

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent – November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 9:15 AM

## Gathering

## Call to Worship

## Hymn

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

UMH 196

## Advent Prayer

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear....*

Lord Jesus,  
for whose coming Zechariah, Elizabeth,  
and all the faithful of Israel waited with longing two millennia ago,  
hear the prayers of your hungry people today.

We mourn in exile from your presence,  
conscious of the sins that separate us from you,  
conscious of our faithlessness in the task you have given us  
to be the lights of the world.

Lord, we are a barren people –  
our faith is weak, our hearts are cold, our churches are empty.

Lord Jesus, Hope of Israel,  
who once did condescend to be born of a virgin in a stable,  
be born among us again today,  
and give us the eyes to see you in your humility.

**Be born among us in the preaching each Sunday  
that we hear and the sacrament we share.**

**Be born among us in small groups where we fellowship  
and hear you speaking to us through one another.**

**Be born among us in our ministries to the lost and to the needy,  
and in our singing and worship as we display your beauty.**

**Renew this church, and all your churches,  
with the power of your presence,  
with the terror and comfort of your word,  
with the courage to follow you on the path of love  
without pretense, love without measure. Amen.**

## Special Music

*Dance in the Dawn*

Choir and Orchestra

## Baptism

Henry Francis Choi  
son of Richard & Kamila Choi

## Hymns

*Canticle of Zechariah*  
*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*  
*Here I Am to Worship* (words below)

UMH 208

UMH 206

Light of the World you stepped down into darkness; Opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore you; Hope of a life spent with you

**Here I am to worship; Here I am to bow down**

**Here I am to say that you're my God;**

**You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me**

King of All Days, oh so highly exalted, Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly you came to the earth you created, All for love's sake became poor

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross (2x)

## Prayer of Confession & Silent Prayer

**Words of Assurance** (based on Psalm 27: 13-14)

**I am still confident of this: We will see the goodness of the LORD in the land  
of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the  
LORD. Amen.**

## Song

*Do Not Be Afraid!* (words below)

Do not be afraid! God has come to earth; Do not be afraid

He appears thru virgin birth.

Hear the angels as they sing. Behold the Holy One

Do not be afraid Emmanuel has come.

## Visual Scripture (Video)

## Sermon

"Make Ready!"

Rev. Deb Lampton

## Communion and Lord's Prayer

## Special Music

*Prepare the Way!*

Worship Team

Deb Lampton, Randy, Cyd, and Andy Wentzel

## Benediction

## Postlude

Ben Dugan

**Altar Flower Dedication** – The flowers on the altar table are dedicated to the Glory of God, and in honor of our 54<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on November 28<sup>th</sup>, by Linda & Rich Erickson.

**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, **beginning November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in Room 202.** Books are available.

**Children’s Choir News** – Children's Choir will NOT rehearse today, 11/27. Our next rehearsal will be Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am in the choir room.

**The Children’s Choir and C4 Kids** are teaming up to collect CEREAL for BAUMC’s December Food Distribution on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Cereal has been in short supply, and we want to help our community. If you are able to contribute boxes of cereal, please drop them off in the designated container in the Armstrong lobby by Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Our goal is to collect 100 boxes of cereal!!  
Thanks for helping! YOU'RE GRRRREAT!



**Toy Workshop** – Toy Workshop is OPEN on November 25, 26, 27 (9 am – 5 pm) and the week of November 28 – December 3 (9 am – 9 pm). We will be checking, cleaning, and making all toys like new. Volunteer help is needed and appreciated.

**Adopt A Child** – Sponsors and Coordinators needed to help children in Harford County for Christmas. Sign up on the hallway bulletin board or contact Jeanne Arseneau at [mysticheaven805@gmail.com](mailto:mysticheaven805@gmail.com)

**Christmas Eve Yard Signs** - Christmas Eve services yard signs are available for pick up and they are going fast. 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, early 2023!**

**Stewardship Update** – How are we doing financially? October was a really strong month.

SEPTEMBER	Income \$70,534	OCTOBER	Income \$91,123
	Expense \$95,466		Expense \$88,445
	Total <b>(\$24,932)</b>		Total <b>\$ 2,677</b>

## YEAR-TO-DATE

Income	\$894,129
Expenses	\$964,182
Total	<b>(\$70,053)</b>

We have much to celebrate and much for which to be thankful. We received an Employee Retention Credit (ERC) from the U.S. Treasury Dept. this year, which will help to offset the current deficit. Plus, November and December are typically months where the generosity overflows. Thank you always for your ongoing faithfulness to God through BAUMC. May the world know that we are Christians by our love. May generosity be among the marks of faithfulness that defines us.

Our offering plates are in the back of the sanctuary, or please consider giving electronically; ask us how. Thank you.



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**Have a blessed and wonderful Advent full of the  
Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace of the season!**

### ***Come Thou Long Expected Jesus***

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

### ***Canticle of Zechariah***

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater son. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who has come to set the chosen people free. The Lord has raised up for us a

mighty Savior from the house of David. Through the holy prophets, God promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us; to show mercy to our forebears and to remember the holy covenant. This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship without fear, holy and righteous in the Lord's sight, all the days of our life. Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way, To give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son.

***I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light***

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.