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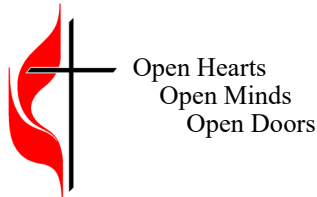
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The People of the Rockville United Methodist Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sunday, December 8, 2019
Second Sunday of Advent

WE COME TOGETHER TO WORSHIP THE LORD

GATHERING MEDITATION

Dear sisters and brothers, we are now rushing headlong into the Christmas season. We are excited at preparing for the Christmas celebrations with our friends and families; yet, how much do we ponder on the meaning of the birth of Jesus Christ into the world? How much do we look for the Lord wanting to come into our hearts? How much do we look around and share with people in need the great gift of God in Jesus our Emmanuel - "God be with us!" Let us examine our hearts and submit our lives to the Lord. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

THE SERVICE BEGINS WITH OUR CARILLON CHIMES

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Coventry Carol" arr. Curry

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today is the second Sunday in Advent.
People: We gather today to declare God's gentle loving peace for our lives.
Leader: We light this second candle...
People: to remember the tender infant born in Bethlehem.
Leader: God, help every heart prepare room for Jesus Christ.
People: We are faithfully praying, "Be born in us today!"

OPENING PRAYER

Dear Lord, we have prepared our homes, our churches, with beautiful decorations, but you still humble our hearts as you point out to our hearts to receive your message of peace. Free us, Lord, from all our desires and stresses of this holiday season, and place your peace which passes all our understanding in our hearts. For we ask this in the prince of peace, Jesus Christ's name. Amen.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING "Candle of Peace" The Shivers Family

PRaise Hymn "Even So, Come" GSM & Congregation

YOUNG DISCIPLES MESSAGE

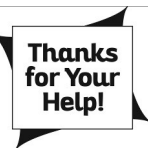
THE LORD'S PRAYER

*YOUNG DISCIPLES' SONG "Jesus Loves Me" (v 1) #191

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GOSPEL READING

Matthew 1: 21-25

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Advent Peace - "Joseph's Story"

Pastor SeokCheol Shin

*RESPONSIVE HYMN

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

#196

JOYS, CONCERNS, AND CELEBRATIONS OF OUR PEOPLE

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

(Prayers and Celebrations Request forms can be found at the end of each pew. If you have a prayer or celebration, please fill out a green form and ushers will collect them.)

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY/ANTHEM

"Joseph's Lullaby"

Geoff Gerow

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#95

WE LEAVE WITH GOD'S BLESSING

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

"Star-Child" (1,3,4,5)

#2095

*BENEDICTION

*THE LIGHT OF THE SPIRIT LEADS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

*POSTLUDE

"The First Noel"

arr. Organ



Advent Bible Study - "Not a Silent Night" by Adam Hamilton

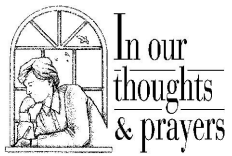
December 4, 11, & 18 - 6:30 pm

December 5, 12, 19 - 10 am

Lesson and Activity

Led by Pastor Cheol and David Saunders

The asterisk () indicates when the congregation is invited to stand, if able, during the service. The prayers, hymns and responses printed in the bulletin are copied under CCLI License #1374038*



Our Church Family

Marie Pierce—medical
Lucy Maupin – medical
Norine Veal—medical
Finn Halladay—medical
Linda Thouin—medical
Ginny Hickton—medical
Judy Wilkie—medical
Ray Clark—medical
John Ward - medical
Susan Lessoff - medical

Missionary

Dr. Belinda Forbes

Accion Medica Christiana,
Managua, Nicaragua

Pastor Kristin White,
Green Street UMC,
Augusta, ME

Special Needs

Nick - medical
Madison Kanneman - emotional support & medical recovery
Kate and family and all displaced by natural disasters
Colin Thorn - medical
Vetta - family tragedy
Bob Hornbecker
Rob Cook—medical
Domanik—healing
Anonymous— sobriety
Betty Ann Oppelt—medical & spiritual
Tami Rizner—medical
Staci Rizner - medical
Jade - medical
Paige - medical
Brandon Holder - medical

Those in nursing homes, Assisted Living and with limited mobility

Esther Harris-home
Eleanor Schreiber-Crestfield Manor
Shirley Edwards-Brookdale SW
Vita Aiello-Fox Hill
Pat Brandt—Pennsylvania
Kay Lyke - Crestfield Manor
Irene Surette—home
Harry Thomas - Woodlake
Janet McKercher—White Oaks
Norine Veal—Woodlake
Phyllis King—Vernon Manor
Ray Clark - home
Jane Thomas-home
John Ward - Fox Hill
June Latkofsky - home
Sue Lessoff - St. Francis

**If you would like to make additions and/or deletions from this prayer list, please contact the church office at 875-6562 or RockvilleUMC@outlook.com
We will rotate names every 30 days.**

It's hard work to give up your right to be hurt.

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