

*A special welcome to our guests. Your visit is a blessing to us, and we are glad you are here!*

Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you.

Children of all ages are welcome in worship. If you prefer,  
a nursery for infants through preschoolers is available in Room 5.

Hearing assistance (headphones, earbud, or T-coil) is available during worship.



*\*Please stand in your heart or posture. UMH=United Methodist Hymnal; TFWs=The Faith We Sing.*

The Lord is with you. **And also with you.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING

#### PRELUDE

*Carol of the Birds* (Traditional Catalonian Carol) James Biery

#### \* OPENING HYMN

*Blessed Be the God of Israel* UMH 209

#### CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY: *Christ Be Our Light* by Farrell/Raney

#### \*RESPONSIVE LITANY

Leader: Advent is a time to awaken our spiritual senses.

**People: We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!**

Leader: Grant us vision to behold your glory.

**People: We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!**

Leader: Quiet us so we may hear your still, soft voice.

**People: We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!**

Leader: Make us vessels of your mercy, compassion, and grace.

**People: We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!**

Leader: For all of us eagerly watching for your glory in our midst:

**People: Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES The Baggett Family

CONGREGATIONAL CHORAL RESPONSE (see insert)

#### PRAYER

**God of eternity, you called faithful people throughout the ages to behold your glory. We acknowledge you call us to the same awareness today. We confess at times our spiritual senses are stifled. Rekindle a new awareness of your everlasting glory. We stand in awe of your deeds and ask you to repeat them in our day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

#### ANTHEM - BELL CHOIR

*The Angels and the Shepherds*

Jason Krug

### PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

#### SCRIPTURE READING

*Philippians 1:3-11*

Eleanor Bateman

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Luke 3:7-18*

Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

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#### MESSAGE

*Work in Progress*

Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

#### \* HYMN

*The Voice of God is Calling*

UMH 436

#### SEASON OF CELEBRATION

#### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

#### OFFERTORY - LADIES OF THE CHOIR

*Veni Emmanuel*

Dana Mengel

#### \* DOXOLOGY

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

UMH 221, last verse

### THANKSGIVING

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### SENDING FORTH

#### \*CLOSING HYMN

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

UMH 224

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

*God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* (Traditional English Carol)

Robert Lau

## Readings

*Philippians 1:3-11* New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.



*Luke 3:7-18* New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

*Third Sunday  
in Advent*

DECEMBER  
16  
2018

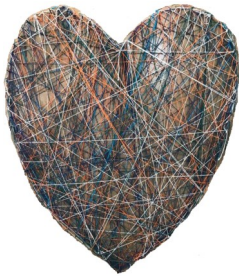
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## Daily Scripture Readings

Sun., December 16 - **ISAIAH 40:1-5** *He Will Come!*  
 Mon., December 17 - **MATTHEW 6:25-34** *In Joy and In Sorrow*  
 Tue., December 18 - **1 SAMUEL 17:32-50** *Trust in God*  
 Wed., December 19 - **LUKE 5:12-16** *Above the Clamor*  
 Thu., December 20 - **JAMES 1:1-5** *Obstacles or Opportunity?*  
 Fri., December 21 - **1 PETER 4:12-19** *Standing Firm*  
 Sat., December 22 - **PSALM 125:1-4** *Listening Between the Lines*

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## Memorial's Purpose



**Loving God  
 Welcoming All  
 Serving Neighbors  
 Together  
 Through Jesus  
 Christ**

## Last Sunday's Vitals

Worship Attendance: 126  
 Offering/other income 12/8: \$5,483  
 Total since 1/1/18: 468,264  
 Fellowship Hall Renovation  
 Goal: \$75,000 Received: \$19,660  
**For online giving options visit  
[www.PMUMC.org](http://www.PMUMC.org)**

## Office Information

**COORDINATOR HOURS**  
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**APPOINTMENTS WITH THE PASTOR**  
 To schedule, please contact the office at  
 301-349-2010, [office@pmumc.org](mailto:office@pmumc.org), or  
 visit [www.pmumc.org](http://www.pmumc.org)

**PHONE MESSAGES**  
 Messages for Shirley and Pastor Tim are  
 sent to their email accounts.

**EMERGENCIES**  
 People in need of immediate pastoral care,  
 please contact Pastor Tim at  
[PastorTim@PMUMC.org](mailto:PastorTim@PMUMC.org)

## Church Personnel

**PASTOR** - Rev. Timothy A. Dowell  
**CHURCH COORDINATOR**  
 Shirley Prasada-Rao  
**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC** - Janet Hartz  
**ORGANIST** - Linda Custer  
**BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR** - Becky Smalley  
**HEAD USHER** - Dr. Robert Spiker  
**HEAD ACOLYTE** - Emma Parker  
**FACILITIES** - Richard Scheetz

## Choral Response

### Christ, Be Our Light!

*A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent*

Words and Music by  
 BERNADETTE FARRELL

**Congregation:**

Christ, be our light! Shine in our  
 hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.  
 Christ, be our light! Shine in your  
 Church gath - ered to - day.



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## Upcoming Liturgist Schedule

DATE	DECEMBER 23	DECEMBER 30	JANUARY 6
LITURGIST	Ray Hoewing	Jan Deloria	Beth Parker



## Upcoming Happenings

<b>SUN - DEC 16</b> <i>Third Sunday in Advent</i>	9:15 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 12 pm 12 pm - 8 pm	Sunday School Worship Service Coffee Corner - <i>McCraith's and Cook's Host</i> Fellowship Hall Reserved
<b>MON - DEC 17</b>	9 am 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Bulletin Deadline for 12/23 and 12/30 editions Brownie Troop #32009 Bell Choir Rehearsal
<b>TUE - DEC 18</b>	7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 9 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Zumba Class Small Grp: Men's-"Troublesome Bible Passages" Small Grp: Grief Recovery
<b>WED - DEC 19</b>	7:30 pm - 9 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>THU - DEC 20</b>	7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 8 pm 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Small Grp: Review/Preview - <b>CANCELLED</b> Zumba Class Small Grp: Judy's Covenant Group
<b>SAT - DEC 22</b>	3:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Frederick Rescue Mission
<b>SUN - DEC 23</b> <i>Fourth Sunday in Advent</i>	9:15 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 12 pm	Sunday School Worship Service Coffee Corner - <b>Host Needed</b>
<b>MON - DEC 24</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i>	4 pm - 5 pm  8 pm - 9 pm	Family Christmas Eve Worship Service <i>with Communion after the service</i>  Traditional Christmas Eve Worship Service
<b>TUE - DEC 25</b>		
<b>WED - DEC 26</b>	7:30 pm - 9 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>THU - DEC 27</b>	7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 8 pm 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Small Grp: Review/Preview - <b>CANCELLED</b> Zumba Class Small Grp: Judy's Covenant Group
<b>SUN - DEC 30</b>	9:15 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 12 pm	Sunday School Worship Service Coffee Corner - <i>McCraiths &amp; Cooks Hosts</i>

**Giving Tree** - Thank you to all those that took tags off of our Giving Tree to buy gifts for the WUMCO families we are sponsoring for Christmas! As a reminder - if you took a tag off the tree, to purchase a gift please return the wrapped gift with the tag attached to the outside of the box by Tues., Dec. 18 at 5pm. If you have any questions, contact Dianna McGrew at [mdmcmgrews@aol.com](mailto:mdmcmgrews@aol.com) or call 301-349-2261.



### Wonderful News regarding Fellowship Hall Renovation!

A family has offered a \$10,000 matching gift for the Fellowship Hall renovation of any gifts \$1,000 or more received by December 31. We were lucky to have already receive the first \$1,000 donation, so we're looking for at least 9 more \$1,000 donations between now and the end of the month.


**Thank You**  
to All who made the Live Nativity




**Class Cancelled**  
*Review / Preview with Pastor Tim* will not meet this coming week nor the next week. Class will resume after the New Year!

**Christmas Eve Schedule**

4pm - Family Worship Service - Communion after Worship  
8 pm - Traditional Worship Service



**Stick Around After Worship!**  
Enjoy some fellowship and refreshments at Coffee Corner.




**Trustees & Church Council**  
Meetings have been cancelled for December. See you in January!

**Music Ministry Rehearsals**


Bell Choir - Mondays, 7:30-9pm  
Chancel Choir - Wednesdays, 7:30-9pm



**Sunday School!! 9:15-10:15 am**



**Memorial's Prayer Connection**  
Send prayer requests to [prayers@pmumc.org](mailto:prayers@pmumc.org).



**Scholarships FOR COLLEGE**

The Baltimore-Washington Conference awards a variety college scholarships. The application process opens Jan. 3, 2019, and closes March 7. To be considered for a scholarship, students must complete the full online application, which includes uploading your current transcripts. In addition, the student must provide contact information for their pastor and one additional church reference. To learn more visit <http://www.bwcumc.org/administration/local-church-resources/scholarships/>

