

ORDER OF WORSHIP MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
November 29, 202011:00 a.m.		
Morning Worship Broadcast over WGOS-AM 1070 and on Facebook Live		
GATHERING AND GREETING		
Prelude	Fantasy for Organ based on ST. THEODULPH & HYFRYDOL All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. Thou art the King of Israel, thou David’s royal Son, who in the Lord’s name comest, the King and Blessed One. The company of angels are praising Thee on high, and we with all creation in chorus make reply.  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.  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 along; By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.	Emma Lou Diemer
Chiming of the Trinity		
Welcome and Parish Notes		
Reverend Rodney Denton		
Lighting of the First Advent Candle		
Doris and Ricky Link “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- on them light has shined... For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:2, 6)		
Today we remember the prophets of old, who demanded to be heard, who dared to speak of a child to come, unexpected liberator of the people, vulnerable incarnation of the Holiest of Holies, a new name for God.		
Today we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring to us surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think outside the box, who show us a future we never anticipated.		
On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of the prophets who renew our faith and remind us of what may be.		
Response		
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in His hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.		
PICARDY		
PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING		
Song of Praise		
Immanuel Tim Lamb, tenor A sign shall be given, a virgin will conceive A human baby bearing Undiminished Deity. The glory of the nations, a light for all to see That hope for all who will embrace His warm reality.  Immanuel - Our God is with us. And if God is with us, who could stand against us?		
Michael Card		

Our God is with us, Immanuel.  For all those who live in the shadow of death, A glorious light has dawned for all those who stumble In the darkness. Behold your light has come!		
The Apostles’ Creed		
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.		
Moment with the Children		
Reverend Lynda Hepler		
Prayers of the People		
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.		
Meditation		
Savior of the Nations, Come  Savior of the nations, come; Virgin’s Son, here make Thy home. Marvel now, O heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child of the Virgin undefiled! Human and divine in one, eager now His race to run!		
J.S. Bach		
PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE		
Sermon		
The Colors of Christmas: Reverend Danny Leonard “Dreams of a White Christmas” Luke 1:57-79		
SENDING FORTH		
Response		
Almost There Tim Lamb, tenor  Mary, full of innocence, carrying the Holy prince, You're almost there, you're almost there. Mother of the Living Word, trusting in the voice you heard, You're almost there, you're almost there.		
Michael W. Smith		

You're almost where the angels see redemption's plan unfolding. All hope is in the Son you'll bear - you're almost there.	
A lonely road, a willing heart -pray for strength to do your part You're almost there, you're almost there.	
Trust the Father to provide Bread of heaven prophesied. You're almost there, you're almost there.	
You're almost where the waiting ends, delivering the life within . The answered prayer, Emmanuel. You're almost there.	
You're almost where the journey ends; Where death will die and life begins. The answered prayer, Emmanuel. You're almost, almost there.	
Benediction	
Rev. Leonard	
Postlude	
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Evelyn Simpson-Curenton O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.	

**What to Expect at Indoor Worship**

- Some pews are blocked to maintain social distancing.
- Face masks are required for everyone.
- Out of respect for others, please refrain from shaking hands or hugging.
- Offering plates are available at the entrance and exit of the sanctuary.
- At the end of the service, the congregation will be dismissed by section.
- No nursery staff are present, but the nursery space is available.

**Today’s Scripture: Luke 1:57-79**

<sup>57</sup> Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. <sup>58</sup> Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

<sup>59</sup> On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. <sup>60</sup> But his mother said, “No; he is to be called John.” <sup>61</sup> They said to her, “None of your relatives has this name.” <sup>62</sup> Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. <sup>63</sup> He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.” And all of them were amazed. <sup>64</sup> Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. <sup>65</sup> Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. <sup>66</sup> All who heard them pondered them and said, “What then will this child become?” For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

<sup>67</sup> Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:

<sup>68</sup> “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

<sup>69</sup> He has raised up a mighty savior for us  
in the house of his servant David,  
<sup>70</sup> as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,  
<sup>71</sup> that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

<sup>72</sup> Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,  
and has remembered his holy covenant,  
<sup>73</sup> the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,  
to grant us <sup>74</sup> that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear, <sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness  
before him all our days.

<sup>76</sup> And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,  
<sup>77</sup> to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
<sup>78</sup> By the tender mercy of our God,  
the dawn from on high will break upon us,  
<sup>79</sup> to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”



*The Chrismon Christmas Tree, which was originated in the Lutheran Church of the Ascension, Danville, Virginia, in 1957, is a way of honoring Christ. “Chrismon” is derived from two words, CHRIST and MONogram, and is just that, a monogram of Christ. The originator of the Chrismon Tree, after much research, found these monograms in many places – in the Bible, on utensils, jewelry, in catacombs, and in buildings. They were used by early Christians as identification to one another, to designate meeting places of the church, and as a witness to unbelievers. More significantly, these early symbols were a way of transmitting their faith. Over the years, still other symbols for the Savior have developed and are represented in the Chrismons. All Chrismons are made in combinations of white and gold. White, the liturgical color of Christmas, refers to our Lord’s purity and perfection; gold, to His majesty and glory. We point to the Christ as the Light of the world by using tiny white lights on the tree.*

Announcements

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE WITH  
CAROLS (Outdoors)  
Sunday December 20, 7 p.m.  
On the front lawn, weather permitting



*Save the date!*  
More information  
about this service  
will be coming soon.



CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION  
Sign up for a time.  
December 24, 5-6 p.m.

Come receive Holy Communion in the Chapel or Sanctuary on Christmas Eve. In light of COVID-19 protocols, we ask that you sign up for a time. We will limit each time slot to 6 people per location. Larger groups may sign up for back-to-back slots in the same location. Reserve your time at the signup link or call the office: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0545A8AF28A02-christmas>.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT CLASSES

Join a fun craft class taught by Katie Conant. Non-sewing Christmas crafts will be taught on Tuesdays **Dec. 1 and Dec. 8**. Call Katie at 336-225-1947 to sign up or ask questions.

**TODAY! FILL THE VAN WITH TOYS**  
November 29, 4:30-6 p.m.

CCM is collecting new toys for children ages 12 and under for their annual “Christmas Store.” 40 families in need (almost 100 children) have signed up to receive assistance. Thank you for helping to give these children a special Christmas!



REMEMBER CCM’S NEEDS!

**Pantry:** Mac & cheese, canned potatoes, peanut butter, mixed vegetables, large cans of soup, breakfast items  
**Hygiene items:** soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, toilet paper

Calendar

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
10 R.L. Pope Class Online: Stan Styers  
11 Live Worship In-Person & Online  
4:30-6 Fill the Van with Toys for CCM  
Pre-Recorded 2020 Chrismon Service  
on Facebook

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 30**  
10 10@10 Devotion

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 1**  
8 Men’s Prayer Online  
9-10 Christmas Crafts – Angels  
(Contact Katie Conant to register for the craft classes being offered.)  
10:30-12 Crafts – Doily Wreath  
12:30-1:30 Crafts – Lunch Bag Wreath  
10 10@10 Devotion  
5:30 Yoga (Jarrett Hall)

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 2**  
The Weekly Update (Facebook Live)  
6 Youth Small Groups Online

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 3**  
**Thanksgiving**  
10 10@10 Devotion

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 4**  
10 10@10 Devotion  
**SUNDAY DECEMBER 6**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
10 R.L. Pope Class Online: Jim McGhee  
11 Live Worship In-Person & Online  
4 Youth (In-Person)

Prayer List

If you or a loved one would like to be added to the prayer list, please contact Lorna McCullough at 336-259-5814. If you put a name on the list, please keep in touch to let us know how that person is doing, as names are removed after three weeks. During the coming week, please pray for:

Peggy Graham  
Cyril Harrington  
Brad Hulin  
Jessie Collett  
Jaime Worsham  
Barbara Westmoreland  
Roy Flanagan  
Conlin O’Shea  
Our country and healing for all  
Jennifer Ruff  
James Carmichael  
Margie Collins  
Carol Kaiser  
Josef Walker  
Dean Sharpe-Austin  
Finley Price family  
Andrea Cain and family  
Robert Miller  
Dave Ogren  
Tim Priska  
Chris Eddinger  
Peace and justice in our nation, state, and city  
Our first responders, medical community, and essential workers  
All those affected by COVID-19  
All military personnel  
Our United Methodist missionaries  
The United Methodist Church

UPCOMING

DEC. 20 CANDLELIGHT SERVICE WITH CAROLS (Outdoors)  
DEC. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION  
(See announcement for information about reserving a time.)

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**We are called by Christ to Grow in Faith,  
Build Relationships, and Serve All People.**