

# Perry Hall United Methodist Church

December 7, 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> 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** “The Journey To Bethlehem” Cesar Franck

**CHORAL INTROIT** “Psalm 122” James Montgomery

**\*\*OPENING HYMN** “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” pg. 626 UMH

## \*\* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The King of glory comes,

**P: the nation rejoices.**

L: Open the gates before him,

**P: lift up your voices.**

**ALL: O come, Emmanuel!**

## OPENING PRAYER

Ever present God, you taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand. Grant that we may ever be found watching for the coming of your Son. Save us from undue love of the world, that we may wait with patient hope for the day of the Lord, and so abide in him, that when he shall appear, we may not be ashamed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH, the candle of PEACE.

*Advent Reading and lighting of first candle*

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

**All sing:** “Light the Advent Candle”, verse 2 pg. 2090, TFWS

## CHILDREN’S STORY

**\*\*PRAISE SONGS** “O Come, O Come Emmanuel/Lord I Lift Your Name On High”  
“The Snow Lay on the Ground”  
“Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow”  
“In the Bleak Midwinter”

## OUR SHARED MINISTRY

## SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**ANTHEM** “The King Shall Come When Morning Breaks” Brownlie & Wyeth

**\*\*SCRIPTURE** Matthew 3: 1-12 pgs. 2-3 – **The Gospel**  
*(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)*

**THE MESSAGE** “Prepare” **Pastor Margery Schmmel**

## CONFESSION AND PARDON

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Musical Setting A, pp.17-18 UMH)

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: It is right, and a good and joyful thing.... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All singing: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

L: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ ....in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All singing: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

L: Pour out your Holy Spirit .... All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**All singing: Amen, amen, amen.**

## GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*Please come to the table of Holy Communion, as you are directed, by the center aisle and return by the side aisles. The plates for your Communion offering will be at the head of each side aisle. We have gluten free wafers available; please just ask.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of

your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**\*\*CLOSING HYMN** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" pg. 211 UMH

**\*\*BENEDICTION**

**\*\*SENDING FORTH** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" Johann Walther



**Acolyte** – Sydney Lee

**Children's Story** – Carole Webner

#### MESSAGE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

"Least is Greater" – Scripture: Matthew 11: 2-11

#### 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

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | Christmas Tea after service today   |
| <b>Monday</b>    |   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Advent Bible Study 11 am<br>Scouts 6-7:45 pm  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Choir and Band Rehearsal 7 pm   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>United Women of Faith 7 pm</b>   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | KC Dance 5:30-8:30 pm   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | Thrift Shop 9 am-12 pm<br>Breakfast with Santa 9:30-12<br>Holiday Basket Distribution 1-3 pm<br>Folk Music Night 7 pm |

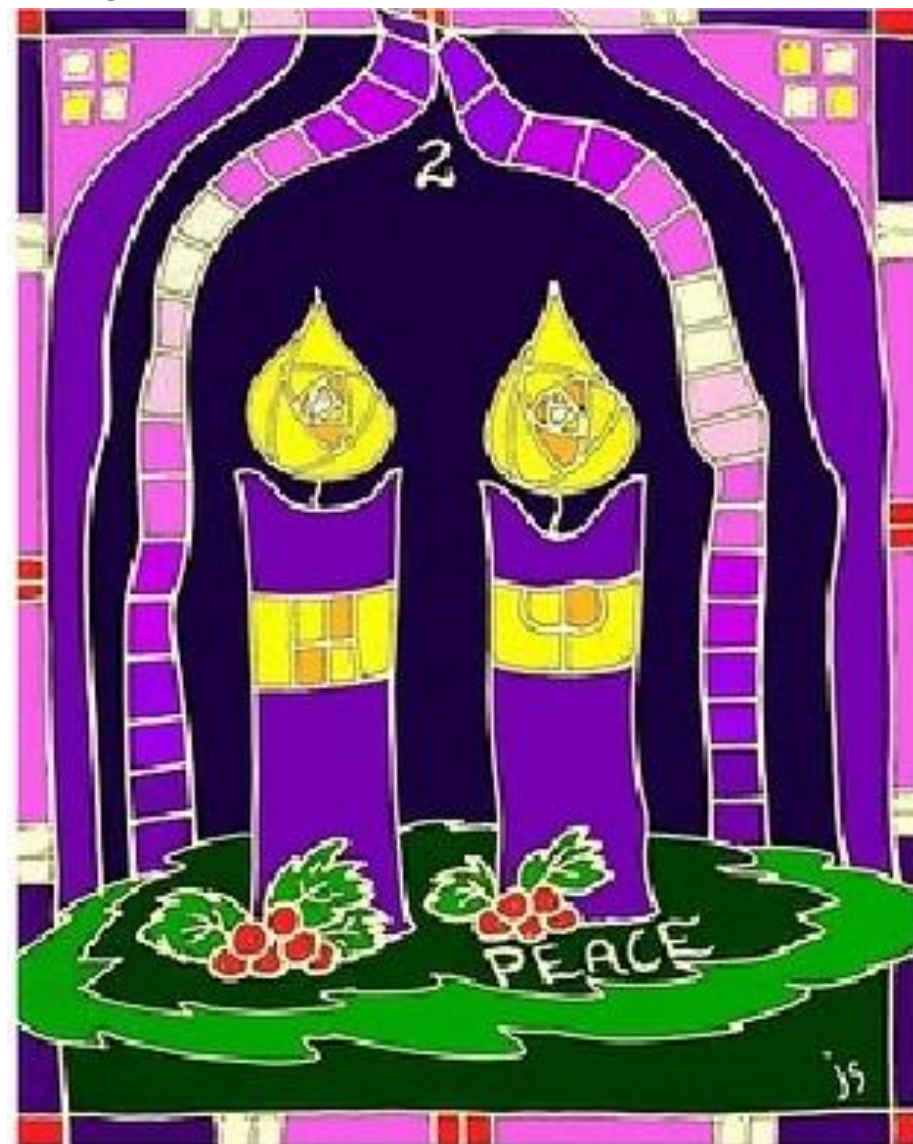
**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA is coming up quickly!** For **TICKETS**, go to:

[Perry Hall United Methodist Church: TICKETS - Breakfast with Santa!](#)

To sign up to help at the breakfast, go to:

[Perry Hall United Methodist Church: HELP NEEDED - Breakfast with Santa!](#)

## Perry Hall United Methodist Church



#### 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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**FA LA LA LA LA!** Come join the Missions Group as we spread Christmas Cheer as we go **Christmas caroling** at Brightview in Perry Hall and Rossville on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Flyers are in the narthex. 11:30 am & 1:30 pm.

**Scotty Williams**, country music artist out of Nashville, will be here on Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm with a concert of songs and spoken stories that trace a journey of loss, love and redemption. Plan to be blessed as he shares this journey of transformation as he is called by the Lord to share a message of hope. Concert is free. A good will offering will be taken.

**The Perry Hall Chorale** will present their annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, at 3 pm. The concert will include both traditional and contemporary Christmas favorites along with a special visitor...Santa!

#### **Looking Ahead:**

Saturday, 12/13 – Breakfast with Santa 9:30 am

Saturday, 12/13 – Holiday Basket Distribution

Saturday, 12/13 – Folk Music Night

Tuesday, 12/16 – Blue Christmas Service 7 pm

Saturday, 12/20 – Scotty Williams Concert 7 pm

Sunday, 12/21 – Chorale Concert 3 pm

Christmas Caroling – 11:30 am & 1:30 pm

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!)

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