

*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”

December 1, 2024

Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

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Prelude

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

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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 worshiping 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 Long Expected Jesus”

UMH #196

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.
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.

* Call to Worship

The days are coming, God promises.

New life will spring forth.

The days are coming, God affirms.

We will live in safety.

The days are coming, God assures.

Justice and righteousness will reign everywhere.

God’s promises are true.

Let us rejoice!

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* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God of every season,

as we begin our journey through Advent,
turn our hearts toward you.
Guide us into your realm of peace and joy.
Teach us to set aside our worries,
as we walk in faithfulness and trust.
May the love within us be born anew.
Help us remain alert,
that we may respond to pain and suffering
and notice the signs of abundant life
all around us.

Come, Lord Jesus; come to us now, we pray. Amen.

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Prayer of Yearning

**Compassionate God, show us your ways.
Guide us in your paths
and lead us in your truth.
For your love is faithful,
and your will brings us abundant life.
It is easy to be distracted
during this busy time of year.
The worries of life threaten to overwhelm us.
Remind us of who we are meant to be:
merciful, faithful, patient and loving.
We will place our trust in you,
no matter what happens.
May we forget our past mistakes
and live into a future filled with love. 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 Ward-Dahl Family

Reader One: From deep in the past, Jeremiah calls to us, "The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah". Beloved, the days are surely coming when the yearning of the land; the longing of the sun, moon, and stars; the desperate need of the people of earth for flourishing and peace will receive their fulfillment.

Congregation: While fear, anxiety, misinformation, and suspicion surround us on every side, we choose to watch and wait in hope, preparing our hearts to notice and cooperate with God’s grace already at work in our midst.

Reader Two: We light this candle of hope as a sign of our commitment to pay attention and prepare for the days that are surely coming and are already here—the days when God’s kin-dom of love, justice, and mercy will reign.

Light the first candle of the Advent wreath.

Hymn: “Light The Advent Candle”

TFWS 2090, verse 1

**Light the Christmas 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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Children’s Time

Pastor Becca

Scripture

Jeremiah 33:14-16

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¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

Scripture

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. ¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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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

* **Psalter**

Canticle of Hope

UMH #734

R: God's glory will be our light, and night shall be no more.

We shall see a new heaven and earth,
for the old will pass away.

**We shall see a new Jerusalem,
the holy city descending from heaven.**

The city shall need no sun or moon,
for God's glory will be its light,

**for God's Lamb will be its lamp,
and by its light the nations shall walk. R**

We shall hear a loud voice from the throne:
"Behold, God's dwelling is with mortals.

**Indeed, God will dwell with them
and they will be God's people."**

God shall wipe away all our tears,
and there shall be no more death.

**Mourning, crying, and pain shall cease,
for all former things will pass away. R**

We shall here One speak from the throne:
"Behold, I make all things new.

**I am Alpha and Omega,
The beginning and the end."**

Our Lord testifies to these things:
"Behold, I am coming soon."

The grace of the Lord is with us.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! Come! 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 21:25-36

pg. 85

²⁵"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." ²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴"Be on guard so that your hearts are not

weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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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**

“Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming” *verses 1 & 2*

UMH #216

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of gold have sung.
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent the night.
2. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;
with mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, when half spent was the night.

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, 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 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

“Mary, Did You Know”

Rev. Rebecca Minor & Beth Harvey

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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.

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.
The Blood of Christ.

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**

“Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory” (verses 1,4,5)

UMH #717

1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword;
his truth is marching on.
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

4. In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;
as he died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,
while God his marching on.
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

5. He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave,
he is wisdom to the mighty, he is honor to the brave;
so the world shall be his footstool. And the soul of wrong his slave.
Our god is marching on.
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

*** Benediction**

“Go Now In Peace”

UMH #665

Go now in peace, go now in peace,
may the love of God surround you,
everywhere, everywhere you may go.

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*** Postlude**

“Soon And Very Soon”

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Thank you for joining us in worship!

PRAYER LIST

Wright Andrews, the family of Claude Beasley, Eddie Bliss, the family of Carroll Brown, the family of Joshua Brown, Nancy Brumfield, Tom Burgess, Bob Burke, Faye Brooks, the family of Jim Climaldi, Sally Conway, the family of George Croxton, Cookie Evans, Tinker Fornash, Christian Foster, Betty Gregory, Roxanne Griffith, Bill Hendricks, Cindy Huber, Sarah Hundley, Shirley Johnson, Carolyn Lewis, Ron Lucas, Jacob Magruder, Tawana Murry, the family of Jean Rhines, Gerry Rose, Leslie Shaver, Cathy Short, Colin Smith, Rev. Dr. John Tate, Rev. Dr. Robert Taylor, Allen Turner, Bryan Wachsmuth, Barbara Watkins, Ellie Wawner, Betty Whitten. 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, 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, Cecile Farmer,
Carol Nicholas and Edna Parrish.

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

SERVICE AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Today, December 1st:	10:00 AM	First Sunday of Advent
	11:15 AM	Sunday School
Monday, December 2 nd :	7:00 PM	Administrative Council
Tuesday, November 3 rd :	7:00 PM	Choir
Wednesday, December 4 th :	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
Sunday, December 8 th :	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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