

# Perry Hall United Methodist Church

December 10, 2023

(\*\*Stand as you are able)

## WELCOME – RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ *Please sign the Ritual of Friendship and pass down the row. When everyone has signed, please pass it back to the center, noting those on your row that you may not know. Be sure to greet them after the service!* ~

**ORGAN PRELUDE** “Behold, A Rose Breaks Into Bloom” J. Brahms

**CHORAL INTROIT** “Psalm 89” Saliers

**\*\*OPENING HYMN** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” pg. 211 UMH

## \*\* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: A voice cries out: “in the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,

P: make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”

## OPENING PRAYER

In the advent seasons, when the past has fled, unasked, away and there is nothing left to do but wait, God shelter us. Be our surrounding darkness; be the fertile soil out of which hope springs in due time. In uncertain times, help us to greet the dawn and labor on, love on, in faith awaiting your purpose hid in you waiting to be born in due time. Amen.

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (by Lisa Hancock of Discipleship Ministries)

Readers: In days when God’s people longed for peace, ... We long for real peace, true peace, just peace.

P: We wait as people who yearn for peace that bears the fruit of community, equity, and flourishing for all.

Reader: We light these candles as signs of God’s shocking hope and just peace. May they be beacons calling us to repent and to live the good news of Jesus Christ as we wait and watch and labor for the day when all people can gather together to worship and glorify God. Amen.

*We light two candles.*

## CHILDREN’S STORY

**\*\*PRAISE SONGS** “O Come, O Come Emmanuel/Lord, I Lift Your Name On High”  
“The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy”  
“There’s A Song in the Air”  
“In The Bleak Midwinter”

## CELEBRATION OF OUR SHARED MINISTRY

## SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**CHORAL ANTHEM** “To A Maid Engaged to Joseph” Grindal & Edwards

**\*\*SCRIPTURE** Isaiah 40:1-11 (pg.667-668 OT) **Old Testament**  
2 Peter 3:8-15a (pg.233 NT) **New Testament**

**THE MESSAGE** “Hope and Peace” **Rev. Margery Schammel**

**\*\*CLOSING HYMN** “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” pg. 206 UMH

## \*\*BENEDICTION

**SENDING FORTH** “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** “From Heaven Above To Earth I Come ” F.W. Zachau



**Children’s Story** – Denise Boyd

**Acolyte** – Sydney Lee

**Altar Guild** – Christy Moore & Pat Walter

## MESSAGE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

“At the Coming” – I Thessalonians 5:16-24

## OUR PRAYER LIST

Dean Martin, Cindy Hooten, Kitty Doster, Danny Benner,  
those suffering with vertigo, cancer, debilitating illnesses, addictions,  
those in war-torn countries, and those needing ongoing prayer.

## CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	Christmas Tea & Gingerbread House Decorating
<b>Monday</b>	Bible Study 7 pm Scouts 7:30-8:30
<b>Tuesday</b>	Bible Study 12 pm Scouts 6-7 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Choir and Band rehearsals 7 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	A Blue Christmas Service – Chapel 7:00 pm
<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	Thrift Shop 9:00 am-12 pm Holiday Basket Distribution 1-3 pm Dress Rehearsal (Chorale) – Sanc. 1:30-3:30 pm

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after service for the **Christmas Tea**. Lots of delicious goodies are waiting for you! There will also be **Gingerbread House decorating** for those who wish to participate.

Thursday evening, at 7 pm, you are invited to attend **A Blue Christmas Service** in the Chapel. If you aren't quite in the holiday mood, or you just aren't feeling the joy this year, come worship with us.

Next Sunday, plan to join us after the service as we celebrate **Jesus's Birthday**, complete with cake! The United Women of Faith are sponsoring this event. Come and join others who celebrate their birthdays the same month as you. There will be goodies to enjoy, as well as great fellowship!

Next Sunday afternoon, you are invited to enjoy **The Perry Hall Chorale Christmas Concert at 3 pm**. There will be lots of great music, both vocal and instrumental, as well as dancers and children. As always, it is sure to be a fabulous afternoon!

Looking ahead, we have a **Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale** scheduled for January 27<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars NOW to save the date. We will need helpers in the kitchen, the dining area, and the bake sale. We will also need some delicious baked goods, too!! Look for a sign up in a few weeks.

### Staff

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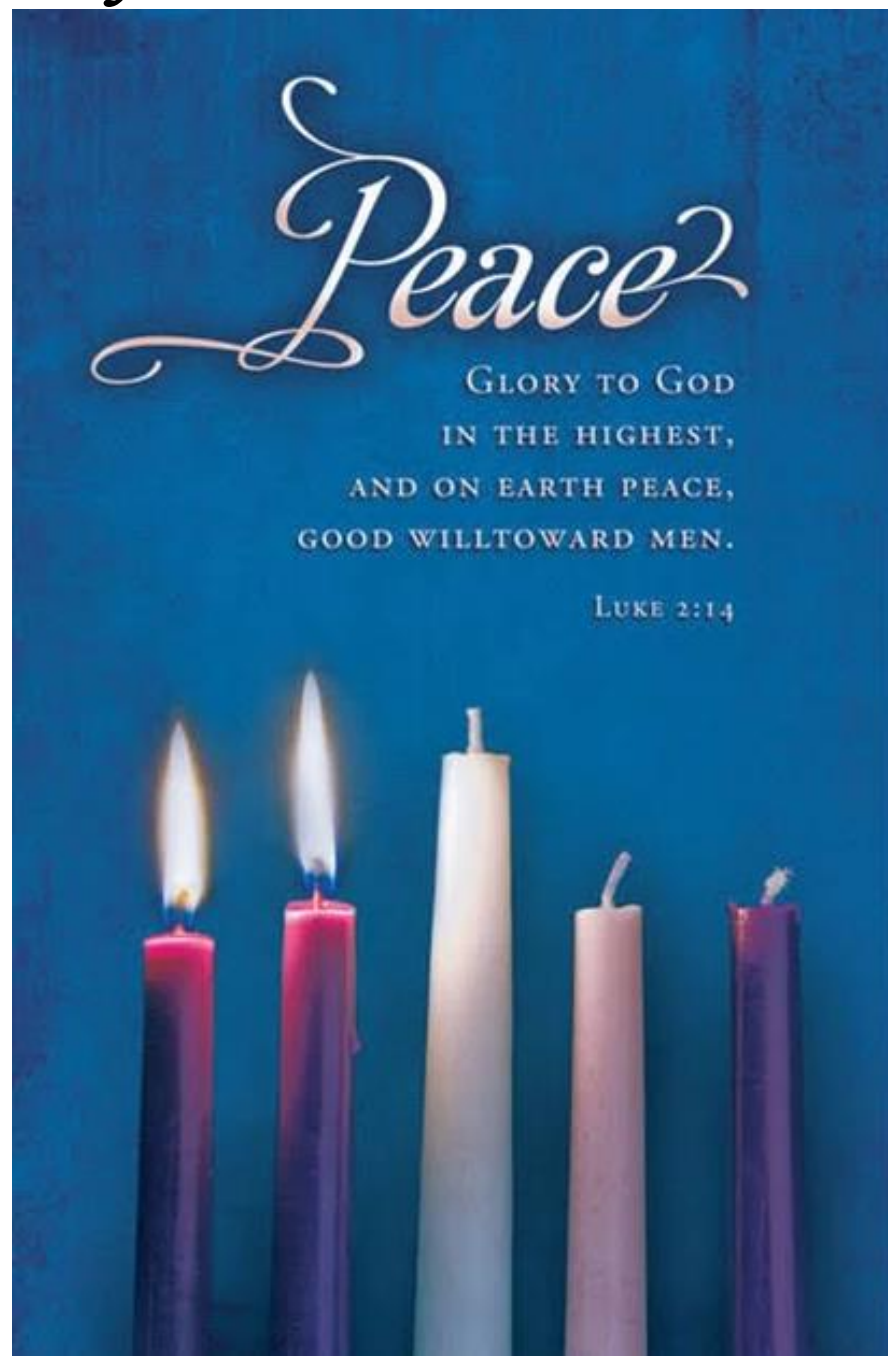
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