

**Memorial United Methodist Church  
Fourth Sunday of Advent-December 24, 2017**

*A special welcome to our guests.* Your visit is a blessing to us, and we are glad you are here! Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you. Children of all ages are welcome in worship. However, if you prefer, a nursery for infants through preschoolers is available. Hearing assistance (headphones, earbud, or T-coil) is available during worship.

The Lord is with you. **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* by Mark Hayes

CHORAL INTROIT - CHANCEL, JUNIOR, AND BELL CHOIRS

*Ding Dong! Merrily on High (16th Century French Melody)* by Joel Raney

***GOD WITH US, EMMANUEL: A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent*** by Joel Raney

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

During Advent we wait for the coming Savior who is our Everlasting Father.

**From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

During Advent we look to the One who knows our deepest thoughts.

**From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

During Advent we look to the One who cares for our deepest needs

**From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

During Advent we look to the One who knows our most pressing concerns.

**From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

During Advent we look to the One who knows our innermost being.

**From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE The Fielder Family

\* CHORAL RESPONSE (see insert) Congregation, Chancel Choir

\* PRAYER

**Gracious Lord, as we continue our Advent journey, we acknowledge that very little in our world stays the same. Thank you for being our Everlasting Father, who is eternally present with us. We pray this in the name of Christ, our Savior, Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* UMH 196



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**PROCLAMATION**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-38 Betty Jean Selby

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM—CHANCEL, JUNIOR, AND BELL CHOIRS

*How Quietly* by Joel Raney

MESSAGE

*Fear or Hope - Which is Stronger?* Rev. William C. Maisch

\*HYMN

*It Came upon the Midnight Clear* UMH 218

**RESPONSE**

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*In the Bleak Midwinter* by Raymond Haan

\*DOXOLOGY

*In the Bleak Midwinter* UMH 221, verse 4

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

\*CLOSING HYMN

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel* UMH 211

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*O Come, All Ye Faithful* by John Benke



**Today's Scripture Reading**

*Luke 1:26-38 (NRSV)*

**THE BIRTH OF JESUS FORETOLD**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.



**Upcoming Liturgist Schedule**

DATE	DECEMBER 24, 8PM	DECEMBER 31	JANUARY 7
LITURGIST	Ray Hoewing	Dennis Minor	Gary Hartz



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## Daily Scripture Readings

Sun., Dec. 24 - **MATTHEW 5:14-16** *Christmas Eve*  
Mon., Dec. 25 - **MATTHEW 5:43-48** *Christmas Day*  
Tue., Dec. 26 - **PSALM 16:7-11** *Lots of Living to Do*  
Wed., Dec. 27 - **PSALM 107:1-8** *A Moving Experience*  
Thu., Dec. 28 - **COLOSSIANS 3:12-17** *Christmas is Not Over*  
Fri., Dec. 29 - **JEREMIAH 29:10-14** *Still Loving and Caring*  
Sat., Dec. 30 - **PHILIPPIANS 1:20-22** *The Focal Point*

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## Memorial's Purpose



**Loving God  
Welcoming All  
Serving Neighbors  
Together  
Through Jesus Christ**

## Last Sunday's Vitals

Worship Attendance: 121  
Offering/other income - 12/17/17 - **\$6,442**  
Total from 1/1/17- 12/17/17 - **\$291,982**  
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[www.PMUMC.org](http://www.PMUMC.org)

## Office Information

**COORDINATOR HOURS**  
Mon.-Fri., 8:30am 12:30pm

**PASTOR APPOINTMENTS**  
To schedule, please contact the office at  
301-349-2010, [office@pmumc.org](mailto:office@pmumc.org), or  
visit [www.pmumc.org](http://www.pmumc.org)

**EMERGENCIES**  
People in need of immediate pastoral care,  
please contact Pastor Bill at 301-461-0301

**PHONE MESSAGES**  
Messages for Shirley and Pastor Bill are  
sent to their email accounts.

## Church Personnel

**PASTOR** - Rev. William Maisch  
**CERTIFIED CANDIDATE FOR  
ORDAINED MINISTRY** - Helen Ballew  
**CHURCH COORDINATOR**  
Shirley Prasada-Rao  
**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC** - Janet Hartz  
**ORGANIST** - Linda Custer  
**BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR** - Becky Smalley  
**HEAD USHER** - Dr. Robert Spiker  
**HEAD ACOLYTE** - Emma Parker  
**FACILITIES** - Richard Scheetz  
**NURSERY CARE PROVIDER**  
Lori King

## Congregation Choral Response

# God with Us, Emmanuel

*A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent*

Words and Music by  
JOEL RANEY

### Congregation:

Ev-er-last-ing Fa-ther, Prince of Peace,  
Won-der-ful Coun-sel-er, Al-might-y God.  
Em-man-u-el, Em-man-u-el. God with  
us, Em-man-u-el.

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## Upcoming Happenings

<b>SUN - DEC 24</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve</i>	9:15am - 10:15am 10:30am - 11:30am After Worship 4pm - 5pm  8pm - 9pm	Sunday School Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship Conversation with the Lay Leader Christmas Eve Family Worship - <i>No Nursery Available</i> Christmas Eve Traditional Worship - <i>No Nursery Available</i>
<b>MON - DEC 25</b> <i>Merry Christmas!</i>	7:30pm - 9pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal-CANCELLED
<b>WED - DEC 27</b>	5pm - 6pm 7:30pm - 9pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal - CANCELLED Chancel Choir Rehearsal - CANCELLED
<b>SUN - DEC 31</b> <i>Epiphany</i>	9:15am - 10:15am 10:30am - 11:30am After Worship	Sunday School Worship Service Conversation with the Lay Leader
<b>MON - JAN 1</b>	9am 7:30pm - 9pm	Bulletin Deadline Bell Choir Rehearsal-CANCELLED
<b>TUE - JAN 2</b>	7:30pm - 9pm	Men's Group Meeting
<b>WED - JAN 3</b>	5pm - 6pm 7:30pm - 9pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>SUN - JAN 7</b> <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	9:15am - 10:15am 10:30am - 11:30am After Worship	Sunday School Worship Service Conversation with the Lay Leader



We  
 are  
 blessed  
 to have an  
 incredible  
 church family  
 come together  
 to help with our

- Community Dinners
- Hanging of the Greens
- Donations for WUMCO
- Photo Directory Hosting
- Christmas Party & Potluck
- Volunteering at Thrift Shop
- Caroling and Gifts to Asbury
- Donations to Hands of Love
- Donations and Serving at FRM
- Providing Compassionate Care
- Live Nativity and more!

**A big Thank You! to all supporting these activities and also to those involved in our regular happenings - Clergy, Council Members, Trustees, Christian Educators, Musicians, Visual Artists, Ushers, Acolytes, Liturgists, Greeters, Hospitality Providers and Bulletin Folders!**



May we all feel the joy in giving  
 and sharing of ourselves  
 during this Advent Season!



Classes available for ages 3-103  
**Sunday School, 9:15-10:15**  
**See You There!!**

### Hosts Needed

**for After-Service Fellowship**  
*Coffee Corner* offers light refreshments and time to mingle in the entryway.  
*Coffee Hour* with seating held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month in Fellowship Hall.

**If you are interested in hosting either,** please sign up on the bulletin board at the bottom of the Sanctuary stairs.



### All Men Invited!

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30-9pm.**



### Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>

Help needed for  
 "Removal of the Greens"

### Memorial's Prayer Connection



### Conversation with Lay Leader

Something on your heart or mind? All topics welcome for conversation each Sunday following the 10:30 worship in the Noah's Ark room.



### 12/31 Bulletin Deadline was 12/20.

Typically deadlines are Mondays at 9 am for the following Sunday's edition.