

HOLLYWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PEACE

PEACE I leave with you ...
Let not your heart be troubled,
neither let it be afraid.

JOHN 14:27, KJV

KNOWING
JESUS AND
MAKING
JESUS
KNOWN



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 10, 2023



PRELUDE

Mary Jane Seanor

"O Come, O Come"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** OPENING HYMN**

UMH #211

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Choral Intro: "Light of Light"

Reader: Advent is a time to turn away from meaningless distractions.

People: Prince of Peace, clear our minds and calm our hearts.

Reader: Advent is a time to notice and count our many blessings.

People: Prince of Peace, help us recognize all that is good in our lives.

Reader: Advent is a time to let go of bitterness and resentment.

People: Prince of Peace, make us slow to anger and quick to forgive.

Reader: Advent is a time to spread peace to the world around us.

People: Prince of Peace, open our eyes to the needs of others.

Reader: Today, we light two candles - the candle of hope and the candle of peace. This second candle reminds us that in sending Christ, God sent us peace that passes all understanding. Peace of heart and mind, because through God's grace, we were given a Savior. Because of Christ we can live our lives with a sense of calm assurance, and we can be instruments that spread that peace into the world. Amen.

**EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE
LIFTED UP,**

LIGHT OF LIGHT

by Joel Raney

Voi - ces cry out from a world in grief:
prayers of those who seek re - lief.
End their dark - ness, hear their call for
peace on earth, good will for all.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

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People: God of light, we thank you for the sacrifice you made in sending your Son, and we pray today that you will fill us with a deep sense of peace. Lighten our anxious moments. Help us keep our minds focused on your love and take away our feelings of hopelessness and despair. May we remember that we are your instruments of peace and help us spread that peace to the world around us. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Children's Church Dismissal

CHORAL ANTHEM

"An Invitation for Advent"

**AND EVERY MOUNTAIN
AND HILL BE MADE LOW;**

A COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

- * **HYMN OF PREPARATION** TFWS #2089
"Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice"

- * **NEW TESTAMENT READING** Mark 1:1-8

SERMON Rev. Matthew Tate

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH #882
The Apostle's Creed

TITHES & OFFERINGS

With thanksgiving in our hearts, we give of our resources to our ever-present Lord. See the back page for a variety of ways to give.

Offertory Mary Jane Seanor

- * Doxology UMH #95

- * Prayer of Thanksgiving

- * **HYMN OF CELEBRATION** UMH #218
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

- * **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Mary Jane Seanor

* We stand in body or in spirit to give glory to God.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS = The Faith We Sing

For easier access to the web links in the bulletin, download the PDF at

<https://hollywoodumcmd.org/news-events/announcements/>



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[Just scan the QR Code with your phone's camera or click here!](#)

**THE UNEVEN GROUND
SHALL BECOME LEVEL,
AND THE ROUGH PLACES
A PLAIN.** **ISAIAH 40:4**

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the healing of our church family, friends & relatives

Wendy Borja (9/18)	George Halvosa (11/26)	Joyce Williams (9/4)
David Bruton (9/6)	Tommy Johnson (11/3)	Dave & Joan Wilson (11/28)
Jenny Carroll (10/3)	Max Long (11/29)	CD & Judy Wood (7/10)
Christine Clontz (7/5)	Jim & Carole Lupis (11/29)	
Ashley Dorsey (11/8)	Macie Shumpert (10/23)	

*Pray for our
Homebound*

Oneita Dohrman
Robert & Sharon Hayes
Lynne McGuffie
Connie Langford
John Porter



Pray for

Michael Spence
OUR PRESCHOOL

Pray for Pastor Matthew & Danielle, and Amelia, Simon, and Ambrose

Pray for those who are battling cancer

Mike Britt	Jason Duke	Gene Keller, Jr.	Rosemary Sanders
Tim Buckheit	Connie Evans	Mike Knight	Richard Sandidge
Beth Carter	John Felicitas	Lance Lupis	Janet Taylor
Cynthia Chan	Pam Grace	Bob Napier	Patsy Webster
Gabriel Crow	Curtis Graves	Wendy Pratley	James Wild
AJ Davis	Nathan Gray	Myrna Robbins	Sarah Zsak
Sandy Denison	Ed Jackanowski	Jessica Royal	

REJOICE
ALWAYS,

PRAY
WITHOUT
CEASING,

Names in bold indicate new prayer requests or those who need extra prayer this week.

Please keep us updated on the status of your prayer requests.

GIVE THANKS
IN ALL
CIRCUMSTANCES.

To request prayer, fill out a Keeping in Touch card, call or email the office during the week, or email Pastor Matthew by noon on Saturdays to ensure they are included in Sunday's service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

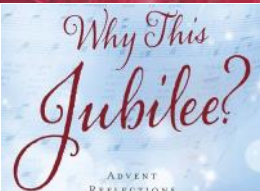
*Firepit Friday
& Caroling
& Cookies*

Friday, Dec. 15
6:00 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT STUDY

This year's Advent study is "Why this Jubilee?" by James Howell and is meeting on Wednesdays at noon and Sundays at 9:00 AM. Feel free to join whichever session you can.



LUKE THROUGH DECEMBER

Read one chapter of the Gospel of Luke each day in December until Christmas Eve. Tune in to Facebook or YouTube each day and join with Pastor Matthew as he reads and discusses that day's chapter. You can catch previous videos on either our YouTube channel or Facebook page.



BLUE CHRISTMAS

The Blue Christmas service is a place to BE, whatever BEing looks and feels like to you. It's a service that acknowledges the pain and brokenness that the season can bring while offering the HOPE that is found even in darkness.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

A festive Christmas concert celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ

Good Samaritan Lutheran Church is hosting a concert **THIS Saturday, December 16**, at 5:00 PM, featuring music from Zion UMC, St Peter Clavier, Community with a Cause GMC, St George's Episcopal, Church of the Ascension, and the SOMD Community Gospel Choir.

BILL & APRIL'S CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE EXTRAVAGANZA

Bill and April Benham invite YOU to their open house **THIS Saturday, December 16**, from 7:00–9:00 PM. So they can adequately plan, please RSVP to Bill at rebels1018@gmail.com by tomorrow, Monday, December 11. If your last name begins with A-L, please plan to come between 7:00 and 8:00 PM, and if your name begins with M-Z please come between 8:00 and 9:00 PM. Thanks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



POINSETTIAS



We are now receiving orders/donations for Christmas poinsettias. Envelopes are available in the narthex OR you may scan the QR code and [submit your order online](#). Be sure to hit **SUBMIT** once you have entered your info or we will not receive your submission. Poinsettias are \$10 each and the order deadline is Sunday, December 18. Make your check payable to the church OR give online; either way, mark it "Flower Fund." The poinsettias will be displayed on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24. You may take your poinsettias home following the evening Christmas Eve service.

The poinsettias will be listed in the bulletin like these examples below. Select "In Memory of" for loved ones who have passed away. Select "In Honor of" for those who are still living. [Ask Wade](#) why understanding this distinction is important.

If you have any questions, contact April Benham at 240-256-5818 or missippigirl97@gmail.com.

Permelia Jones
In Memory of
Her Husband,
Miley Jones

James & Mary Joy
In Honor of
Their Children



PRAYER SHAWL

If you would like a prayer shawl for yourself or a friend in need, contact Karen Melotti at 301-481-8093.

GIVING ENVELOPE BOXES

Numbered envelopes for next year are available in the copier room. If you would like to receive a box of envelopes, email Gail at hepp44@md.metrocast.net.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

This year's Christmas Offering will go to our HUMC Needy Fund and to Three Oaks. All offerings received during the Christmas Eve services will be directed to the Christmas Offering. You can also use the Christmas Offering envelope from your numbered box or [give online to the Christmas Offering all month long](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIVING TUESDAY

Thanks to all who have supported OUR preschool with our Giving Tuesday initiative. If you missed out, you can still give a donation to help us head into the new year with a solid foundation. [Support OUR Preschool!](#) Every Tuesday can be Giving Tuesday!



LIVE UP TO THEIR LEGACY

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

THANK YOU to EVERYONE who sponsored wreaths for our veterans who are buried at Joy Chapel and Galilee Cemetery! More were sponsored than we need, so they will carry over to next year. The wreath-laying ceremony will be at noon **THIS Saturday, December 16** at Joy Chapel. Come out and help us lay the wreaths on the graves.



Bring in 2024 WALL calendars and place them in the Amen Corner or in the box on the shelves outside Pastor Matthew's office. They will be donated to Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. **Deadline: Christmas Eve Sunday, Dec 24.**



Filling Empty Little Tum mies

We are ONLY in need of single-serve chicken and tuna cans/pouches and veggie cups/pop cans. **THANK YOU** for your continued support of this ministry!

PAJAMA CONNECTION

Select a tag off of the tree in the foyer and help provide Christmas presents for local children in need. Contact Danielle for more info.

**“GLORY TO GOD
IN THE HIGHEST HEAVEN,
AND ON EARTH PEACE AMONG
THOSE WHOM HE FAVORS!”**

LUKE 2:14

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH GROUP

See the list below for upcoming Youth Group Events! If you would like to provide dinner for the youth on a Sunday evening, [email Sarah](#).

TONIGHT, DECEMBER 10

5:00 PM

Christmas Party!

Bring a \$10ish gift for our White Elephant gift exchange. Our meal will be catered by Cracker Barrel, courtesy of Terri Van Asdlen. Invite some friends for an evening of fun and games!



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, TIME TBA

Christmas Movie Night!



Invite your friends to come watch a movie about a grumpy green guy with us! Yoda? The Hulk? Kermit the Frog? Marvin the Martian? Shrek? Plankton? Gamora? Mike Wazowski? Greedo? Beast Boy? Leo, Raph, Mich, and Don? Elphaba? There are so many options! Wonder which one it is! The Benhams will be providing dinner for us!

JANUARY 19–21, 2024

Youth Group Retreat!

We are excited for our first youth group retreat coming together! We'll be going to our West River United Methodist Center near Annapolis. Activities include large group sessions, small group times, worship services, fellowship, music, games, and meals! We'll be sleeping in cabins (with heat! "Not like creepy cabins," says Sarah).

Cost is \$50 per student. **RSVP to Sarah by THIS EVENING, Sunday, December 10.** Don't let the cost of the retreat prevent you from participating! Talk to Sarah and she will work something out with you.

Please pray over this and if you would like to be an adult volunteer, talk to Sarah.



WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays	9:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship Service (In-Person/ YouTube)
	5:00 PM	Youth Group Christmas Party
Mondays	6:45 PM	Ladies Bible Study (Youth Room)
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study (GH)
Tuesdays	9:00 AM	Jazzercise (GH)
	6:45 PM	Ladies Bible Study (Youth Room)
Wednesdays	10:00 AM	Wednesday Bible Study (Youth Room)
	Noon	Advent Study (GH)
	6:30–8:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursdays	9:00 AM	Jazzercise (GH)
	10:00 AM	Deadline for Bulletin Info for Next Sunday
Fridays		Pastor's Sabbath
	9:00 AM	Jazzercise (GH)

~~Event~~ indicates a weekly event that will not be held this week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, December 14	
6:30 PM	HUB Meeting (GH)
Friday, December 15	
6:00 PM	Firepit Friday & Caroling & Cookies
Saturday, December 16	
Noon	Wreaths Across America Ceremony (Joy Chapel)
5:00 PM	Christmas Celebration Concert (Good Sam Luth)
December 16–January 1	SMCPS Christmas Break
Sunday, December 17	Third Sunday of Advent
5:00 PM	Youth Group Christmas Movie Night
Monday, December 18	
1:00 PM	Drop-In Grief Support (L'town Library)
7:00 PM	Blue Christmas Service
Thursday, December 21	First Day of Winter
6:30 PM	HUB Meeting (GH)
Sunday, December 24	Fourth Sunday of Advent/Christmas Eve
	Regular Morning Schedule
4:00 PM	Family Christmas Eve Service
7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
11:00 PM	Christmas Eve Vigil

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