

Mt. Zion UMC
Sunday, December 8, 2024
Advent Week 2



Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

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

Opening Hymn – UMH 211 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Opening Prayer: We have prepared our homes, and our gifts, Lord, but we need help in preparing our spirits to receive your message of Peace. Free us from the stresses and strains of this time and place your peace which passes all our understanding in our hearts. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope

**Kindle the flame of peace, 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 – What We All Want for Christmas is Peace
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 242 Love Came Down
At Christmas**

Pre-Message Video

Scripture Reading: Romans 5:1-5

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

Offertory/**Doxology No. 95**

Closing Hymn – UMH 220 Angels from the Realms of Glory
Benediction

Parting Song – UMH No 230 vs. 4

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us
We pray; cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today. We hear the Christmas
Angels the great glad tidings tell, O come to
Us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**



Join us in the Social Hall immediately following worship today for our Holiday Brunch. All are welcome!

Bring your Christmas cards for the congregation and leave them on the table in the Social Hall. The "Mt. Zion Mail Elf" will deliver them.

Remember our Homebound

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 Finksburg, MD 21787

Prayer List

David Anderson	Diane Gavalik
Nicole Beeson	Peggy James
Wayne & Jane Belloff	Joseph Kern
Anna Biebl	Elizabeth Kirby
Judith Biovorro	Karen Kohn
Tina Bonilla	Matthew Major
Peggy Bosley	Val McNeal
Marty Brown	Rev. Laura Lee Morgan
Sharon Briggs	Joe Otto
Dick Carter	Lois Pulket
Martha Carter	Ulrich Family
Julie Chamberlain	David Richards
Mikie Conrad	Allen & Geri Rhodes
Charles Cooper	Derek Snider
Tracey Davidson	Jenny Stranix
Matthew Davis	Brennen Summers
Olivia Davis	Joan Tighe
Barb Diaz	Robert Tighe
Jean Gartrell	Jane Unger
Kathy Giroux	Rick Valway
Keith & Debbie Gist	Michelle & Vance Valway
Glenda Harris	Chris Vollmerhausen
Dick Haught	Robert Wade
Bob & Barb Hayes	Robert Wells
Don Hennessee	Gloria Westling
Jeanette Holbert & Family	Cliff Yingling
Carol, Fran, Jan	Marilynn, Susan

Our hearts, prayers and sympathies go out to the loved ones of: David Groehmal, David Gore, and Jerry Colson