

Mt. Zion UMC
Sunday, December 15, 2024
Advent Week 3



And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

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

Opening Hymn – UMH 196 Come, Thou Long-Expected

Opening Prayer: Lord, we have come to this place from a world of demands and schedules. We have sought hope and peace and have found them here. Now we seek the inner joy that only your presence can bring to our lives. Open our hearts and our spirits to your love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope

**Kindle the flame of joy, 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 – W&S 3059 Love Has Come

Pre-Message Video

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-11

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

Offertory/**Doxology No. 95**

Closing Hymn – UMH 236 While Shepherds Watched

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!**



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
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 Grachmal	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

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to:

Shirley Love and the family of Jerry Colson
Lisa Schemm and the family of Barry Sturm