



A special welcome to our guests. Your visit is a blessing to us, and we are glad you are here!
Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you.
Children of all ages are welcome in worship. If you prefer,
a nursery for infants through preschoolers is available in Room 5.

**Please stand in your heart or posture. UMH=United Methodist Hymnal.; TFWIS=The Faith We Sing.*

The Lord is with you. **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night Hayes/Wagner

* ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

(while the candle-lighters enter the congregation will sing...)
Come Thou Long Expected Jesus Kim Schmidt, Sam Lewis
UMH 196, verse 1

* OPENING HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel UMH 211

* OPENING PRAYER

When, O God, will the day of peace come? When will the nations stream to your holy mountain and beat their swords into plowshares? When will the long night of war and hatred, give way to the dawn of love, righteousness, and joy?

We are ready for the dawn, O God. Shine your light into our world, mighty One of peace. Illuminate the path, and give us the wisdom and courage to follow your light. We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

ANTHEM - MEN OF THE CHANCEL CHOIR

The Yearning Courtney/Boersma

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 13:11-14 Betty Jean Selby

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Matthew 24:36-44 Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

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REFLECTION/MESSAGE

Perpetual Preparation Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

* HYMN

I Want to be Ready UMH 722

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Offertory on 'Picardy' Gilbert Martin

DOXOLOGY

In the Bleak Midwinter UMH 221, verse 4

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Word and Table Service II UMH page 12

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Of the Father's Love Begotten UMH 184
We've a Story to Tell to the Nations UMH 569
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence UMH 626
My Soul Gives Glory to My God UMH 198

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

God Whose Love Is Reigning O'er Us UMH 100

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying Nicolai/Burkhardt

Selection of Readings Pertaining to Fellowship

Romans 13:11-14

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.



Matthew 24:36-44

³⁶ “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

*First Sunday
of Advent*

DECEMBER
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2019
AT
10:30AM

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Daily Scripture Readings

Sun., Dec 1 - **PSALM 130:5-8** *Anticipation*
 Mon., Dec 2 - **GENESIS 45:1-15** *A Beautiful Blessing*
 Tue., Dec 3 - **JOHN 8:1-11** *Unmerited Favor*
 Wed., Dec 4 - **2 SAMUEL 15:13-26** *Finding Rest*
 Thu., Dec 5 - **1 PETER 4:8-11** *Grandmother's Kitchen*
 Fri., Dec 6 - **EPHESIANS 1:15-23** *A Little Tweaking*
 Sat., Dec 7 - **GALATIANS 3:23-29** *Hornet's Nest*

Visit www.upperroom.com for more information.

Memorial's Purpose



Church Giving

AVERAGE WEEKLY GIVING
 (the last 8 weeks)
\$4,676.60

WEEKLY NEEDS
 (to meet budget)
\$5,770.00

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

People in need of immediate pastoral care,
 please contact 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 ACOLYTE - Emma Parker

CUSTODIAN - Pecoe Fleming

Thoughts/Prayers

A PRAYER FOR THE First Sunday of Advent

God of light and life,
 give us hope as we wait
 for your coming again.
 When we are tempted
 to be grateful to have found you
 while others are lost,
 send us out into the darkness
 in search of those
 who need you most.
 Amen.



Tidbit

Keep watch on the Visual Arts display at the cross in Spurrier Hall during the Advent Season. A progressive display is planned to take us visually from darkness to light through the four Sundays of Advent and Christmas Eve.


"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, on them has the light shined." (Matthew 4:16)


Upcoming Liturgist/Greeter Schedule


DATE	DECEMBER 8	DECEMBER 15	DECEMBER 22
LITURGIST	Betty Jean Selby	Erin Smeller	Brenda Boulter
GREETERS	Bob Bachman Kathy Kirschbaum	Jennifer Bowen Suzanne Shorts	Lori Kocur Steve Kocur

Upcoming Happenings


SUN - DEC 1 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	9:15 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am - 11:30 am 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Sunday School Worship Service Private Party
MON - DEC 2	4:30 pm - 6 pm 7 pm - 8 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Room 1 Reserved Small Group: Learn Spanish Bell Choir Rehearsal
TUE - DEC 3	7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 9 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Small Group: Aprender Inglés Zumba Class Men's Group Small Group: Grief Recovery
WED - DEC 4	5:30 pm - 7 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Community Dinner Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THU - DEC 5	7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 8 pm 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Small Group: Review/Preview with Pastor Tim Zumba Class Small Group: Judy's Covenant Group
FRI - DEC 6	6 pm - 9 pm	Poolesville Tree Lighting - Choir, Walking TACO, Bake Sale
SAT - DEC 7	12:30 pm - 4pm 6 pm - 8:30 pm	IIOF #97 Christmas Party for Senior Citizens Youth Group: Christmas Caroling at Asbury
SUN - DEC 8 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	9:15 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 1:45 pm 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Sunday School Worship Service Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon & Program Private Party
MON - DEC 9	7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 8:30 pm 7 pm - 9 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Small Group: Learn Spanish Room 4 Reserved Wesmond Townhouse Association Meeting Bell Choir Rehearsal
TUE - DEC 10	7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 9 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Small Group: Aprender Inglés Zumba Class Church Council Meeting Small Group: Grief Recovery
WED - DEC 11	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Membership Committee Meeting Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THU - DEC 12	7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 9 pm 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Small Grp: Review/Preview with Pastor Tim Zumba Class IIOF #97 Meeting Small Grp: Judy's Covenant Group
FRI - DEC 13	12 pm - 8 pm	Live Nativity Prep
SAT - DEC 14	9 am - 10 am 10 am - 6pm 6 pm - 8 pm	Backpack Bites Bag Packing @ Poolesville Presbyterian Church Live Nativity Prep Live Nativity - OPEN to ALL


Memorial's COMMUNITY DINNER - Wed., Dec 4 from 5:30-7pm 
Honey-Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert (GF & Vegetarian options available). HELP IS NEEDED before, during, and after the meal. If you can't help, please come enjoy!!! To help or ask questions *contact Lori Kocur at kocurs@verizon.net.*

Memorial at Poolesville TREE LIGHTING - Friday, Dec 6th 
Chancel Choir is sharing their gift of music in the Bandshell at 7:45 pm. Walking TACOs will be sold as well as a Bake Sale in Whalen Commons, 6-7:30pm. WANT TO HELP? Please *contact Dianna McGrew at mdmgregws@aol.com* if you can donate hamburger or help set-up the tent and tables starting at 3:30 pm on the 6th. Please *contact Cindy Heivilin at cheivilin@comcast.net* to donate homemade baked goods.

 **Pot Luck LUNCHEON & CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - Dec 8th**
Donations of case-size, copy-paper boxes are needed (the ones with the separate lids). Please bring a casserole and/or side to share. Enjoy watching Memorial's children share the true meaning of Christmas. To help *contact Betty King at bking21710@gmail.com*

 Memorial's **Angel Tree** with tags for gifts for neighbors that could use a little lift in spirit this holiday season. The tags will be available Sun., Dec. 8th and it is being requested the gifts be returned the following Sun. - Dec. 15th. More details to follow.

Our church family is presenting the **LIVE NATIVITY - Sat., Dec. 14th from 6-8pm** to share the true meaning of Christmas with our community! We will be on our front lawn, and there are lots of opportunities for behind-the-scenes help with set-up, costumes, marketing, music, lighting, marketing, and refreshments. Also we need people to portray shepherds (with live animals), wise men, angels and the Holy Family. Sign-up before/after church in Spurrier Hall. All Middle School youth through adults are invited to share in this experience! Any questions *contact Ellie Bateman at EleanorGBateman@gmail.com* 

Let's Go Caroling! - Thur., Dec. 19th from 5:30-8pm. Help to spread some Christmas Joy by joining along in Christmas Caroling to some of our neighbors on Dec. 19th. We will start in Memorial's parking lot and then go to homes in the local area to sing a few songs before coming back to church to enjoy a warm treat. ***There will be an optional "practice" on Tue., Dec 17th at 7 pm in Room 8.*** 

Men's Group-
Tue, Dec 3rd, 7-9pm

Church Council
Tuesday, Dec 10th, 7-9pm

Membership Committee
Wed., Dec 11th, 6:30-7:30pm

Mark Your Calendars for a new Fellowship Time - Starting in January, we will return to "Coffee Hour" after worship on the 2nd Sunday each month with four different families working together to provide light refreshments for the congregation. To help one month, please *contact Kirsten Lewis at kir05@hotmail.com or 301-349-2750.* 