

2nd Sunday of Advent – December 4th, 2022 – 9:15 AM

Gathering Music & Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

The angel said to Mary, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you!
Do not be afraid, for you have found favor with God.”

Blessed be the Lord, who has promised us a Savior!

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

Blessed be the name of the Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn*

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

UMH 198

Opening Prayer (Unison; United Methodist Book of Worship)

Janet Newberry

Eternal God, in your providence you made all ages a preparation for the kingdom of your Son. Make ready our hearts for the brightness of your glory and the fullness of your blessing in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Dave and Jane Bognaski

Moment for Ministry

Zimbabwe Medical Clinics

Dave Talbot

Anthem

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Chancel Choir
Director Dave Tramontana

Prayer of Confession & Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance (Psalm 106: 1)

Praise the LORD! Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;
God’s steadfast love endures forever. Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Peace

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

Skit Guys (Video)

Gabriel and Mary

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*

Luke 1:26-38

Hymn*

You Are Mine

TFWS 2218

Sermon

“Gabriel and Mary”

Rev. Byron E. Brought

Offering Our Gifts

This moment of reflection is an opportunity to consider your response to God. How will you demonstrate your love for God? How will you give of your time, your talents, and your treasures? Please consider giving electronically; ask us how. Thank you.



Communion & The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn*

Angels from the Realms of Glory

UMH 220

Benediction & Organ Postlude*



Advent Study – Our Advent study this year will celebrate the angels in the Christmas story based on the book, *“The Angels of Christmas – Hearing God’s Voice in Advent,”* by Rev. Susan Robb. Please join us **Tuesdays in Advent at 7 pm in Room 202**. Books are available.

Children’s Choir News – Rehearsal TODAY, Sunday, December 4th at 10:15 am in the choir room.

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



Adopt A Child Pick-Up at Toy Workshop – LAST DAY TODAY Sunday, December 4th from 11:30 am – 6:00 pm. Agencies come in December 5th – 9th.

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.

Come, Care, Connect - Looking for an opportunity 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.

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My Soul Gives Glory to My God

My soul gives glory to my God. My heart pours out its praise God lifted up my lowliness in many marvelous ways. My God has done great things for me: yes, holy is this name. All people will declare me blessed, and blessings they shall claim. From age to age, to all who fear, such mercy love imparts, dispensing justice far and near, dismissing selfish hearts. Love casts the mighty from their thrones, promotes the insecure, leaves hungry spirits satisfied, the rich seem suddenly poor. Praise God, whose loving covenant supports those in distress, remembering past promises with present faithfulness.

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.

You Are Mine

I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be still and know I am here. Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night, I will be your light, come and rest in me. Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame. All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name. Do not be afraid, I am with You. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give. I will call your name, embracing all your pain, stand up, now walk, and live. Do not be afraid, I am with You. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flights o'er all the earth; ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King.

Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night, God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light. Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King.

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar; seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King.

Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear; suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King.