

*Tappahannock Memorial
United Methodist Church*

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And be thankful.

COLOSSIANS 3:15, NIV

*"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 After Christmas

“Christmas Spirit”

December 29, 2024

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

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Prelude

“Welcome Christmas”

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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

“The First Noel” verses 1-4

UMH #245

1. The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.
2. They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.
3. And by the light of that same star
three Wise Men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.
4. This star drew nigh to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

* Call to Worship

We gather this morning ready to listen.

Open our ears, Lord.

We gather this morning ready to learn.

Open our minds, Lord.

We gather this morning ready to love.

Open our hearts, Lord.

We gather this morning ready to worship.

Open our spirits to receive you, Lord.

We gather to praise the Lord almighty!

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*** Opening Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Holy one, as we gather today,
may we be like young Jesus and Samuel—
eager to hear, eager to learn,
and eager to minister to others.

Meet us here in this sacred space.

May our hearts and minds be open to your call,
as we worship and praise your holy name. Amen.

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Prayer of Yearning

**God of love, we long to hear your voice,
but sometimes block our ears
to the true words of love
you speak into our lives.**

**You offer words of love and acceptance,
but we find reason to ignore them
or withhold them from others.**

**Be tolerant and forgive us in your love.
For we year to find your perfect bond of unity
in our relationships with one another
and with the world. 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.

Children's Time

Pastor Becca

Scripture**1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26****pg. 246**

¹⁸Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, “May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD”; and then they would return to their home. ²⁶Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

Scripture**Colossians 3:12-17****pg. 201**

¹²As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem**“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”/“We Three Kings”****Rockfish Band***** Psalter****Psalm 148****UMH #861**

R: Let all things their creator bless: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens,
praise the Lord, in the heights!

Praise the Lord, all his angels,

Praise the Lord, all his hosts!

Praise the Lord, sun and moon,
praise the Lord, all shining stars!

Praise the Lord, highest heavens,

And all waters above the heavens! R

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
who commanded and they were created,

**who established them for ever and ever,
and fixed their bounds which cannot be passed.**

Praise the Lord from the earth,
sea monsters and all deeps,

**fire and hail, snow and smoke,
stormy wind fulfilling God’s command. R**

Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

**Beasts and all cattle,
Creeping things and flying birds!**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

**Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
whose name alone is exalted,
whose glory is above earth and heaven.

**God has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful ones,
for the people of Israel who are near their God.
Praise the Lord! R**

*** 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.*

*** Gospel**

Luke 2:41-52

pg. 59

⁴¹Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

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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

"Christmas Spirit"

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

UMH #230

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;

above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.
3. How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given;
so God imparts to human hearts the blessings of this heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.
4. O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

*** Affirmation of Faith**

A Modern Affirmation

UMH #885

Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
There is the one true church, apostolic and universal,
Whose holy faith let us now declare:

**We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end
that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

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

"Joy To The 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**

"Go Tell It On The Mountain"

UMH #251

1. Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.
While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.
2. Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.
The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth,
rang out the angel chorus that hailed the savior's birth.
3. Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.
Down in a lowly manger the nimble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;

go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

* **Benediction**

* **Postlude**

“Go Tell It On The Mountain”

Thank you for joining us in worship!

PRAYER LIST

Wright Andrews, the family of Claude Beasley, Eddie Bliss, Nancy Brumfield, Tom Burgess, Bob Burke, Faye Brooks, Sally Conway, Cookie Evans, the family of Cecile Farmer, the family of Tinker Fornash, Christian Foster, Betty Gregory, Roxanne Griffith, Bill Hendricks, Cindy Huber, Shirley Johnson, Carolyn Lewis, Ron Lucas, Jacob Magruder, Michelle Miranda, Tawana Murry, Gerry Rose, Cathy Short, Colin Smith, Rev. Dr. John Tate, Rev. Dr. Robert Taylor, Allen Turner, Bryan Wachsmuth, Barbara Watkins, Ellie Wawner, Betty Whitten. Inclusion and equality for the LGBTQ family and 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, Israel, Palestine, and Sudan during this time of war.

MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS

SSGT Jonathan Simpson

PRAYERS AND CARDS ARE WELCOME FOR THESE MEMBERS

Lee Black, Barbara Brooks, Jean Edwards, 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, December 29th:	10:00 AM	First Sunday after Christmas
	11:15 AM	Fifth Sunday Potluck Lunch
Sunday, January 5th:	10:00 AM	Epiphany Sunday
	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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Pastor's Office Hours: Tue - Thu: 9 am – 2 pm