

Traditional Service

December 9, 2018

8:15 and 11:00

SHARING OF OUR MINISTRIES

ORGAN PRELUDE Meditation on “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” **James Southbridge**

***GATHERING SONG (8:15)** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” vs. 1 **Pg. 211**

***CHORAL INTROIT (11:00)** “Psalm 146” **French Carol**

***OPENING HYMN AND PROCESSION** “*O Come, All Ye Faithful*” **Pg. 234**

***CALL TO CELEBRATION**

Leader: Today we turn to God.

People: Lord, have mercy on us.

Leader: The Kingdom of Heaven is near.

People: Lord, help us to spread the good news!

GREETING AND SHARING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

Please sign the Fellowship Book located in the pew.

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PROPHECY

Leader: John then called on God’s people to repent, for the Messiah was near. The people had prayed for it, yet they didn’t see the one they had been waiting for was truly among them. That prophecy was being fulfilled in their midst. This morning, we light the Candle of Prophecy

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.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

All: Merciful God, though your prophets still call out to us, millennia later, we still don’t change our lives. As John the Baptist shouts to the people, “Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven has come near!”, we know that you are here, and still we don’t change. Still we don’t hear the cries of the needy, still we don’t prioritize serving the poor, and still we refuse to meet the needs of those who are truly hungry and thirsty around us. And yet,

merciful God, you still count on us to carry out your mission, you still encourage us to follow you, you still are near. Help us, Lord, as we seek your way. Amen.

PIANO SOLO (8:15)

“Winter Peace”

Jim Brickman

ANTHEM (11:00)

“Now Thank We All Our God”

J. S. Bach

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: God of Wisdom and Grace: For weeks now we’ve been bombarded with messages telling us what gift to buy to make our Christmas perfect. Yet you, Lord of Love, have given that gift already, against which no other gift can compare – a Savior, a Messiah, Jesus born in Bethlehem. We, ourselves, have been purchased, and so all that’s left is for us to give out of gratitude for that one, unmatched gift. We bring our tithes and offerings to you for the building of your kingdom here on earth that your children might always find room — room in our hearts and in our homes. In the Savior’s name, we pray. Amen

THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS OF LOVE

ORGAN OFFERTORY (8:15)

“Bethlehem’s Song”

Donald Moore

CHORAL OFFERTORY (11:00)

“All Earth Is Waiting”

Suppe and Taulé

***DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 3: 1-12

NT. Pg. 2-3

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

“Preparing the Kingdom”

Pastor Victor Harner

***HYMN OF PARTING**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

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Taking the Light and the Word into the World

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTIONAL RESPONSE (8:15)**

“Silent Night, Holy Night” vs. 1 and 4

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***CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00)**

“Choral Amen”

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***POSTLUDE**

“Gloria”

French Carol

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

MESSAGE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

“Waiting In Hope”

Matthew 11: 2-11

OUR PRAYER LIST

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Greeters	9:30	Janeen Beebe and Esther Willman
Ushers	8:15	Bettye Gramlich
	11:00	Ken McCracken and Rachael Desfosses
Acolyte	11:00	Trystan Boyd
Reader	8:15	Tom Parker
	9:30	Julie Evans
	11:00	Norm Smith
Cribbery	9:30	Amy Harryman and Leah
Sunday School office		Carol Knapp
Altar Guild		Peggy Whiting and Pat Walter



Worship Assistants

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

December 9, 2018

9:30

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linda Orzolek

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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SHARING FROM THE WORD

“Preparing the Kingdom”

Pastor Vic

***COMMITMENT SONGS**

***SENDING FORTH**

CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Christmas Tea 8:45 – 9:30, 10:30 -11:00

Adult and Children’s Sunday School 9:30

Youth Group 5:30

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 Pack Christmas baskets 9:30

Brownies 5:45

Hand Bells 6:00

Praise Band 7:15

Community Choir 7:30

Friday KC Dance and Fitness 5:30

Saturday Thrift Shop 10:00

Distribute Christmas baskets 1:00 – 4:00

Folk Music night 7:00





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. 6th, after that date, any cards left over will be tossed.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Faye Burton who passed to the Lord on December 1st.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Betty Burton who passed to the Lord on December 4th. Cards may be sent to Dawn and Russ Brown (Betty's daughter) at the address listed in the directory or you may call the church office.

The Ladies of **W.I.S.H.** invite any and all women to join them on **Thursday, January 3rd, 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 9th at 7:00 pm in the Pastor's office.

Food Pantry News: 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.

Folk Music Night: December 15th, 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.

Christmas Eve Services - Join us for our Christmas Eve services on Monday December 24, 2018, we will have a 4 p.m. service, a 7 p.m. (with the Praise Band) and an 11 p.m. Christmas Eve service, 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.



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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To our visitors: Welcome to Perry Hall United Methodist Church. We hope that you have felt welcome in our fellowship. We want to invite you to take a moment and stop at the narthex. We have some materials there that will tell you a little more about our church. We do hope that you find the information helpful. You may also contact Pastor Victor Harner, at 410-256-6479 or at or rovervic@verizon.net.