

**Memorial United Methodist Church  
First Sunday of Advent - December 3, 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

*Prepare the Royal Highway* (Swedish Folk Tune) John Behnke

**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 Wonderful Counselor.

**Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.**

We anticipate the One who hears our prayers.

**Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.**

We anticipate the One who heals our infirmities.

**Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.**

We anticipate the One who renews our faith.

**Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.**

We anticipate the One who ignites our hope.

**Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.**

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

The Parker Family

\* CHORAL RESPONSE (see insert)

Congregation, Chancel Choir

\* PRAYER

**Gracious Lord, we thank you for being our Wonderful Counselor. As we begin our Advent journey, help us to know the abiding hope that comes from knowing you. We pray this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* UMH 196



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**PROCLAMATION**

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 13:24-37

This is the word of the Lord.

Bob Bachman

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*Come Quickly Lord*

by Anne McNair

MESSAGE

*Expected Fulfillment*

Rev. William C. Maisch

\*HYMN

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

UMH 382

**RESPONSE**

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*Offertory on "Picardy"*

by Gilbert & Martin

\*DOXOLOGY

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

UMH 221, verse 4

**THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Word and Table Service II

UMH page 12

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

*Soon and Very Soon*

UMH 706

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*O Come, Divine Messiah*

by Giardini/Hustad



DECEMBER

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2017

**Today's Scripture Reading**

*Mark 13:24-37 (NRSV)*

**THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN**

“But in those days, after that suffering,  
the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light,  
and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

**THE LESSON OF THE FIG TREE**

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

**THE NECESSITY FOR WATCHFULNESS**

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

**Upcoming Liturgist Schedule**

DATE	DECEMBER 10	DECEMBER 17	DECEMBER 24 10:30AM
LITURGIST	Shannon Rhoderick	Fred Lyon	Betty Jean Selby



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## Daily Scripture Readings

Sun., Dec. 3 - **MATTHEW 1:18-25** *First Sunday of Advent*  
Mon., Dec. 4 - **1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-15** *Simply Doing Good*  
Tue., Dec. 5 - **ISAIAH 9:2-7** *Christmas Became Real*  
Wed., Dec. 6 - **JOHN 17:15-19** *Practice, Practice, Practice*  
Thu., Dec. 7 - **EPHESIANS 1:3-7** *True Grace*  
Fri., Dec. 8 - **ISAIAH 40:1-5** *Soon*  
Sat., Dec. 9 - **MATTHEW 6:25-34** *Hope in Chaos*

Visit [www.upperroom.com](http://www.upperroom.com) for more information.

## Memorial's Purpose



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

## Last Sunday's Vitals

Worship Attendance: 85  
Offerings/other income for 11/26/17 will  
be available in future bulletin  
Total from 1/1/17- 11/19/17 - \$280,569  
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For online giving options visit  
[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 3</b> <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	8:30am - 9am 9:15am - 10:15am 10:30am - 11:30am After Worship After Worship	Communion Service Sunday School Worship Service Conversation with the Lay Leader Coffee Corner <i>(Host-McCraith/Mann)</i>
<b>MON - DEC 4</b>	9am 7:30pm - 9pm	Bulletin Deadline Bell Choir Rehearsal
<b>TUE - DEC 5</b>	2pm - 8pm 7:30pm - 9pm	Photography Sessions for New Directory Men's Group
<b>WED - DEC 6</b>	5pm - 6pm 5:30pm - 7pm 7:30pm - 9pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal Community Dinner Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>SUN - DEC 10</b> <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	9:15am - 10:15am 10:30am - 11:30am After Worship After Worship	Sunday School Worship Service Conversation with the Lay Leader Christmas Party/Potluck
<b>MON - DEC 11</b>	9am 7:30pm - 9pm	Bulletin Deadline Bell Choir Rehearsal
<b>WED - DEC 13</b>	5pm - 6pm 7:30pm - 9pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>FRI - DEC 15</b>	5pm - 9pm	Live Nativity Preparation
<b>SAT - DEC 16</b>	12pm - 6pm 6pm - 8pm 8pm - 10pm	Live Nativity Set-Up <b>LIVE NATIVITY</b> Live Nativity Clean-Up
<b>SUN - DEC 17</b> <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	9:15am - 10:15am 10:30am - 11:30am After Worship After Worship 11:45am - 2pm	Sunday School Worship Service Conversation with the Lay Leader Coffee Corner <i>(Host-Carroll)</i> Trustees Meeting



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

**Thank you to those that  
helped with decorating last  
Sunday!**



### Our Own Apple Butter For Sale

This delicious spread makes wonderful Christmas gifts, hostess gifts, and yummy for your own tummy!



\$5/pint or \$3/half pint.  
Contact Betty Jean Selby, 301-742-8253.

### 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.



### Memorial's Prayer Connection

Send prayer requests to  
[prayers@pmumc.org](mailto:prayers@pmumc.org).



Due to popular demand an additional  
**Church Directory**



### Photo Day

has been added

**Tuesday Dec. 5 from 2-8 pm**

Hoping EVERYONE is in the directory!  
No purchase necessary.

Sign-up by calling the office or go online to  
<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y7z3jq58>

For help or to help during photo days,  
please call the office at 301-349-2010.

### Community Dinner

Wednesday, December 6, 5:30-7pm  
**HELP NEEDED**

Volunteers needed:

- Tue., 12/5, 2-4:30 to help with prep.
- Wed., 12/6, various shifts 2-8:30pm to help with everything from set-up to clean-up and food prep to serving.
- To make and donate homemade dessert

To volunteer, please contact  
Lori Kocur at [kocurs@verizon.net](mailto:kocurs@verizon.net)

Our church family is presenting the

### LIVE NATIVITY

Sat., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm

to share the true meaning of Christmas with our community! We will be outside on our front lawn, and we need a lot of behind-the-scenes help along with cookie donations for our visitors to enjoy.



To donate cookies, please contact Jan Deloriea at [jdolorica1@verizon.net](mailto:jdolorica1@verizon.net), 301-972-8013 or you can place the cookies in the kitchen labeled "Live Nativity."

### Music Ministry Rehearsals



**BELL CHOIR** Mondays 7:30-9pm

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** Wednesdays 5-6pm

**CHANCEL CHOIR** Wednesdays 7:30-9pm



**Men's Group**

**All Men Invited!**

Our next meeting  
will be **Tuesday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>**, 7:30-9pm.

