

# Traditional Service

December 2, 2018

8:15 and 11:00

## SHARING OF OUR MINISTRIES

**ORGAN PRELUDE** “Altar Candles” **James Southbridge**

**\*CHORAL INTROIT (8:15)** “Psalm 146” **French Carol**

**\*GATHERING SONG (11:00)** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” vs. 1 **Pg. 211**

**\*OPENING HYMN AND PROCESSION** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” **Pg. 196**

## \*CALL TO CELEBRATION

**Leader:** We gather this morning as a people waiting for the Lord.

**People:** The one who died, rose, and will come again.

**Leader:** Yes, this is the truth, and the great mystery of our faith!

**People:** Yes! Lord Jesus, come into our hearts again this Advent Season!

## GREETING AND SHARING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

Please sign the Fellowship Book located in the pew.

## LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF EXPECTATION

**Leader:** It was Jesus Christ himself that told us to be ready at any time. So, today we remember that call. The call is to look for God in unexpected places, at unexpected times. And even though we wait, we can expect Our Savior to show. This morning, we light the Candle of Expectation.

**People:** Let this fire remind us that while we wait for the Lord, truly the Lord is already here. Hope is here. Love is here. Family is here.

## PRAAYER OF INVOCATION

**All:** Everlasting God, we confess that we haven't been watching. We haven't been looking out for you. Like a thief in the night, you could pass us by and we would never know. We have forgotten to look for you in the faces of our children, of the homeless around us, in the immigrants who struggle as they serve even us. Forgive us, we pray, and make us ready to greet you in everyone we see on the street as we leave this place. Amen.

**PIANO SOLO (8:15)**

“The Holly and the Ivy”

**Arr. Jim Brickman**

**ANTHEM (11:00)**

“Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn”

**Haugen**

Prayer cards are available in the pews. Please fill out and pass to center aisle for ushers to pick up.

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND OUR LORD’S PRAYER**

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**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**All:** Holy God of Light and Love: Lead us through this season of journey, not only in our worship, but also in our living. Ignite not just candles, but the flames of our faith, that we might more fully trust you with all we are and all we have. As we offer our gifts to you, open our hearts to the joy of generosity, that we might give compassion recklessly, judgment sparingly, and forgiveness unconditionally. In the name of the Christ, we pray.  
Amen.

**THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS OF LOVE**

**ORGAN OFFERTORY**

“The Journey to Bethlehem”

**Franck**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

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**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**

*“Away in a Manger”*

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**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Matthew 24: 36-44

**NT. Pg. 27**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:**

**Leader:** The Word of God for the People of God.

**People:** Thanks be to God! Amen!

**MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

“What May Come”

**Pastor Victor Harner**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**\*HYMN OF PARTING**

*“The First Noel”*

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Taking the Light and the Word into the World

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION (8:15)**

“Choral Amen”

**Wiltse**

**\*BENEDICTIONAL RESPONSE (11:00)**

“*Silent Night, Holy Night*” vs. 1 and 4 **Pg. 239**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“I Saw Three Ships”

**Gordon Young**

**\*PLEASE STAND IF ABLE IN HEART OR ATTITUDE**

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### MESSAGE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

“Preparing the Kingdom”

Matthew 3: 1-12

### OUR PRAYER LIST

Danny Benner, Perry Beebe, Charlotte Grimm, Kim Harner,  
Steve and Mary Janowich, Joan Martin, Juanita Punte, and all of our shut-ins.

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

<b>Greeters</b>	9:30	Janeen Beebe and Esther Willman		
<b>Ushers</b>	8:15	Bettye Gramlich		
	11:00	Ken McCracken and Rachael Desfosses		
<b>Acolyte</b>	8:15	Oviya Dinesh Kumar		
	11:00	Margaret Patterson		
<b>Reader</b>	8:15	Al Simkins	9:30	Dan Walker
	11:00	Peggy Whiting		
<b>Cribbery</b>	9:30	Jason and Brenda Reinhart		
<b>Sunday School office</b>		Carol Knapp		
<b>Altar Guild</b>		Lisa Ashmore and Helen Geppi		



**Worship Assistants**

**Worship Assistant, Cribbery and Sunday School Office Schedules** - Those who plan and schedule the various worship assistants -- please get your 2019 schedules to the church office by **Monday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>**. The schedules are especially needed for the January Bulletin which will be finished before the church office closes for the Christmas holiday. If you have any questions, or need help with the schedules, please call the church office. Thank you.

# CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

December 2, 2018

9:30

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peggy Whiting

GATHERING SONG

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please sign the **Fellowship Book** located in the pews.

PRAISE SONGS

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WHAT'S HAPPENIN' IN OUR LIVES

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# THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS OF LOVE

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**NT. Pg. 27**

**SHARING FROM THE WORD**

“What May Come”

**Pastor Vic**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**\*COMMITMENT SONGS**

**\*SENDING FORTH**

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## CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday** Coffee Hour 9:15, 10:30, 12:00  
Adult and Children’s Sunday School 9:30  
Movie Night 5:00

**Monday** Bible Study 7:00

**Tuesday** Bible Study 12:00; Brownies 6:30

**Wednesday** Brownies 6:00; Girl Scouts 6:15  
Adult Choir 7:30

**Thursday** Brownies 5:45; Hand Bells 6:00;  
Praise Band 7:15; Community Choir 7:30

**Friday** KC Dance and Fitness 5:30  
“A Still and Silent Night” Christmas concert 7:00

**Saturday** **Breakfast with Santa 9:00**  
Thrift Shop 10:00



**Christmas Cards**

**Postal service at PHUMC** – Please remember to check the postal service boxes on the second floor for your Christmas cards. The PHUMC Post Office is open through Jan 6<sup>th</sup>. The PHUMC Post Office is open through **Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>**, after that date, any cards left over will be tossed.

The Ladies of **W.I.S.H.** invite any and all women to join them on **Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 10:30 a.m.** on the first floor of the church. If you have any questions, please call Vivian Creasy at 410-256-5557 or Kathy Wallis at 410-668-3649.

**Confirmation Meeting** - If you are at least 12 years old or in sixth grade we will have a meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Pastor's office.

**Food Pantry**- The totals of Christmas Baskets donations as of Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> are as follows: Yams – 33, Green Beans - 84, Gravy - 13, Cake Mix - 23, frosting - 26, Stuffing - 63, Corn Bread Mix - 15, Cranberry Sauce - 45, Mashed potatoes - 30. We have received \$330.00 in gift cards and cash towards the Turkeys.

**Food Pantry News:** Dave and Laura Hanna are going to assume the duties of the Food Pantry Coordinator beginning in January. Thank you, Dave and Laura!

The food pantry continues to serve community members in record numbers. In fact, our appointments are usually completely filled 3 weeks out. In October, the pantry served 100 families (323 people). This mission cannot exist without the support of the congregation – thank you to all who donate food and your time.

**Our most needed food items are canned vegetables, canned fruit, rice, peanut butter, jelly, tuna, and cereal.**

We also need volunteers to work on Saturday mornings or people who are willing to be a substitute. Please call or email Christy Moore if you are interested or have questions: 410-241-6959 or [sky\\_cam@hotmail.com](mailto:sky_cam@hotmail.com).

**Folk Music Night: December 15<sup>th</sup>, 7-10 p.m.**, featuring **Matt Roach**. Singer/songwriter **Matt Roach**'s concerts are a combination of well-crafted songs mixed in with an easygoing stage presence. His set starts around 8:15. The evening begins with an "open mic" at 7:00. The open mic resumes after Matt's set. **Folk Music Night Admission is free**, but donations are welcome. Questions may be directed to Neil Zimmerman: 410-529-7176 or [ndzimmer@comcast.net](mailto:ndzimmer@comcast.net).

**Christmas Eve Services** - Join us for our Christmas Eve services on Monday December 24, 2018 we will have a 5 p.m. service, a 7 p.m. (with the Praise Band) and an 11 p.m. Christmas Eve services, all will be with communion and candlelight. There will also be a music recital at 10:30 p.m. prior to the 11 o'clock service.



# Christmas Baskets

Starting November 11<sup>th</sup> through December 9<sup>th</sup>, we will be collecting items for our Christmas Baskets, which will be distributed on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. The schedule for food donations is.

- November 11<sup>th</sup>** - Yams or sweet potatoes
- November 18<sup>th</sup>** - Cake mix (any flavor), Frosting (canned or mix)
- November 25<sup>th</sup>** - Stuffing and Turkey Gravy (canned or packets)
- December 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Biscuit or Corn Bread mix, canned green beans
- December 9<sup>th</sup>** - Boxed or bagged mashed potato mix and cranberry sauce

All food items need to be at church by Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be a grocery cart inside the back door from the parking lot and a container in the narthex for your donations.

To help cover the cost of Turkeys we are collecting gift cards from Walmart. Please place your gift cards in an envelope marked "Christmas Holiday Baskets" with your name and envelope number (you can receive credit for your donation as part of your tithe) and leave in the offering plate or use the "Checks" slot in the mailbox area next to the church office.

Christmas Baskets will be packed Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will distribute baskets on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM. If you can help at all during this time, please complete this sign-up sheet and place in the offering plate. Any questions, please contact Margaret Hubbard at 410-931-8344 or Peggy Whiting at 410-529-8640. Thank you.

Christmas Basket Schedule: Pack for distribution, Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 AM  
Distribute Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

I can help pack bags on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

I can help distribute bags Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

**Food Pantry** – The Christmas holiday season will be here before we know it. As in previous years we are collecting toys, games, hats and mittens to be given out in conjunction with the Christmas Baskets. Your gift could enable a parent to put a gift under the Christmas tree. We all have experienced the joy of opening a gift on Christmas morning. Help us to create this joy in 100 needy families. Your donations will be greatly appreciated. Please have these to church by December 9<sup>th</sup>. Let's help make Christmas brighter for those in need.

# One Service at 10:00 and a



**Everyone likes to eat!** Please bring your favorite dish and join us on Sunday December 30<sup>th</sup> for a **Pot Luck Luncheon**. There will just be **ONE SERVICE** at 10:00, so we will be able to worship **together** as a church family. Bring whatever you like, and we'll eat whatever everyone brings! Please consider helping with setup and clean up. Fill out the form below and drop it in the offering plate.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

**YES! I can help with:**

Setting up tables and chairs, 9:00 am (before the 10:00 service)

Organizing food before the service

Come down from church early to put out the food.

Clean up after the luncheon.





PHUMC  
*Christmas Tea*

Enjoy holiday fellowship  
with your church family  
between services

Hosted this year at  
the Harris family  
home

**Join your church family on 12/9 to share in a PHUMC Christmas Tea!**

**Share your Christmas spirit between services,  
enjoying fellowship, various teas and confections!**

**Hosted at the residence of Anne & Bob Harris**

**in the parsonage next to the church,**

**the congregation is welcome from 8:45-9:30 and 10:30-11:00am.**

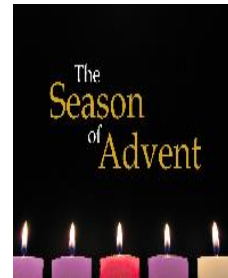
***We look forward to our church family's donations of sweets, which will be accepted the evening of 12/8 in the PHUMC kitchen (refrigerator will be marked). Please make sure to label "For Christmas Tea" any items being donated. Otherwise, we'll have friends on-hand to accept your sweet donations the morning of the tea at the parking lot entrance to PHUMC.***

## Christmas Food Baskets



Looking for a fun way to give this Christmas season? Consider completing the "Reverse Advent Calendar" Each day add an item to a box. Bring the filled box to church on Christmas Eve for our Food Pantry.

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - jar of jelly
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - pasta sauce
- December 8 - cake mix
- December 9 - jar of applesauce
- December 10 -tuna
- December 11 -canned sweet potatoes
- December 12-vegetable soup
- December 13-canned beans
- December 14-package of rice
- December 15-box of oatmeal
- December 16-pasta
- December 17-chicken noodle soup
- December 18-tomato soup
- December 19-canned mix vegetables
- December 20-canned carrots
- December 21-canned green beans
- December 22-canned peas
- December 23-canned corn
- December 24-canned stew



# **MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS**

**Rev. Victor Harner**, (home) 410-256-1028  
**Denise Boyd**, Praise Band and Handbell Choir  
**Mary Schramm**, Administrative Assistant  
**Rachael Desfosses**, SS Superintendent  
**Donald E. Appel**, Director of Music  
**Peggy Whiting**, Senior Lay Leader  
**Kim Harner**, 9:30 Lay Leader  
**Al Simkins**, 8:15 Lay Leader

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