

***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.”*

2nd Sunday of Advent

“The Promise”

December 4, 2022

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7 (UMH 795); Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

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Prelude

“Sing We Now of Christmas”

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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, Thou Almighty King”

UMH # 61

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| <p>1. Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise!
Father all glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!</p> <p>3. Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!</p> | <p>2. Come, thou incarnate Word,
gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend!
Come, and thy people bless,
and give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend!</p> <p>4. To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be,
hence, evermore.
Thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore!</p> |
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* Call to Worship:

A shoot has come forth from the stump of Jesse.

The spirit of the Lord rests upon his shoulders.

Wisdom guides his feet.

Righteousness is the belt around his waist.

Faithfulness is the mantle upon his shoulders.

Counsel and might cover his head.

A shoot has come forth from the stump of Jesse.

God's promised salvation is at hand.

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* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Mighty One, the spirit of the Lord rests upon your chosen one: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge, and the fear of the Lord. As we behold your glory in the heavens, breathe your passion for a justice into our hearts, that we may defend the poor, deliver the oppressed, and help the weary. In this season of Advent, may your righteousness flourish and may your peace abound, that none shall hurt or destroy on all your holy mountain. Amen.

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Prayer of Yearning

Living God, we long to wake from sleep, for your kingdom has drawn near. Already, the axe is lying at the foot of the tree, and we yearn to return to you once more. May our spirits bear the fruit of repentance. We desire the blessings to be found when we respond to the prophets of old by dedicating our lives to you in word and deed. 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!

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Diane Carter & Frauke Darnell

STAND AS A SIGNAL

Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12

Reader One: "They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious" (Isaiah 11:9-10 NRSV).

Reader Two: We are the followers of that root of Jesse Isaiah spoke of. We are the ones who are now called to stand as a signal to the world, to all of creation, that peace is the will of the one who created us. Peace is the knowledge of the Lord that we proclaim from sea to shining sea.

Reader One: "In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea proclaiming. "Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near." And "bear fruit worthy of repentance" (Matthew 3:1,2, 8 NRSV).

Reader Two: We light these candles, the candle of joyful hope and the candle of proclaimed peace, in part to remind ourselves that we are a people rising toward God’s promise. But we also light them as a sign to the world, an announcement there are some who hold on to hope and there are some who work the ways of peace. We stand as a sign that Emmanuel is still our fervent prayer.



“Advent Song”

Light the Advent candle two, think of humble shepherds who filled with wonder at the sight of the child of Christmas night; Candle, Candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night; Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

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Children’s Time

The Reverend Rebecca Minor

Scriptures

Isaiah 11:1-10

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*1*A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. *2*The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. *3*His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; *4*but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. *5*Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. *6*The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. *7*The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. *8*The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder’s den. *9*They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

*10*On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Romans 15:4-13

pp. 163-164

*4*For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

*5*May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, *6*so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*7*Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. *8*For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, *9*and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name”; *10*and again he says, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”; *11*and again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”; *12*and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Glory Ringers

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*** Psalter**

Psalm 72:1-7

UMH # 795

¹Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!

²May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!

³Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness!

**⁴May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor!**

⁵May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

**⁶May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth!**

⁷In his days may righteousness flourish,
and peace abound, till the moon is no more!

*** 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 3:1-12

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³In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” ⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹“I

baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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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

“The Promise”

The Reverend Rebecca Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

“Heralds of Christ”

UMH # 567

1. Heralds of Christ, who bear the King's commands,
immortal tidings in your mortal hands,
pass on and carry swift the news you bring;
make straight, make straight the highway of the King.
2. Through desert ways, dark fen, and deep morass,
through jungles, sluggish seas, and mountain pass,
build now the road, and falter not, nor stay;
prepare across the earth the King's highway.
3. Lord, give us faith and strength the road to build,
to see the promise of the day fulfilled,
when war shall be no more, and strife shall cease
upon the highway of the Prince of Peace.

*** Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

UMH # 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord:

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.**

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. 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 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

“Mary, Did You Know”

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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.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR ADVENT

A Service of Word and Table III

UMH # 15-16

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,

and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day

when justice shall roll down like waters

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,

when nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, whom you sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations. You scatter the proud in the imagination of their hearts and have mercy on those who fear you from generation to generation. You put down the mighty from their thrones and exalt those of low degree. You fill the hungry with good things, and the rich you send empty away. Your own Son came among us as a servant to be Emmanuel, your presence with us. He humbled himself in obedience to your will and freely accepted death on a cross. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

AMEN.

And now with the confidence of children of God, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

The Breaking of the Bread and Offering of the Cup and Sharing in the Feast

I invite all of you here in the sanctuary and those of you at home to take and receive now.

The Body of Christ broken for you. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Closing Hymn

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

UMH # 196

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| <p>1. Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.</p> | <p>2. Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.</p> |
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* Benediction

* Postlude

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

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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 Donna Gullstrand Davidson, Olivia Egge, Brock & Tammy Fielder, family of Rick Foster, Peyton & Mae Lynne Guest, Ronnie Harvey, Bill Hendricks, Josh Hodges, Rev. Steve Hundley, Rev. Barb & Alan Jacobs, Jean Johnson, Paige Klemm, Tenley & Hailey and Robin & Bill Kuhnert, Vicky La Follette's cousin Teresa, Carolyn Lewis, Kathleen MacDonald, family of Rev. Dr. Wayne A. MacDonald, 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:

Last Day to Order Poinsettias

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:

6:30 pm

Choir Rehearsal: In-person only

Wednesday:

10:30 am

Wednesday Morning Group

Saturday, Dec 10:

11 am – 4 pm

Tappahannock Winterfest

Sunday, Dec 11:

8:30 am

RockFish Band Rehearsal

10:00 am

3rd Sunday of Advent

Worship w/ Choir

11:15 am

Sunday School: In-person only

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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