



*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 / PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE / THANKSGIVING

#### PRELUDE

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!* by Paul Laubengayer

#### ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* UMH 196, verse 1  
Candle Lighters The Smeller Family

#### \* OPENING HYMN

*O Little Town of Bethlehem* UMH 230

#### \* OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious and loving God: As Advent wanes and Christmas approaches, we give thanks for your willingness to step off your heavenly throne and humbly come along side us in the Holy One born of a virgin in Bethlehem. We give you thanks for coming to us as Holy Spirit to inspire and encourage us as we trust you in the trials of mortal life. We give you thanks for coming to us in order that we might finally come home to you, our creator, redeemer, and sustainer, at the end of the journey. We offer ourselves in thanksgiving, in Jesus' name, AMEN.**

#### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

#### OFFERTORY

*Mary, Did You Know?* by Lowry/Greene/Schrader

#### DOXOLOGY

*In the Bleak Midwinter* UMH 221, verse 4

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### SCRIPTURE READING

*Matthew 1:18-25*

Brenda Boulter

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### CANTATA

*Night of the Father's Love - The Awe and Mystery of God With Us*  
Arranged by Pepper Choplin - Narrated by Fred Lyon and Emma Parker

#### THE COMING OF THE LORD

Quoting *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* 12<sup>th</sup> Century

#### WAITING

#### ANGELS ARE MAKING THEIR ROUNDS

Words Based on *Matthew 1* and *Luke 1*

#### NIGHT OF THE FATHER'S LOVE

Music Based on *Divinum Mysterium* 11<sup>th</sup> Century  
Words based on *Aurelius Prudentius* 5<sup>th</sup> Century, Translated  
19<sup>th</sup> Century

#### THE SHEPHERDS' SONG

Words based on *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* Nathan Tate, 18<sup>th</sup> Century

#### SEEKING THE KING

Quoting *We Three Kings* John Henry Hopkins, Jr.

#### FALL ON YOUR KNEES

Quoting *O Holy Night* Adolphe Adam

#### CHRIST IS BORN, NOWELL!

#### SENDING FORTH

#### \*CLOSING HYMN

*O Come All Ye Faithful* UMH 234

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* by Mendelssohn/Page

***Matthew 1:18-25***

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

<sup>23</sup> “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” <sup>24</sup> When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup> but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

*Fourth Sunday  
of Advent*

DECEMBER  
22  
2019  
AT  
10:30AM

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## Daily Scripture Readings

Sun., Dec 22 - **MARK 10:13-16** *My Calling*  
 Mon., Dec 23 - **PSALM 56:3-11** *Large and Small*  
 Tue., Dec 24 - **2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-5** *To Be A Giver Again*  
 Wed., Dec 25 - **LUKE 2:1-14** *Christmas Day*  
 Thu., Dec 26 - **MATTHEW 1:1-17** *Family History*  
 Fri., Dec 27 - **PSALM 119:65-72** *God is Good*  
 Sat., Dec 28 - **MARK 16:1-8** *No Burden Too Heavy*

Visit [www.upperroom.com](http://www.upperroom.com) for more information.

## Memorial's Purpose



## Church Giving

**AVERAGE WEEKLY GIVING**  
 (the last 8 weeks)  
**\$4,762.31**

**WEEKLY BUDGET GOALS**  
**\$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](mailto:office@pmumc.org), or  
 visit [www.pmumc.org](http://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](mailto: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

### *Symbols of the Season*

*The Advent Wreath is circular and evergreen, signifying God's eternity and endless mercy without end. The four candles represent Jesus' light for a dark and sinful world and our call to reflect the light and grace of God in the world.*

*Colors of Advent Candles* The purple candle represents the penitent spirit. Some faith communities have replaced purple for blue (royalty) to distinguish Advent from the Lenten Season. The one pink or rose candle sometimes used to celebrate Gaudete Sunday (from the Latin word for "rejoice") symbolizes joy. One of the four candles is lit for each Sunday of Advent. In the center is one white candle called the Christ Candle. It is traditionally lit on Christmas Eve or Day.



## Upcoming Liturgist/Greeter Schedule

DATE	DECEMBER 29	JANUARY 5	JANUARY 12
LITURGIST	Dennis Minor	TBD	TBD
GREETERS	Link Hoewing Ray Hoewing	TBD	TBD

## Upcoming Happenings

<b>SUN - DEC 22</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	9:15 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am - 11:30 am 11:45 am - 1:45 pm	Sunday School Worship Service - Christmas Cantata Youth Group Meeting - CANCELLED
<b>MON - DEC 23</b>	12 pm 7 pm - 8 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Bulletin Deadline Small Group: Learn Spanish - CANCELLED Bell Choir Rehearsal - CANCELLED
<b>TUE - DEC 24</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i>	4 pm - 5 pm 8 pm - 9 pm	Christmas Eve Family Worship Service Christmas Eve Traditional Worship Service
<b>WED - DEC 25</b> <i>Christmas Day</i>	<b>Merry Christmas!</b> (Chancel Choir Rehearsal - CANCELLED)	
<b>THU - DEC 26</b>	7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 8 pm 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Small Grp: Review/Preview w/Pr. Tim-CANCELLED Zumba Class - CANCELLED Small Grp: Judy's Covenant Group - CANCELLED
<b>SAT - DEC 28</b>	3:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Frederick Rescue Mission
<b>SUN - DEC 29</b> <i>First Sunday of Christmas</i>	9:15 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am - 11:30 am	Sunday School Worship Service
<b>MON - DEC 30</b>	12 pm 7 pm - 8 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Bulletin Deadline Small Group: Learn Spanish - CANCELLED Bell Choir Rehearsal - CANCELLED
<b>TUE - DEC 31</b> <i>New Year's Eve</i>	7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 8 pm	Small Grp: Anprender Ingles ( <i>Learn English</i> ) - CANCELLED Zumba - CANCELLED
<b>WED - JAN 1</b> <i>New Year's Day</i>	<b>Happy New Year!</b> (Chancel Choir Rehearsal - CANCELLED)	
<b>THU - JAN 2</b>	7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 8 pm 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Small Grp: Review/Preview with Pastor Tim Zumba Class Small Grp: Judy's Covenant Group
<b>SAT - JAN 4</b>	10 am - 1 pm	The Friendly Thrift Shop Ministry
<b>SUN - JAN 5</b>	9:15 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am - 11:30 am	Sunday School Worship Service



**4pm - Family Worship** | **8 pm - Traditional Worship**  
*(Communion after Worship)* | *(Communion during Worship)*



We  
are so  
blessed  
to have such  
an incredible  
church family  
that come together  
throughout the year  
to help with so much!



- Community Dinners
  - Donations for WUMCO
  - Volunteering at Thrift Shop
  - Caroling and Gifts to Asbury
  - Donations and Serving at FRM
  - VBS, Parties, Potlucks, and Plays
  - Live Nativity
- and more!

**A big Thank You! to all supporting Memorial's activities and regular happenings: Clergy, Council, Trustees, Musicians, Visual Artists, Hospitality Providers, Christian Educators, Ushers, Acolytes, Bulletin Folders, Liturgists, Greeters, Compassionate Care-Givers, Small Group Leaders, EVERYONE!**

May we all feel the joy in giving of ourselves during this Advent & Christmas Season!

## Youth Opportunities

**Student Leader Cohort Retreat** - High school students are invited to attend the BWC's Student Leader Cohort retreat on Jan. 10-12 at West River Camp near Annapolis. This is a new approach to developing student leaders based upon interests. Open to all youth. Includes a small group time with a mentor. **Registration closes Dec. 27.** Learn more and save a spot -- go to <https://www.bwcumc.org/student-leader-cohort/>.

**BWC Scholarship Application** - The BWC awards scholarships to qualified students currently attending college along with high school seniors who plan to attend college in the fall. **The application process opens January 3 and closes March 5.** To be considered students must:

- complete the full online application
- provide contact information for their pastor and one additional church reference so they can submit info on student's church participation

Learn more and apply -- <https://www.bwcumc.org/administration/local-church-resources/scholarships/>.