Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Advent Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.**

\*Singing Our Faith # **230** *“O Little Town Bethlehem”*

\*Blessing and Dismissal

Friends, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*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.*



*Chestnut Hill United Methodist Church*

10:30 a.m. ~ December 17, 2023 ~ Third 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

Shepherds what is this lovely fragrance,

**Filling the air this wondrous night?**

Gentler than all the flowers of springtime,

**Wafting from heaven in sweet delight.**

Shepherds what is this lovely fragrance,

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What is this light, so clear so brilliant,

**Filling the sky before our eyes?**

Brighter than day a star is shining,

**Never have we seen such radiant skies!**

What is this light, so clear so brilliant,

**Filling the sky before our eyes?**

In Bethlehem in lowly manger,

**Lies our Redeemer, Lord, and King.**

Come, let us hasten to adore Him,

**And there to Him, our praises sing!**

In Bethlehem in lowly manger,

**Lies our Redeemer, Lord and King.** *(17th Century French Carol)*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath George & Linda Jessen

*“And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.”*

*(Isaiah 35:10)*

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy. May the joyful promise of your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

\*Singing Our Faith **# 240** *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*

\*Opening Prayer

**Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Special Music

Greeting Friends and Neighbors

Scripture Lesson James 1:2-4

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*Singing Our Faith **# 219** *“What Child Is This”*

The Good News Ron Miller

***“Joy to the World: Advent 2023-***

***Reintroducing Jesus, the Source of our Joy”***

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

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