



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
Judie Culy - 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 - home
June Latkofsky - home
Judie Culy - hospital

**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.





The People of the Rockville United Methodist Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Tuesday, December 24, 2019
Christmas Eve

WE COME TOGETHER TO WORSHIP THE LORD

GATHERING MEDITATION

Welcome and Merry Christmas! We are here at God's Church tonight just for the one purpose, that is, to celebrate and appreciate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As we worship together, may God be glorified and bless us all with the gifts of hope, peace, joy, and love.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

THE SERVICE BEGINS WITH OUR CARILLON CHIMES

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "What Child Is This?" arr. Smith

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On this night, Christ is born!
People: Now the Savior has appeared!
Leader: On this night, the heavenly chorus resounds!
People: All creation rejoices!
Leader: On this night, the church throughout the world joins their cry:
People: Glory to God in the highest!

*CAROL "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (v 1,2,3) #234

LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE Christ Candle

OPENING PRAYER Christmas #231

Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world. Grant that, being born in our hearts, he may save us from all our sins, and restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator, to whom be everlasting praise and glory, world without end. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (v4) #230

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rejoice! Jesus is born! The darkness is gone! God's Light has overcome it! You are healed and forgiven, loved and cherished by God. Amen

SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM "Christmastime" arr. Larson

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OPENING MINDS

FIRST LESSON To Us a Child Is Born Isaiah 9: 2-7
PRAISE HYMN "Midnight Clear/Love Song" GSM & Congregation
SECOND LESSON God's Grace Has Appeared Titus 2: 11-14
RESPONSIVE CAROL "Away in a Manger" (v 1,3) #217
THIRD LESSON The Birth of Jesus Luke 2: 1-7
RESPONSIVE CAROL "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" (v 1,3) #224
FOURTH LESSON The Shepherds and the Angels Luke 2: 8-14
RESPONSIVE CAROL "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" (v 1,3) #240
FIFTH LESSON Adoration of The Shepherds Luke 2: 15-20
*RESPONSIVE CAROL "The First Noel" (v 1,2) #245
MESSAGE

*PRAISE HYMN "Joy to the World/King of Heaven Come Down" GSM & Congregation

OFFERTORY "O Little Town of Bethlehem" arr. Koerts

*DOXOLOGY "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" (v 1) #218

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

God, on this day when we joyfully and expectantly give and receive gifts, help us understand what it truly means to receive the gift of your only begotten Son. In turn, may we be willing to give our gifts to you-our time, our talents, and indeed our very selves. Amen

OPENING HEARTS

CHRISTMAS PRAYER see insert.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLES "Silent Night, Holy Night" #239 -Nat Woodruff on flute

*BENEDICTION

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

*POSTLUDE "Silent Night" arr. Brickman