



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 8, 2024 | 10:00 AM | 2nd Sunday of Advent

Theme: *Come, Let Us Adore Him*

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE "Of the Father's Love Begotten" C. Uehlein

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, prepare the way! The Word of God is coming!

We come to listen and receive God's Word among us.

Children of God, the prophets call to us now and from generations past, urging us to prepare and refine our hearts for the coming of the Word of God. Are we listening?

We come to listen and prepare to receive God's Word among us.

Children of God, this is the mark of our preparation: that passion for God's Word would burn within us, cleansing us and renewing us to reflect God's love throughout the world.

May God ignite our passion for God's Word that has come among us as we listen, prepare, and receive all that God has for us today. Amen.

* CONGREGATION STANDS AS COMFORTABLE CONGREGATION RESPONSE IN **BOLD Italic**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Bloomer-Teague and Hendrick Family

***OPENING HYMN** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (verses 1 & 2) UMH 211++

*PRAYER OF CENTERING

Compassionate God, greet us with your grace this day, for we need you. We are frantic with activity, but we long for your peace. Teach us how to be quiet enough to hear your voice and feel your touch. Help us to find that place where we can receive as well as give, wait as well as act, and listen as well as speak. Come to us now we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Malachi 3:1-4 OT p. 889-890
Luke 3:1-6 NT p. 60

SERMON "Passions"

ANTHEM "Prayer to Emmanuel" Patrick M. Liebergen

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

*PASSING THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Toda la Tierra (All Earth is Waiting)" Alberto Taule

***DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94++

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, in this Advent season, we bring our offerings with hearts open to your call. Just as John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, may our gifts help prepare the way for your kingdom. Use these offerings to bring hope, justice, and transformation. Help us to look beyond the surface, to see your work in surprising places and people. Bless our giving, that it may shine with the presence of Emmanuel. In Christ's precious name, we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" UMH 218

***BENEDICTION**

For all that has been...*Thanks!*

For all that will be...*Yes!*

***SENDING FORTH**

POSTLUDE

“Blessed Be the God of Israel”

Hal H. Hopson

GREETER | Liz Steen **LITURGIST** | Maryann Schneider

FLOWERS | Bloomer-Teague & Hendrick Families - In Memory of their Mom, Emogene Bloomer

FELLOWSHIP | Lorna Cuevas



On Epiphany Sunday, January 5, 2025, you are invited to celebrate a Baby Shower for Mary and Joseph during the 10 a.m. service. We will remember the Magi as we bring our gifts to the altar. **DIAPERS SIZE 4 AND UP** are especially needed as well as wipes, diaper rash cream, gas drops, sleepers, nail clippers and socks. All donations will be delivered to Baby Blessings Pantry at Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church. Thank you for your support of this vital ministry!

IMPORTANT CHURCH INFORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL/CHILD CARE (IN COMMUNITY RM/NURSERY AFTER CHILDREN'S MESSAGE)

CHOIR PRACTICE: SUNDAYS 8:30AM SANCTUARY

BELL CHOIR PRACTICE: SUNDAYS 11:30AM (Some Wed. 5:30PM) SANCTUARY

CRAFTY LADIES: WILL RESUME IN SPRING

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

- Tuesday, Dec. 10th 6:30 PM Trustee Meeting
- Wednesday, Dec. 11th 7:00 PM Bishop's Day on the District(Trinity UMC)
- Friday, Dec. 13th 6:15 PM Ecumenical Food Pantry
- Sunday, Dec. 15th 4:00 PM DVCS Christmas Concert (Sanctuary)
- Tuesday, Dec. 17th 6:00 PM Church Finance Meeting (H)
- Tuesday, Dec. 17th 7:00PM Church Council Meeting (H)
- Thursday, Dec. 19th 6:30 PM Reconciling Ministries (H)
- Saturday, Dec. 21st 5:00 –7:00PM Longest Night Taize Service *
*followed by Longest Night Vigil in support of the Unhoused and Soup Supper
- Friday, Jan. 3rd 6:00-8:00PM Pizza and Game Night (RSVP to Office)



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Key to abbreviations: OT: Old Testament; NT: New Testament UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS: The Faith We Sing ++ Indicates Someone's Favorite Hymn