

Love



A child is born to us, a son is given to us... He will be named ... Prince of Peace.

—ISAIAH 9:6



WE CENTER OURSELVES ON GOD
Welcome to a time of Sabbath, rest, and renewal
December 24, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Glade Matters

Shared moments of information and inspiration about our church family

Prelude “Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella”

arr. Anna Laura Page
Glade Tower Handbell Choir

*Opening Hymn “Once in Royal David’s City”

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Lighting the Candle of Love
(Irene Weddle, James Weddle & Patricia Wentzel)

Reading & Lighting of the *Hope, Peace, Joy & Love* Candles
1 John 4:9-11

O Come, Advent: (Sung to the tune of O Come, O Come, Emmanuel)

O come you source of Love unto us all
Enlighten us and help us hear your call
To bear your Love out into the wild
And celebrate God’s wondrous holy Child!
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to us
And all things shall be well

Call to Worship from Psalm 148

L: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

**P: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you
highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

L: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

**P: He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be
passed.**

L: He has raised up a home for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of
Israel who are close to him.

**P: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

Opening Prayer (Offered by all)

God of love, during these weeks of advent we reflected on the hope, peace, and joy
we have found in you. Look with favor on your lowly servants, remember your
promises to your people, and grant us your mercy so that we might magnify you.
Amen.

Scripture Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

L: The Word of God, for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God!

Anthem “*Do You Hear What I Hear?*”

arr. Harry Simeone

Message

Chad Weddle

*Hymn “*O Little Town of Bethlehem*”

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Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray...

Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory “*Pastoral Symphony*” (from *Messiah*)

G.F. Handel

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn “*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*” (Stanzas 4-7)

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*Benediction

Postlude “*Noël Suisse*”

Louis-Claude Daquin

*Please stand as able in body or spirit

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Worship Participants

Pastor:

Chad Weddle

Music Director:

Dr. William Powell, III

Worship Participants:

Irene Weddle, James Weddle & Patricia Wentzel



Please enjoy the adornment of poinsettias throughout the sanctuary that are provided by members in remembrance and honor of their loved ones. A Poinsettia Garden Program is provided that lists our loved ones and the family members.

A special thanks to Jan Dinterman & Marsha Bruchey for participating in our Advent Candle Lighting last Sunday.



As we enjoy the beautiful poinsettias that are throughout the sanctuary today, we ask that you please leave them for all to enjoy until after our Candlelight Service TONIGHT.

Additionally, the four large poinsettias in baskets were donated in memory of Beverly Shoemaker, so please refrain from taking these.

The Second Mile Giving for December **Religious Coalition**

The Religious Coalition for Emergency Needs is a Frederick County non-profit that has been providing residents of Frederick County with emergency financial assistance for over 30 years. The Religious Coalition is the primary provider of emergency services on the basis of human needs, such as shelter, food, medical & dental calls, as well as prescription medications. Coalition networking programs also assist our neighbors in need to avoid eviction, prevent utility cutoffs, as well as funding the eight food banks. The Coalition also manages the Alan P. Linton, Jr. Emergency Shelter, which is the largest and only year-round shelter for the homeless in Frederick.





Glade UCC Lottery Raffle

The raffle will be held the entire month of February 2024. The daily winner will be determined by the MD Evening Pick 3 Straight Lottery Number. Winners will be notified by Phone.

\$10 per ticket there will only be 1000 tickets sold.

Contact Ron Rough, 301-639-3834 if you would like to help sell tickets or if you are interested in purchasing tickets. They would make a great gift.

36th Annual Candlelight Tour of Historic Houses of Worship Tour December 26th 4:00-9:00 p.m.

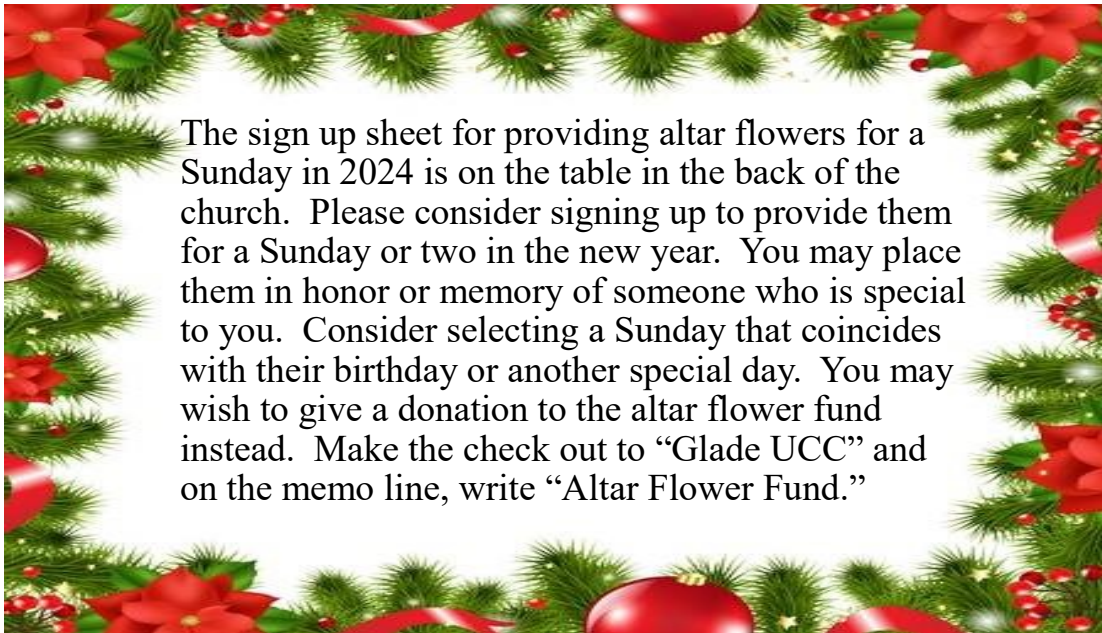
Bill Powell will be playing at St. John Evangelist Catholic Church, and Evangelical Reformed UCC. This event is FREE and open to the public. For more info visit www.visitfrederick.org

St. John Evangelist Catholic Church 118 East 2nd Street, Frederick

- ◆ 4 - 5 pm Bill Powell - Christmas Organ Music
- ◆ 5 - 5:30 pm Bill Powell and Nae Pearson,
Christmas Carol Duets
- ◆ 5:30 - 6 pm Bill Powell accompanying
Peggy Frazier, Soprano

Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ 15 West Church Street, Frederick

- ◆ 7:45 - 9 p.m. Christmas Organ Music



The sign up sheet for providing altar flowers for a Sunday in 2024 is on the table in the back of the church. Please consider signing up to provide them for a Sunday or two in the new year. You may place them in honor or memory of someone who is special to you. Consider selecting a Sunday that coincides with their birthday or another special day. You may wish to give a donation to the altar flower fund instead. Make the check out to “Glade UCC” and on the memo line, write “Altar Flower Fund.”

The Staff at Glade UCC wish you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. Please join us tonight for our annual Candlelight Christmas eve service, Musical Prelude begins at 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service at 7:30 p.m. Come celebrate the birth of Christ.



PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Jim Ball, health issues
 - *Marlene Turner, Lorigean Turner's aunt, health issues
 - *Wayne Duncan, Leo Duncan's brother, health issues
 - *Roxie Underwood, Frances Cecil's sister, brain surgery
 - *Rod Baumert, Bill Powell's father-in-law, health issues
 - *Ruth Ann Engel, health issues
 - *Sandy Miller, friend of Bonnie Ogg, cancer
 - *Lynn Stevenson, Marsha Bruchey's cousin, neurological health issues
 - *Lisa Andercyk, Lorigean Turner's college roommate, neurological issues
 - *Becky Duncan, recovery from hip replacement surgery
 - *Charles Snow, health issues
 - *David O'Planick, health issues
 - *Ralph Whitmore, health issues
 - *Nancy Sweet, health issues
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Sun., December 24

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVE

10:30 a.m. Worship

12:00 p.m. LDM, Sanctuary, classrooms, nursery

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candle Light Service

Mon., December 25

CHRISTMAS DAY—MERRY CHRISTMAS

Sun., December 31

NEW YEARS EVE

10:30 a.m. Hymn Sing

12:00 p.m. LDM, Sanctuary, classrooms, nursery

**** Please note the church office will be closed
Friday, Dec 22nd - Monday January 1st ****



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