

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor
December 25, 2016
11:00 AM

Christmas Day Worship

GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE
PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

You reign, O God, over all that you have made. You have redeemed and comforted your people. Empower us to proclaim your peace. May our worship be filled with the glad sounds of people eager to sing praise to you! Amen.

WELCOME
LIGHTING THE CANDLES
PRELUDE

“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” Bill Jones

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 52:7-10 OT pg. 642

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship at the manger.
The True Light that enlightens everyone has come, but many have not seen it.
Jesus is the light, sent to help us see; we long to become children of the light.
The glory of God is made known in a child’s face.
The deepest night is overcome.
Let all God’s angels worship the Babe of Bethlehem.
Let us find ourselves in the presence of the Christ Child.

*OPENING HYMN *“Angels We Have Heard on High”* UMH No. 238

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Loving God, let us hear once more your good tidings of peace in a world that often rejects the Word and turns away from your revelation. May the coming of your Child prompt a new song within us and bring depths of joy to this community of faith. We await your Word of grace and truth. Amen.

SINGING FAVORITE CHRISTMAS CAROLS

GOSPEL LESSON John 1:1-14 NT pg. 86

SERMON *“God Is Here!”* Rev. Judy Emerson

HYMN *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”* UMH No. 230

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory Anthem *“Gesu, Bambino”* Ken Middleton
Announcements
*Presentation of our Gifts
*Doxology *“In the Bleak Midwinter”* UMH No. 221

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part.
Yet what I can I give him; give my heart.**

*Prayer of Dedication

May our offerings sing a new song of praise, as we marvel at your care for us, gracious God. Bless them, that they may bear witness to the light and show forth your grace and truth. We offer all that we have and all that we are in thanksgiving for your glorious gift of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN *“The First Noel”* UMH No. 245
*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL
*POSTLUDE

Welcome to Ebenezer United Methodist Church

Website: ebenezerumchurch.org

Church Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Worship: 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Sunday School: All Ages 9:45 AM

Church Office: (410) 795-6136

Pastor's Office: (410) 795-1237

Church Email: eumcwinfield@gmail.com

Pastor's Email: revjae@aol.com

Pastor: Rev. Judy Emerson

Music Director: Linda Bange

Nursery Coordinator: Jess Middleton

Secretary: Cindi Arnold

Treasurer: Sandy Wean

Nursery Coordinator: Olivia Wisner

Last Week

Attendance: 161 Offering: \$4,353.16

Notes

Prayer Requests will remain in the bulletin for 3 weeks at a time.

Nursery for Infants through Kindergarten is every Sunday at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM.

Children's Church for Pre-K through 5th Grades is the 2nd and 4th Sunday at 11:00 AM.

The Attendance Roster is at the end of each pew. Please sign in and pass it to others.

Prayer Requests

Barbara Barnes, Bob Davis



Sunday, January 1st

Worship at 11:00 AM only. No Sunday School

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS – Please select a stocking from the tree in the narthex to adorn your tree at home. They should be hung by your chimney with care -they were made for us all by our own Barbara Hare!

CHURCH OFFICE – The church office will have flexible hours from Christmas to New Years. If you have any needs, please leave a message and we will get back with you as soon as possible.

CHURCH PLANNING MEETING - Mark your calendars now for our Annual Planning Day. On Saturday, January 7, 2017 we will gather at 8:30 AM for a covered dish breakfast. At 9:00 AM we will begin our meeting where we will celebrate our shared ministry in 2016 and set goals for 2017. All leaders and members of the church are encouraged to attend. We will conclude this gathering promptly at 12:00 Noon! Please join us!

LEADERSHIP CHANGES AS OF JANUARY 1, 2017 – A new Church Leadership Roster for 2017 is available in the narthex. Check to see which committees you are serving on for the coming year. Some committees have a group listing with the year stated above. This means you will serve on that committee until the end of the stated year.

CALENDARS – 2017 Calendars are here! We still have some for sale! Cost is \$6.00 each. See Cindi.

OFFERING ENVELOPES – New offering envelopes for 2017 are available in the narthex. Please be sure to pick yours up.