

Mt. Zion UMC
Sunday, December 22, 2024



Countdown/Pre-Service Video/ Prelude/**This is the Day**
Welcome/Birthdays – Anniversaries/Announcements

Opening Hymn – UMH 250 Once in Royal David’s City

Opening Prayer: Lord of all life and all seasons, help us open our hearts to hear the words of promise and love that you send to us. Like Joseph, may we trust in your abiding love and power. Prepare us to receive your gift of grace and peace. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. AMEN.

Lighting of the Advent Candle of

**Kindle the flame of love, may it burn bright and true
Lighting the way that is of God, the journey we pursue.**

Children’s Moments –

**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray,
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.**

Special Music – Calypso Lullaby

Joys and Concerns

**Prayer Song – Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called Emmanuel.**

Pastoral Prayer/**The Lord’s Prayer (sung)**

Hymn of Preparation – UMH 230 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Pre-Message Video

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:9-11

Message – ***Experience the Gift of Love*** – Pastor Shawn

Offertory/**Doxology No 95**

Closing Hymn – UMH 218 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Benediction

Parting Song – UMH 238 vs. 1

**Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o’er the plains, and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strain. Gloria, in excelsis deo! Gloria, in excelsis deo!**



Join us for our Christmas Eve Worship Services

3:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

Remember our homebound members:

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Tommy DeMoss
Westminster Health Care
1234 Washington Rd.
Room 221
Westminster, MD 21157

Ginny Hoy
5060 Harney Road
Taneytown, MD 21787

Pat Murphy
138 Lassiter Circle
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Prayer List

Petie Long	Diane Gavalik
Nicole Beeson	Peggy James
Wayne & Jane Belloff	Joseph Kern
Anna Biebl	Elizabeth Kirby
Jo Anne Bienvenu	Karen Kohn
Tina Bonilla	Matthew Major
Peggy Bosley	Val McNeal
Marty Brown	Rev. Laura Lee Morgan
Sharon Briggs	John Mumford
Dick Carter	Joe Otto
Martha Carter	Lois Pulket
Julie Chamberlain	Ulrich Family
Mikie Conrad	Derek Snider
Charles Cooper	Vivienne Slicher
Matthew Davis	Jenny Stranix
Olivia Davis	Brennen Summers
Barb Diaz	Joan Tighe
Jean Gartrell	Robert Tighe
Kathy Giroux	Jane Unger
Keith & Debbie Gist	Rick Valway
Arlene & Dave Grochmal	Michelle & Vance Valway
Glenda Harris	Chris Vollmerhausen
Sandra Hawkins	Robert Wade
Bob & Barb Hayes	Robert Wells
Don Hennessee	Gloria Westling
Jeanette Holbert & Family	Cliff Yingling
Carol, Fran, Jan	Marilynn, Susan