

HOLLYWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# HOPE

I wait for the LORD,  
my soul doth wait, and  
in his word do I HOPE.

PSALM 130:5, KJV

KNOWING  
JESUS  
AND  
MAKING  
JESUS  
KNOWN



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 3, 2023



## **PRELUDE**

Ray Belcher & Mary Jane Seanor

“Coventry Carol”

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\* OPENING HYMN**

UMH #196

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

## **ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

Choral Intro: “Light of Light”

Reader: Advent is a time of reflection and renewal.

People: God of light, shine in our hearts and renew our hope.

Reader: Advent is a time of self-examination.

People: God of light, shine in our hearts and  
strengthen our resolve.

Reader: Advent is a time of joy and expectation.

People: God of light, shine in our hearts and renew our faith.

Reader: Advent is a time of service and searching.

People: God of light, shine in our hearts and ignite our  
compassion.

Reader: Today, we light the first candle—the candle of hope—  
reminding us that in sending Christ, God sent hope to  
the earth. Hope for a world free from war and pain,  
hope for a sense of purpose and belonging, and hope for  
peace and prosperity for our children and our children’s  
children. When Christ came, he brought us the Light of  
Lights. Light that fills us with hope, illuminates our  
lives, and shines in our hearts.

# 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 pray today that you will fill us with hopeful expectation, and that you will cause us to become your children of light. Help us to spread your light into the world around us. Help us to recognize our opportunities to brighten the lives of others. Help us to live each day as beacons of love filled with joy, peace, and hope. Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

[Isaiah 64:1-9](#)

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Children's Church Dismissal

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Ray Belcher & Mary Jane Seanor  
"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

**HEAVEN AND EARTH WILL  
PASS AWAY, BUT MY WORDS  
WILL NOT PASS AWAY.**

**MARK 13:31**

# A COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

- \* **HYMN OF PREPARATION** UMH #108  
"God Hath Spoken by the Prophets"

- \* **NEW TESTAMENT READING** [Mark 13:24-37](#)

**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

## COMMUNION

- \* **HYMN OF CELEBRATION** UMH #707  
"Hymn of Promise"

- \* **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

**WE ARE THE CLAY,  
AND YOU ARE OUR POTTER;  
WE ARE ALL THE WORK  
OF YOUR HAND. ISAIAH 64:8**

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!](#)





# PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Wendy Borja (9/18)	George Halvosa (11/26)	Marie Slattery (9/18)
David Bruton (9/6)	Tommy Johnson (11/3)	Joyce Williams (9/4)
Jenny Carroll (10/3)	Max Long (11/29)	Dave & Joan Wilson (11/28)
Christine Clontz (7/5)	Jim & Carole Lupis (11/29)	CD & Judy Wood (7/10)
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 those who are  
grieving, including the family  
and friends of Wes Breazeale*

*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	<b>Lance Lupis</b>	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	



**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.

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

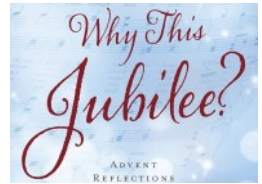
# ANNOUNCEMENTS



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 on **Saturday, December 16** at Joy Chapel. Come out and help us lay the wreaths on the graves.

## ADVENT STUDY

This year's Advent study is "Why this Jubilee?" by James Howell will meet on Wednesdays at noon (starting on 11/29) and Sundays at 9:00 AM (starting on 12/3). See Pastor Matthew for more info!



## 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.

## GIVING ENVELOPE BOXES

Numbered envelopes for next year are available in the narthex. If you would like to receive a box of envelopes, email Gail at [hepp44@md.metrocast.net](mailto:hepp44@md.metrocast.net).

# CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

**A festive Christmas concert celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ**

Good Samaritan Lutheran Church is hosting a concert on 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.



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.**

# 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](mailto:missippigirl97@gmail.com).



Permelia Jones  
**In Memory of**  
Her Husband,  
Miley Jones

James & Mary Joy  
**In Honor of**  
Their Children



## 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. Since Luke has 24 chapters, it's a great way to tune your heart for the Savior's birth!

## 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

# YOUTH GROUP

We have our regular youth group time tonight at 5:00 PM with dinner provided by Sarah Prelog and Ron Crescini! If you would like to provide dinner for the youth on a Sunday evening, [email Sarah](#).

See the list below for upcoming Youth Group Events!

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, AT 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!



## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, TIME TBA**

### **Christmas Movie Night!**

We will decide what movie tonight during youth group! Invite some friends!

## **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 NEXT 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, let me know as soon as possible



# 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!](#)

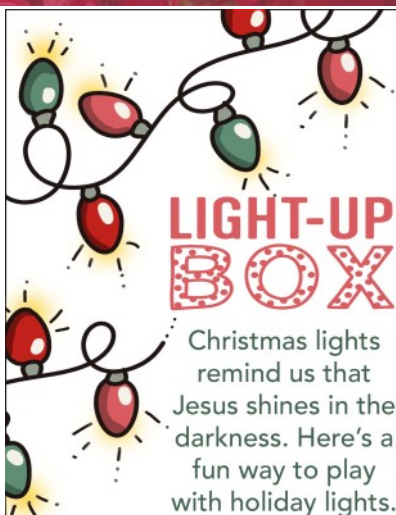


Filling Empty Little Tummies

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!

I AM FILLED  
WITH  
*Hope*  
AND  
*Joy.*

Romans 15:13

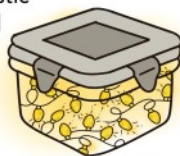


### LIGHT-UP BOX

Christmas lights remind us that Jesus shines in the darkness. Here's a fun way to play with holiday lights.

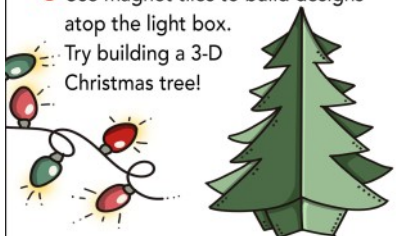
#### What you need:

- A strand of Christmas lights
- A large clear plastic container and lid
- Green tissue paper
- Colorful beads



#### What you do:

1. Plug in the lights and place them in the container.
  2. Put on the lid. (If the lid isn't transparent, flip the box over.)
  3. Play with your light box, using these ideas as starters:
    - Cut tissue paper into triangles and arrange them in a tree shape. Decorate the tree with colorful beads.
    - Use the light box for tracing. Place a picture on it, with a clean sheet of paper on top. Then trace the drawing.
    - Use magnet tiles to build designs atop the light box.
- Try building a 3-D Christmas tree!



# WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays	9:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship Service (In-Person/ <a href="#">YouTube</a> )
	5:00 PM	Youth Group
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

Sunday, December 3		First Sunday of Advent
		Local Food Pantry Donation Collection
Sunday, December 10		Second Sunday of Advent
	5:00 PM	Youth Group Christmas Party
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

# CONNECT WITH US

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