

HOLLYWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JOY

**KNOWING
JESUS
AND
MAKING
JESUS
KNOWN**

Now the God of hope
fill you with all JOY
and peace in believing.

ROMANS 15:13, KJV



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 17, 2023



PRELUDE

Mary Jane Seanor

"Joy Has Dawned"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** OPENING HYMN**

UMH #64

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Choral Intro: "Light of Light"

Reader: Advent is a time to celebrate the joy of living.

People: Lord of Light, we thank you for the gift of life.

Reader: Advent is a time to celebrate the joy of relationships.

People: Lord of Light, we thank you for our friends and family.

Reader: Advent is a time to celebrate the earth we all share.

People: Lord of Light, we thank you for providing for our needs.

Reader: Advent is a time to celebrate eternal life.

People: Lord of Light, we thank you for sending a Savior.

Reader: Today, we light three candles - the candle of hope, of peace, and the candle of joy. This third candle reminds us that because of our Lord, we have reasons to be truly joyful. The world around us is filled with surprise and beauty. Our cups overflow with goodness and grace, and we rejoice in the promise of eternal life. Amen.

**THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD GOD
IS UPON ME BECAUSE
THE LORD HAS ANOINTED ME;**

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.

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People: God of light, we thank you for the many gifts you have given us, and we pray today that you will teach us to be truly joyful. Help us remember that you supply our needs and fill our lives with meaning. Fill our days with keen awareness of your presence, and fill our hearts with praise as we celebrate this joyful Advent season. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Children's Church Dismissal

SPECIAL MUSIC Tom & Jeanne Rothwell,
Maggie Osborne, and Ellen Proctor
"An Advent Reflection"

**HE HAS SENT ME TO BRING
GOOD NEWS TO THE OPPRESSED,
TO BIND UP THE BROKENHEARTED,**

A COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

- * **HYMN OF PREPARATION** UMH #2210
"Joy Comes with the Dawn"

- * **NEW TESTAMENT READING** John 1:6-8, 19-28
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

Tom & Jeanne Rothwell,

Maggie Osborne, and Ellen Proctor

"There's a Song in the Air"

- * Doxology UMH #95

- * Prayer of Thanksgiving

- * **HYMN OF CELEBRATION** UMH #246
"Joy to the World"

- * **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Mary Jane Seanor
"Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)"

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

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS = The Faith We Sing

TO PROCLAIM
LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVES
UNDEFEATED
RELEASE TO THE PRISONERS,
TO PROCLAIM THE YEAR
OF THE **LORD'S FAVOR.**
ISAIAH 45:1-2

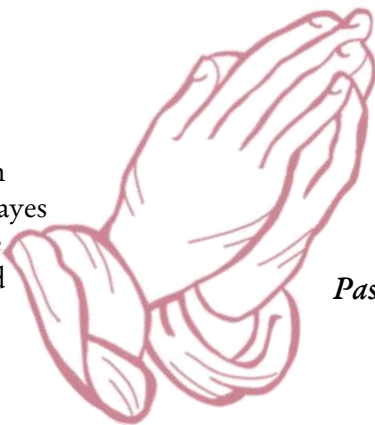
PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Wendy Borja (9/18)	George Halvosa (11/26)	Macie Shumpert (10/23)
David Bruton (9/6)	Tommy Johnson (11/3)	Pari Thomas (12/11)
Jenny Carroll (10/3)	Max Long (11/29)	Joyce Williams (9/4)
Christine Clontz (7/5)	Jim & Carole Lupis (11/29)	Dave & Joan Wilson (11/28)
Ashley Dorsey (11/8)	Dr. John Roach (12/12)	CD & Judy Wood (7/10)

*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.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18 NRSV

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.

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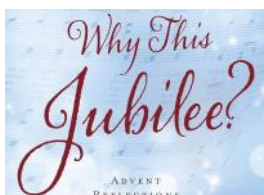


BLUE CHRISTMAS

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. Invite anyone you know who is grieving to attend this tomorrow evening.

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.



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

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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



THERE ^{WAS A} MAN ^{SENT} FROM ^{WHOSE NAME} GOD ^{WAS} JOHN.
HE CAME ^{AS A} WITNESS
TO ^{SO THAT} TESTIFY ^{TO THE} LIGHT,
^{THAT} ALL MIGHT BELIEVE
THROUGH HIM.

JOHN 1:6-7

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!



Filling Empty Little Tummies

Stay tuned for what we'll need once school starts back up in January! **THANK YOU** for your continued support of this vital ministry to local children!



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

THANK YOU to EVERYONE who participated in this year's Wreaths Across America wreath laying ceremony yesterday!



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.

PAJAMA CONNECTION

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

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](#).

PRAYER SHAWL

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

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 AT 5:00 PM

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 will 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. 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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE'D LOVE TO SEE

YOU ^{AND} YOURS ON

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM

Family Service

Your whole family will enjoy this service as we go through the ABCs of Christmas.

7:00 PM

Candlelight Service

Bring the whole family to this service featuring congregational carols, choral music, special music, and candles.

11:00 PM

Vigil

A simple service featuring candles, carols, prayer, and communion.

Merry Christmas

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 Movie Night
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

Now–January 1 SMCPs Christmas Break

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

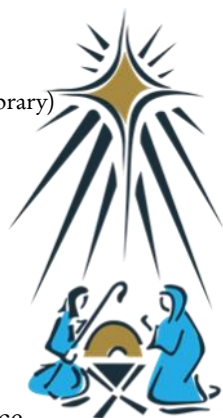
4:00 PM	Family Christmas Eve Service
7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
11:00 PM	Christmas Eve Vigil

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day—Office Closed

Sunday, December 31

	New Year's Eve
10:00 AM	Lessons & Carols Service



**A SEASON
of JOY**

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

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



Let us know you joined us in worship by filling out our Connect Card!

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

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