\*Singing Our Faith # **220** *“Angels from the Realms of Glory”*

\*Blessing and Dismissal

\*Postlude

**Scatter to Serve God & Neighbor**

*Welcome to all! We gather to praise God for the innumerable blessings given to us and to grow deeper in the Spirit. Joyfully, let us lift our hearts to God.*





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 *Chestnut Hill United Methodist Church*

10:30 a.m. ~ December 10, 2023 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

Our ministry vision for the Virginia Annual Conference is ***“to be disciples of Jesus Christ who are lifelong learners, who influence others to serve.”***

***Welcome! Join us in worshiping God!***

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

*Welcome in the name of Christ our Lord. Please register your attendance, printing your name, address, phone, and email, on the attendance pad provided on your pew. Thank you for silencing cell phones as we gather to worship God.*

Invocation

\*Greeting

Savior of the nations, come;

**Virgin's Son, make here your home.**

Marvel now, O heaven and earth,

**that the Lord chose such a birth.**

Come, O Father’s saving Son,

**Who over sin the victory won.**

Boundless shall your kingdom be;

**Grant that we its glories see.** *(Martin Luther, 1485-1546)*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Loretta Mayhew, Sharon Mayhew

*“John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.”* *(Mark 1:4)*

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ the Way. May the Word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

\*Singing Our Faith **# 211** *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

\*Opening Prayer

**Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Anthem *“Love Has Come”*

Greeting Friends and Neighbors

Scripture Lesson Mark 1:1-8

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*Singing Our Faith **# 204** *“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”*

The Good News ***“Starting Well”***

Bringing Forward God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

\*Doxology **# 95 Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all Creatures here below;** **praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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**Gifts should be wrapped and the child’s name on each gift**.

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We are collecting mittens, gloves, scarfs, caps, and socks. These can be brought to church any time in December.

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