

3rd Sunday of Advent – December 11th , 2022 – 9:15 AM

Gathering Music & Announcements

Jeff Beyers, Organist

Call to Worship (Responsive; UM Book of Worship)

Praise be to God!

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who has visited and redeemed us

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn*

Blessed be the God of Israel

UMH 209

Opening Prayer (Unison, Traditional Jewish Prayer)

O Lord our God, God of our Ancestors, mercifully direct and guide our steps to our destination, and let us arrive there in health, joy, and peace! Keep us from snares and dangers, and protect us from our enemies that we might meet along the way. Bless and protect our journey. Let us win favour in your eyes, and in the sight of those around us. Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who hears and grants our prayers. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Rick and Denise McGhee

Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

UMH 211

Prayer of Confession & Silent Prayer

Chas Hagan

Words of Assurance (Psalm 86:15-16)

You, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Turn to us and be gracious to us, that we might have your strength. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you always. **And also, with you. Amen.**

Skit Guys (Video)

Hymn Response* *Do Not Be Afraid*

Do not be afraid. God has come to earth.

Do not be afraid. He appears through virgin birth.

Hear the angels as they sing, Behold the Holy One.

Do not be afraid. Emmanuel has come.

Gospel Reading*

Matthew 1:18-25

Chas Hagan

Anthem

Of the Father's Love Begotten
Director Dave Tramontana

Chancel Choir

Sermon

The Angel and Joseph"

Rev. Byron E. Brought

Offering Our Gifts

Special Music

Angels We Have Heard on High
Away In a Manger

Handbell Choir

Communion & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn*

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

UMH 218

Benediction & Organ Postlude*



We offer our deepest Christian Sympathy to: Elizabeth “Libby” Horn on the passing of her mother Betty.

Altar Flower Dedication – The flowers on the altar table are dedicated to the Glory of God and in memory of Verna Brubaker’s mother, Ima Jean Konrad

Advent Study – Our Advent study will meet by Zoom this Tuesday, December 13th. Anyone is welcome to join whether you’ve attended a previous study or not. Books are available in the church office if you’d like one. A Zoom invite will go out by special eSpire on Tuesday.

Christmas Eve Yard Signs - Christmas Eve services yard signs are available for pick up. See Dave Parker during our Fellowship Time (Welcome Desk) to pick up your yard sign.

Volunteers In Mission VIM/HABITAT SOUP SALE TODAY!

The cooks have been busy this weekend making ready the following soups: Maryland Crab (\$13), Lisa’s Shrimp Bisque (\$12), Dave & Gail’s Chili (\$13), and Chicken Corn (\$11).

Proceeds go to benefit our Faith Build home projects. Also, we need your help sharing soup! If a family member or friend is on our busy BAUMC Prayer List in the bulletin, please pick up a free gift of VIM/HABITAT soup for them. We will have a separate table with the names, addresses, and soup quarts to share.

The Children’s Choir and C4 Kids THANK YOU! Thanks to your generosity, we exceeded our goal and collected well OVER 100 boxes of cereal for our December Food Distribution. Thank you for your love and kindness. **YOU’RE GRRRREAT!**



December Family Food Distribution – Warm thanks to all who served on Dec. 2 and 3 for our Family Food Distribution. Approximately 1,400 people were served, and 400 Christmas turkeys were given away. Love as Jesus Loves!

Come, Care, Connect – Looking for opportunities to serve? Come share your gifts and talents during this holiday season: ushers, special music, parking lot attendants, bulletin folders, advent wreath readers/lighters, and more. Sign up on Sunday, December 4th.

Board of Trustees Update – Our BOT has approved up to \$50K to go toward badly needed roof repairs over the office wing of the church. We are thankful to those who are working hard to keep us dry, and those who are working hard to keep our church buildings up and running.

Annual Stewardship Campaign is coming soon, January 2023! Brace yourself for M&Ms!

Christmas Eve Worship at Bel Air United Methodist Church

11:00 am Sanctuary Service

4:00 pm Children and Family Service, Children’s Choir Sings

6:00 pm Mt. Carmel

7:00 pm Sanctuary, Handbell Choir & Special Choir

8:00 pm Mt. Carmel

9:00 pm Sanctuary, Chancel Choir

Please notice there will NOT be an 11:00 PM service.

Christmas Day Worship

One Service at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary

Thank you for your faithful gifts and service!

Bel Air United Methodist Church

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Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free,
who visits and redeems us, and grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill the promise to bring our people peace.

Now from the house of David a child of grace is given;
a Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven.
Before him goes the herald, forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.

On prisoners of darkness the sun begins to rise,
the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes,
to guide the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace;
O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**UMH 211**

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.
Refrain

O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe.
Refrain

O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy people be;
Before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call.
Refrain

O come, Desire of nations bind all peoples in one heart and mind.
From dust thou brought us forth to life; deliver us from earthly strife.
Refrain

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear**UMH 218**

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains,
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow,
look now! for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road,
and hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song
which now the angels sing.