

Perry Hall United Methodist Church

December 21, 2025

4th Sunday of Advent

(**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 in your row that you may not know. Be sure to greet them after the service! ~

ORGAN PRELUDE Meditation on “Of The Father’s Love Begotten” Southbridge

CHORAL INTROIT “Psalm 122” James Montgomery

****OPENING HYMN** “O Little Town of Bethlehem” pg. 230 UMH

** CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We gather in preparation

P: for good news is about to be proclaimed.

L: We gather in expectation

P: for joy is about to break forth in our midst.

L: We gather in celebration

P: for we are those people who have said yes to the manger, yes to the one incarnate for others, yes to the wholeness of God.

ALL: In preparation and expectation, let us celebrate!

OPENING PRAYER

Send, O God, into the darkness of this troubled world, the light of your Son. Let the star of your hope touch the minds of all people with the bright beams of mercy and truth; and so direct our steps that we may ever walk in the way revealed to us, as the shepherds of Bethlehem walked with joy to the manger where he dwelled, who now and ever reigns in our hearts, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH, the candle of LOVE.

Advent Reading and lighting of four candles

Congregational Response: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, that God may teach us the ways of peace, hope, joy, and trust.

All sing: “Light the Advent Candle”, verse 4 pg. 2090, TFWS

CHILDREN’S STORY

****PRAISE SONGS** “O Come, O Come Emmanuel/Lord I Lift Your Name on High”
“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”
“The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy”

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

OUR SHARED MINISTRY

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

ANTHEM “Candles of Advent” Price & Besig
Michelle Kalendek, flute

****SCRIPTURE** Matthew 1: 18-25 pg. 1 – **The Gospel**
(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

THE MESSAGE “Plans to Action” **Pastor Margery Schmmel**

****CLOSING HYMN** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” pg. 240 UMH

**BENEDICTION

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” J.S. Bach



Acolyte – Leona Mager

Children’s Story – Sherri Wilmer

MESSAGE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

“What We Know” – Scripture: Psalm 145: 8-18

OUR PRAYER LIST

Danny Benner, those suffering with cancer, debilitating illnesses and addictions, those in war-torn countries, those affected by senseless acts of violence and terrorism, those dealing with loss of loved ones, and those needing ongoing prayer.

CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Coffee Hour after church

Monday

Tuesday Scouts 6-7:45 pm

Wednesday Christmas Eve Worship 7 pm

Christmas Pre-Concert 9:30 pm

Christmas Eve Worship 10 pm

Thursday

Friday

Saturday Thrift Shop 9 am-12 pm

Perry Hall United Methodist Church

Breakfast Worship is back!! Join us next Sunday morning, December 28th, as we enjoy a delicious breakfast and share in worship, beginning at 9:30 am. You are welcome to come in your pajamas, too!

The Church Office will be closed from Christmas Day through Sunday, January 4, 2026. Pastor Margery will be away during the week between Christmas and New Years. In case of a pastoral need, please call Denise at 443-787-8687. She will contact a pastor for you.

Looking Ahead:

Wednesday, 12/24 – Christmas Eve Service 7 pm
Pre-service Concert 9:30 pm
Christmas Eve Service 10 pm
Sunday, 12/28 – Breakfast Worship (pajamas allowed!)
December 25 – January 4 – Church Office closed

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PHUMC Mission Statement

We are a Christ centered community compelled by God to share God's unconditional love with everyone, outwardly focused and growing in faith.

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