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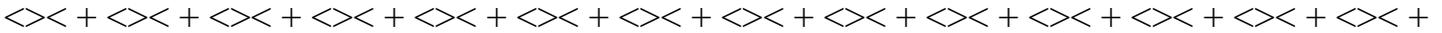
*“To all who mourn and need comfort,
to all who are tired and need rest,
to all who are lonely and need companionship,
to all who sin and need a Savior, and to all who will,
this church opens wide its doors.”*

1st Sunday of Advent

“Walk in the Light”

November 27, 2022

Isaiah 2:1-5; Roman 13:11-14; Psalm 122 (UMH 845); Matthew 14:36-44



Prelude

“Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

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Welcome, Announcements & Registration of Attendance

Good morning! I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I welcome you to our time of worship today. I welcome those who are present with us in the sanctuary as well as those worshipping online via our Facebook and YouTube pages. We welcome your feedback as we continue offering in person and online worship.

We are tracking our attendance, so thank you in advance to all who will let us know that you have watched or read our service this morning. Please email our Administrative Assistant at tappmethodist@gmail.com, with your attendance information.

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!!

* Opening Hymn

“Come, We That Love the Lord”

UMH # 732

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| <p>1. Come, we that love the Lord,
and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord,
and thus surround the throne.</p> <p>3. The hill of Zion yields
a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heavenly fields,
or walk the golden streets.</p> | <p>2. Let those refuse to sing
who never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King
may speak their joys abroad.</p> <p>4. Then let our songs abound,
and every tear be dry;
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high.</p> |
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* Call to Worship

Come, let's go together to God's mountain -
a mountain of God's glory and peace.

Let's prepare for Christ's arrival -
the birth of the Prince of Peace.

Come, let's worship the Spirit of love.
**Clothed in Christ's love,
we are ready to worship and pray.**

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* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Draw near to us, O God, even as we draw near to you. Open our hearts and our minds to your presence, and wake us up from the sleep and inattention holding us back. Prepare us to receive

your love, even as we prepare our lives to celebrate the joy of Christ's birth. In joyful hope, we pray. Amen.

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Prayer of Yearning

Even when we are tired, Lord, we long to awake to your presence. Even when we're distracted, we yearn to be held spellbound by your power. Even when we're lost and wander away from you, we hope to rest safely in the arms of your grace. Wake us from sleep, O God; reveal your love and mercy, and grant us the peace of your redemption. In humble gratitude, we pray. Amen.

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The Declaration of Pardon

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

That proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

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.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

The Minor Family

UP TO RESTORATION

Isaiah 2:1-5 & Psalm 122

Reader One: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" (Psalm 122:1 NRSV).

Reader Two: We are glad. Whether we drove in or climbed up, whether we logged on or tuned in. We are glad to be here in this community, with this family. It is a place of joyful hope, of radical welcome. It is a place where, together, we can wait in wondrous anticipation of the kingdom to come.

Reader One: “Many peoples shall come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God’s ways and that we may walk in Gods paths’” (Isaiah 2:3 NRSV).

Reader Two: We light this candle as a sign of our hope, our joyous hope that we can be restored – our faith restored, our strength restored, our confidence restored, our joy restored as we watch and wait with all God’s people for the promise to be fulfilled.



“Advent Song”

**Light the Advent Candle one, now the waiting has begun.
We have started on our way, time to think of Christmas Day.
Candle, Candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;
Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.**

Children’s Time

The Scripture Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

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2The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. 3Many peoples shall come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. 4He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. 5O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Romans 13:11-14

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11May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully 12giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. 15He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 16for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. 17He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. 19For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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**The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“O Worship the King”

Glory Ringers

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¹I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

**²Our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

³Jerusalem is built as a city
and is bound firmly together,
⁴to which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord,
as was decreed for Israel.

**⁵Thrones for judgment were set there,
the thrones of the house of David.**

⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
“**May they prosper who love you!**
**⁷Peace be within your walls,
and security within your towers!”**

⁸For the sake of my relatives and friends
I will say, “Peace be within you!”

**⁹For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek your good.**

* **The Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

* **Gospel**

Matthew 24:36-44

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

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This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Prayer before the Sermon

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight, O God our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

The Sermon

“Walk in the Light”

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

UMH # 213

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here!
2. Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.
3. Redeemer, come, with us abide;
our hearts to thee we open wide;
let us thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in us reveal.
4. Thy Holy Spirit lead us on
until our glorious goal is won;
eternal praise, eternal fame
be offered, Savior, to thy name!

*** Affirmation of Faith**

UMH # 883

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God:

**We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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*** Sharing of Our Joys & Concerns**

We want to continue to pray for the healing of the nations through this pandemic, and for all those impacted by: war – especially the people of Ukraine and Russia; natural disasters; and other catastrophic events. Remember those who have been in the hospital for treatments and surgeries, as well as for COVID 19. Remember those who are isolated with no one to interact with. Please continue to pray for: your prayer partners; our homebound folks; those in nursing, rehabilitative, and assisted living facilities; as well as for those on the front lines. Please let us know of other prayer concerns and needs.

Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

Please remember to keep your tithes and offerings current so that the ministries of our church can continue. You may mail them to P. O. Box 326, Tappahannock, VA 22560, use the E-Giving link available on our website www.tappahannockmethodist.org, or download our mobile app: Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement. Thank you for your continued support!

The Offertory

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

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*** Doxology**

UMH # 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*** Closing Hymn**

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

UMH # 203

1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.
2. He comes with succor speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
are precious in his sight.
3. He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth;
love, joy, and hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth.
Before him, on the mountains,
shall peace, the herald, go,
and righteousness, in fountains,
from hill to valley flow.
4. To him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.
The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand forever;
that name to us is love.

*** Benediction**

*** Postlude**

“Soon and Very Soon”

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Thank you for joining us in worship!

PRAYER LIST

Tri Blanks, Eddie Bliss, Alice Boyd, Priscilla Carter and husband, family of Carol Ann Dommissie, Olivia Egge, Brock & Tammy Fielder, family of Rick Foster, family of Melanie Greentree, Ronnie Harvey, Bill Hendricks, Josh Hodges, Rev. Steve Hundley, Rev. Barb & Alan Jacobs, family of Keith Jenkins, Jean Johnson, Tenley & Hailey and Robin & Bill Kuhnert, Vicky La Follette's cousin Teresa, Carolyn Lewis, family of Ethel Lewis, Jacob McGuckin, the Micklens family, the Mullins Family, Janet Murphy, Monica Newsham, family of Jackie Owens, Eleanor Rehm, Mary Lou Simpson, John & Debbie Snyder, Jackson Titmus, Brody Verlander, family of Ann Ritchie Ware, and the family of Bill Wilson. Inclusion & equality for the LGBTQ family & friends. All affected by critical weather and violence, everyone who struggles with drug addiction and alcoholism, those in peril, all missing persons, those who serve in the Armed Forces, students and educators, the people of Ukraine, Russia, and throughout Europe during this time of war, everyone around the world as we fight the spread of COVID-19, and the UMC during the upcoming separation and as the church moves forward.

MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS: SSGT Jonathan Simpson.

PRAYERS AND CARDS ARE WELCOME FOR THESE MEMBERS

Lee Black, Barbara Brooks, Jim Climaldi, Jean Edwards, Cecile Farmer,
Don and Carol Nicholas, Edna Parrish, Eleanor Rehm, and Jean Rhines.

** Please contact the office for the phone number or address for any of these members of our church family*

SERVICE AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Today:

Fellowship Hall Reserved All Day

10:00 am

1st Sunday of Advent

Worship w/Glory Ringers

11:15 am

Sunday School: In-person only

Tuesday:

6:30 pm

Choir Rehearsal: In-person only

Wednesday:

10:30 am

Wednesday Morning Group

Sunday, Dec 4:

Last Day to Order Poinsettias

8:30 am

RockFish Band Rehearsal

10:00 am

2nd Sunday of Advent

Worship w/ Glory Ringers

11:15 am

Sunday School: In-person only

4 - 7 pm

Tapp Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting

Tuesday, Dec 6:

No Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, Dec 7:

10:30 am

Wednesday Morning Group

Saturday, Dec 10:

11 am – 4 pm

Tappahannock Winterfest

Sunday, Dec 11:

4:00 pm

“Christmas Greatest Hits”: A musical service
benefiting the Essex High School Music Dept

Nov 27th – Dec 7th: Rev Barb is on vacation – Please direct all pastoral needs to Pastor Becca

All meetings are offered in-person and via Zoom unless stated otherwise.

***We seek to be the Disciples of Christ, welcoming all as we nurture
and support one another through service and outreach.***

Our facility is handicap accessible.

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