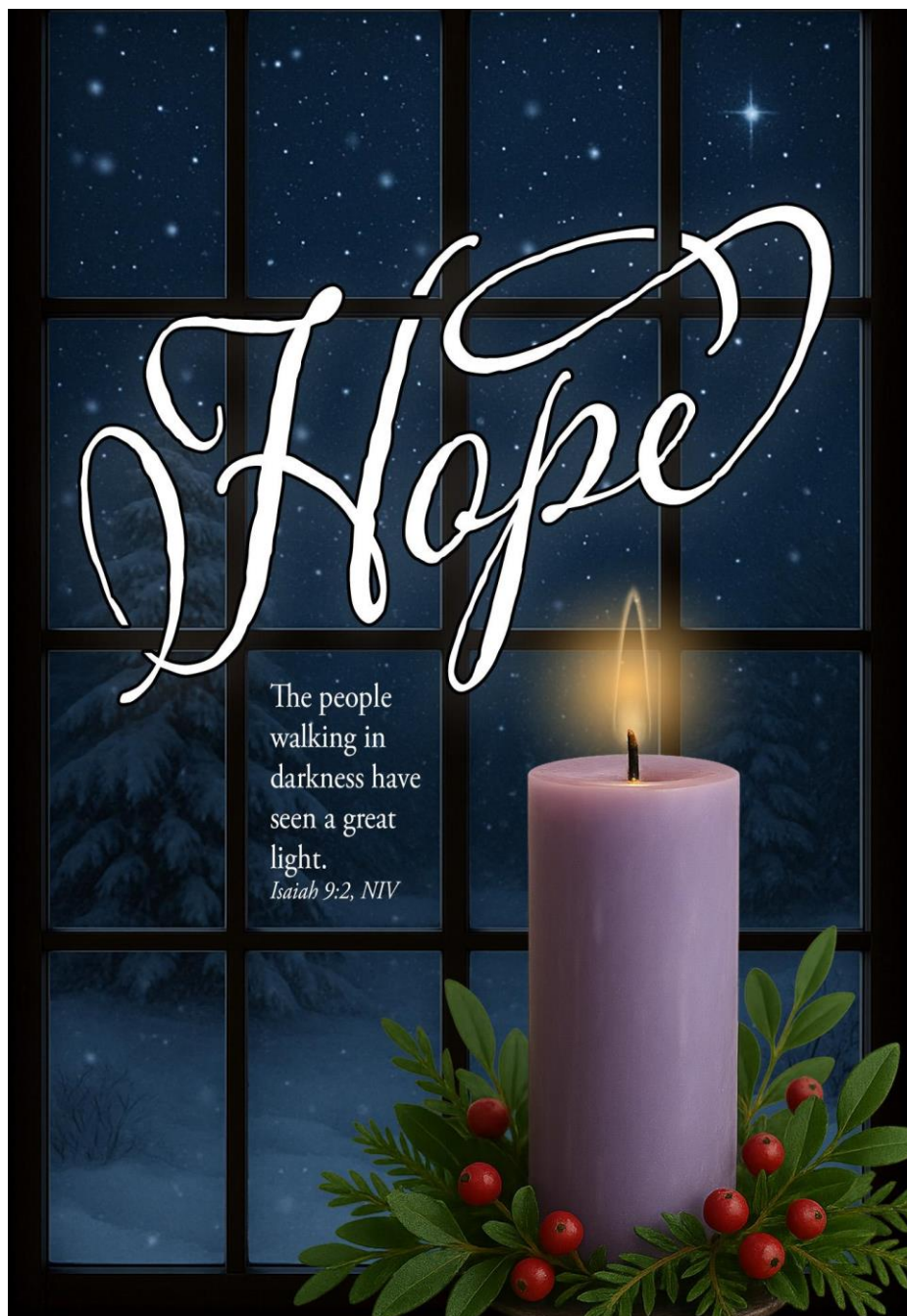


Tappahannock Memorial United Methodist Church

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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.”*

Tappahannock Memorial UMC

First Sunday of Advent

“Hope”

Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44



Prelude

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

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Welcome & Announcements

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

“Here I Am To Worship”

W&S

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1. Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you, hope of a life spent with you.
Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that you’re my God.
You’re altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.
2. King of all days, O so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the earth you created, all for love’s sake became poor.
Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that you’re my God.
You’re altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

And I’ll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.

I’ll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.

I’ll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.

I’ll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that you’re my God.

You’re altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

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* Call To Worship

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Let us enter God’s presence.

God will teach us the ways of peace.

Let us travel along God's paths.

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*** Opening Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Everlasting God, we begin our journey
toward Christmas with hope stirring within.

Teach us how to get ready.

Show how to prepare our hearts for Jesus.

Help us walk in your ways,
as we put on your Son, Jesus Christ.

Guide us on your paths of peace and understanding,
as we prepare our hearts anew for the road ahead.

Amen.

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Prayer of Yearning

Holy One, we want to know your plan.

We want to know when and how things will happen.

**You have shown us your ways
and taught us to walk in the paths of peace.**

**Teach us to trust your never-ending care,
for our future is in your hands.**

**Help us cast aside our holiday worries
and live with Advent joy! 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

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Lighting of The Advent Wreath

The Towler Family

Reader One: The prophet Isaiah calls to us from the past to imagine the future when God's reign will be fully realized and recognized throughout creation. When that time comes, God "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"

Congregation: Today, we choose to live in hope, believing that the time of God’s reign has come and is coming among us.

Reader Two: We light this candle of hope as a sign of our promise to follow the Light as we answer God’s call to transform our hope into reality today and in the days to come.

Light the first candle of the Advent wreath.

Hymn: “Light The Advent Candle”

TFWS 2090, verse 1

**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.**

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Anthem

“O Come O Come Emmanuel”

Rockfish Band

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Children’s Time

Pastor Becca

Scripture

Isaiah 2:1-5

pg. 631

¹ The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ² In 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. ³ 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 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. ⁴ He 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. ⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Scripture

Romans 13:11-14

pg. 162

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already 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 throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex 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.

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

*** Psalter**

Psalm 122

UMH #845

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

**Our feet were standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

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

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

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

**“May they prosper who love you!
Peace be within your walls,
and security within your towers!”**

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

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

*** The Gloria Patri**

UMH #70

*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.*

*** The Gospel**

Matthew 24:36-44

pg. 27

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 the 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 hour you do not expect.

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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

“Hope”

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

* Hymn of Response

“*Emmanuel, Emmanuel*”

UMH #204

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

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* Affirmation of Faith

World Methodist Social Affirmation

UMH # 886

We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people;
and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us,
who died and rose again;
and in the Holy Spirit,
present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.

We believe;

God, help our unbelief.

We rejoice in every sign of God's Kingdom;
in the upholding of human dignity and community;
in every expression of love, justice and reconciliation;
in each act of self-giving on behalf of others;
in the abundance of God's gifts
entrusted to us that all may have enough;
in all responsible use of the earth's resources.

**Glory be to God on high;
and on earth, peace .**

We confess our sin, individual and collective,
by silence or action:
through the violation of human dignity
based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith;
through the exploitation of people
because of greed and indifference
through the misuse of power
in personal, communal, national, and international life;
through the search for security
by those military and economic forces
that threaten human existence;
through the abuse of technology
which endangers the earth and all life upon it.

Lord, have mercy;

Christ, have mercy;

Lord, have mercy .

We commit ourselves individually and as a community
to the way of Christ:
to take up the cross;
to seek abundant life for all humanity;
to struggle for peace with justice and freedom;
to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love,
praying that God's kingdom may come.

Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

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, Russia, Israel and Palestine; natural disasters; gun violence; 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. I would once again ask that we pray for those who have chosen to keep their illnesses between themselves and God. While we respect their privacy, they still need our collective prayers.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

UMH #895

**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.**

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 e-giving app identified on the last page of today's bulletin. Thank you for your continued support!

The Offertory

“What A Wonderful World”

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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**

“In Christ Alone”

W&S #3105

1. In Christ alone, my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones he came to save.
‘Til on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied;
for every sin on him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme or plan can ever pluck me from his hand.
‘Til he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I’ll stand.

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*** The Benediction**

“Shalom To You”

UMH #666

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

*** Postlude**

“Soon And Very Soon”

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PRAYER LIST

Faye Brooks, Jean Edwards, Bruce George, Bill Hendricks, Kelly Lafollette, the family of Mel Lockhart, Timothy McKinley, the family of Yvonne Minor, Warren Minton, Thomas Mundie, Whitney Orlando, Nate Parker, Russ Riles, Jack Robertson, Jane Ruffa, Jay Ruffa, Susie Shiriak, Colin Smith, the family of Lynn Smith, Regan Smith, Alison Sullivan, Beverly Taylor, Thomas Tignor, Nancy Tiller, Jack Titmus, Marianne Towler, Biddy Acree Walker, Barbara Watkins, Ellie Wawner, Ashley Wind, and the family of Devin Woodland. Inclusion and equality for the LGBTQ family and friends. All affected by critical weather and violence, everyone who struggles with drug addiction and alcoholism, all missing persons, those who serve in the Armed Forces, students and educators, the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, and Sudan during this time of war.

MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS

LTC Matt Redmond

PRAYERS AND CARDS ARE WELCOME FOR THESE MEMBERS

Lee Black, Jean Edwards, Betty Gregory, Edna Parrish, and Barbara Watkins.

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

SERVICE AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Today, November 30th:	10:00 AM	First Sunday of Advent
	11:15 AM	Sunday School
Wednesday, December 3rd:	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, December 5th:	9:00 AM	Cookie Baking
Sunday, December 7th:	10:00 AM	Second Sunday of Advent
	11:15 AM	Sunday School

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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