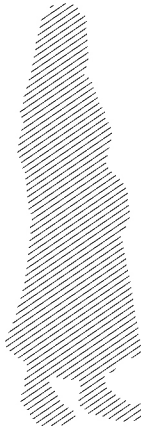
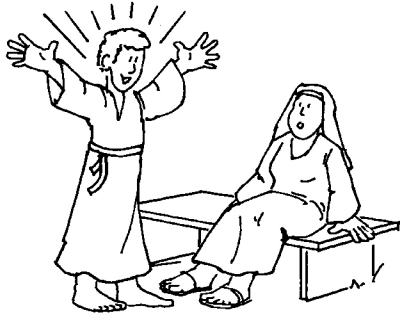
We are all looking forward to the end of 2020... why not launch 2021 with taking an online class at Wesley Theological Seminary? For information whether it's your first class ever, continuing a degree or certificate program, or taking a continuing education class call (202)885-8659 or go to

<https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/admissions/try-a-class-2/>.



Mary believed the angel's words.
She said, "I am the Lord's servant."

Match the shadows.



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An Angel Visits Mary

God sent the angel Gabriel to Mary.

Add these items to the picture.

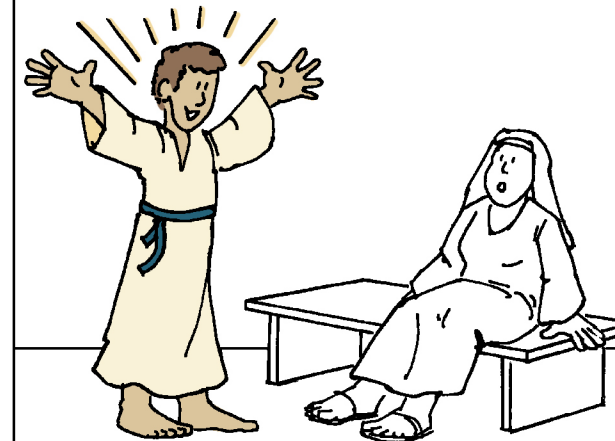
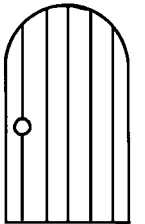


a
window



a vase

a
door



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Mary was afraid.
The angel said Mary would have a baby.
Her baby would be the Son of God.
She would name the baby Jesus.

Circle the 2 that are alike in each row.

angel ANGEL angel

MARY Mary Mary

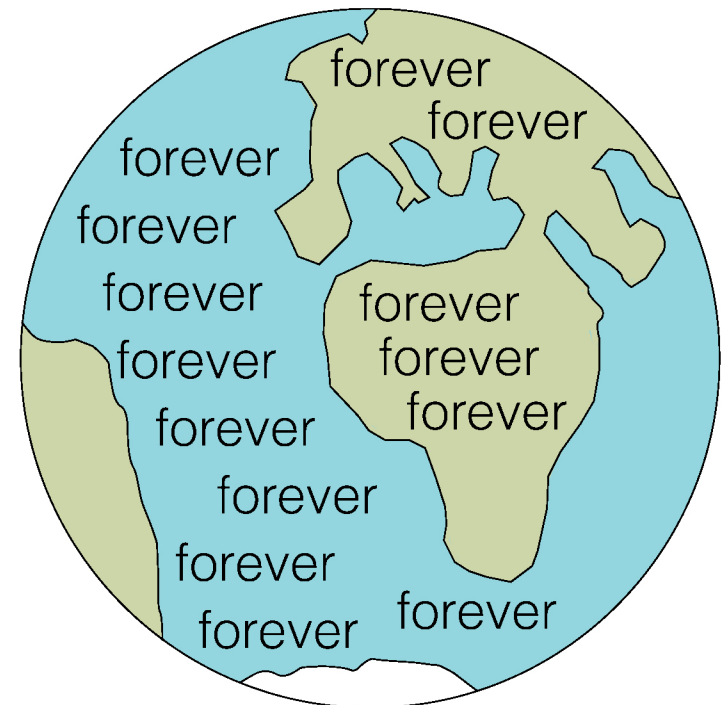
Son Son SON
of of OF
God God GOD

Jesus JESUS Jesus

The angel told Mary that ...

Trace the words.
Count the word "forever". How many? 13 or 14 ?

Jesus'
kingdom
will last ...





The angel left Mary with an important message. What was it?

Solve the math problems to fill in the blanks below.
Then use the code to fill in the blanks.

$2 + 2 = \underline{\quad} = \heartsuit$	$9 + 7 = \underline{\quad} = \star$	$7 + 2 = \underline{\quad} = \bullet$
$13 - 3 = \underline{\quad} = \heartsuit$	$11 - 3 = \underline{\quad} = \star$	$3 - 2 = \underline{\quad} = \textcircled{\text{H}}$
$8 - 5 = \underline{\quad} = \heartsuit$	$6 + 5 = \underline{\quad} = \star$	$16 - 4 = \underline{\quad} = \textcircled{\text{H}}$
$4 + 3 = \underline{\quad} = \heartsuit$	$9 - 3 = \underline{\quad} = \star$	$3 + 2 = \underline{\quad} = \textcircled{\text{H}}$
$9 + 6 = \underline{\quad} = \heartsuit$	$19 - 6 = \underline{\quad} = \textcircled{\quad}$	$9 + 5 = \underline{\quad} = \textcircled{\text{H}}$
$9 - 7 = \underline{\quad} = \star$		

CODE:

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|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| $\heartsuit = L$ | $\star = M$ | $\textcircled{\quad} = N$ | $\textcircled{\text{H}} = T$ |
| $\heartsuit = D$ | $\heartsuit = G$ | $\star = B$ | $\star = S$ |
| $\heartsuit = E$ | $\heartsuit = W$ | $\star = P$ | $\star = G$ |
| | | $\textcircled{\text{H}} = H$ | $\textcircled{\text{H}} = N$ |



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 14 5 12 1 9 13 6
 9 11
 9 8 16 5 11 11 9 2 15 10
 7 9 12 1 6 5 4
 ”

Ages 7+

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An Angel Visits Mary

God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth to speak to Mary. What did the angel say?

Fill in the missing puzzle pieces and read what the angel said.

1				
2				
3				
4				
	A	B	C	D

4,A		
2,A	1,B	3,D
3,C	2,D	3,B
4,B	1,D	3,A
2,B	1,C	4,C
4,D	2,C	1,A

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What happened next?

Find the underlined words in the word search below.

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God."

M	Q	J	F	O	U	N	D	K	U	I	P	K	E
S	N	Y	T	T	T	P	G	T	H	C	V	R	W
W	C	B	E	L	O	N	T	H	G	I	M	G	O
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L	O	J	W	K	W	A	J	V	M	V	R	O	D
F	N	D	V	M	A	R	Y	Q	W	A	S	U	H
M	P	V	Q	L	H	M	P	G	M	N	F	P	I

Then what happened?

Use this code to fill in the blanks.



F		= P	<i>pp</i> = O	= T	= A	= J
D		= I	# = Y	= L	= N	= W
B		<i>f</i> = V	= H	= S	= F	= U
G		<i>ff</i> = E	= M	= C	= D	= B
E		<i>r</i> = G	= R			

The angel said, “

	#	<i>pp</i>								
	<i>ff</i>									
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