



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 18, 2022 | 10:00 AM | 4th Sunday of Advent

Theme: *The Redemption of Scrooge*

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise God, who came to us in the Child of Bethlehem; who redeems us and offers us hope.

Let all the people praise you, O God; let all the people praise you, O Christ.

Praise God, who is Alpha and Omega. Praise God, who surrounds our life with good.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy! Let all the people praise you, O God.

*PRAYER OF CENTERING

Gracious God, whose face shines upon us and whose saving power is experienced on every hand, bless us once more as we gather in Jesus' name. Write your law in our hearts and guide our footsteps in your way. In awe and wonder, we seek the peace you promise and proclaim the joy you have poured out on us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

UMH 213

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Hancock Family

CAROL

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (verses 1 & 7)

UMH 211++

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 21:1-5a

NT p. 259

SERMON

"The Hope of Christmas Future"

ANTHEM

"Sussex Carol"

Arr. by P.M. Young

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

*PASSING THE PEACE

*OFFERING & DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 94++

*CLOSING HYMN

"Joy to the World" (verses 1 & 2)

UMH 246++

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETER| Jane Frey **LITURGIST**| Liz Steen
FELLOWSHIP| Linnea Geno
FLOWERS| Rebecca Masters in memory of Don & Mary Kent

*Sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall for Flowers and Fellowship.

Key to abbreviations:

OT: Old Testament; NT: New Testament

UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal TFWS: The Faith We Sing

++ Indicates Someone's Favorite Hymn

PRAYER LIST: The family of Bill Davis, Jr., Rob Van Nest, Marilyn Schultz, Agnes Halsey, Nicole Dunn Hernandez, Jay Norejko, The Family of Ros Williams, The Family of Nancy Farr, Brian Sheppard, Eileen Rail, Thomas Rail, Rose Belcastro, the Family of Robbie Schneider, the Family of Cesar Lecha, Jeanette Hendrick, Patrick Hall, Barbara Urban, Paul and Pat Ingold, Jean Troutman, Alan & Karen Zuis, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Barbara Myer, Joan Wortman, Valerie Dimatteo, Maureen Tresenreiter, Kelly Foster and family, Roy Sirel and family, Robert Keuhne, Sr., Alyre Hayworth, Thomas Harris, Henry Salidino, Henry Repp, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Gina Bebenroth and family, Christine Pasquarosa, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Gina Alfano Walsh, Linda Klee, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Diane Siconolfi.

WE WELCOME ALL!

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UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE and MEETING ZOOM LINK: bit.ly/MUMCZoom

CHOIR REHEARSAL: Every Sunday at 8:30 AM in the Sanctuary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Every Sunday at 9:30 AM

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL: Every Sunday at 11:30 AM following worship service in Sanctuary.

LOOKING AHEAD:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Tuesday, December 20 at 6:00 PM. Online.

BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE - TODAY, Sunday, December 18 at 4:00 PM. Join us for this worship service of remembrance and grief. A quiet time of comfort and hope in the midst of the loud and busy holidays.

On **EPIPHANY SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023**, the Outreach Team invites you to celebrate **A BABY SHOWER FOR MARY AND JOSEPH** as we bring our gifts to the altar during the regular 10 AM service. In addition to the usual baby items. **DIAPERS IN SIZE 4 AND UP** are especially needed! All Donations will be delivered to Baby Blessings Pantry at Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church. Thank you for your support of this vital ministry!

Thank you everyone who supported our **(TEEN) ANGEL TREE** to help make Christmas just a bit more joyful for youngsters in foster care. **TODAY, December 18**, is the deadline for both unwrapped gifts and gift cards. Thank you again for your generosity!

A reminder as you do your holiday shopping, that the church has an **AMAZON SMILE** account, which donates 0.5% of the purchase price directly to our church! What an easy way to support the mission and ministry of MUMC. Next time you shop, use this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-6464581> which will allow you to select Milford United Methodist Church as your charity of choice.



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