

*and Heaven and
Nature Sing!*



Hymn Sing

**GLADE UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

December 31, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Welcome Members, Friends, and Visitors!

“To experience and share the love of Jesus Christ”

WE CENTER OURSELVES ON GOD
Welcome to a time of Sabbath, rest, and renewal
December 31, 2023

Glade Matters

Shared moments of information and inspiration about our church family

Prelude “*The Holly and the Ivy*”

Herbert Sumsion

*Opening Hymn “*Joy to the World*”

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world, the savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes nations prove the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.*

Call to Worship from Psalm 96

L: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

P: Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

L: Declare God’s glory among the nations, God’s marvelous works among all the peoples.

P: Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before the Lord, all the earth.

L: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

P: The Lord will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with truth.

Opening Prayer

God of salvation, we come into your sanctuary to worship your holy name. We sing songs of praise. We bless your name and tell of your salvation. We rejoice in the promise of your righteousness and give thanks for your marvelous works from day to day. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 63:7-9; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23

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

P: Thanks be to God!

Hymn Sing
“...and Heaven and Nature Sing”

“ <i>Away in a Manger</i> ”	#124
“ <i>’Twas in the Moon of Wintertime</i> ”	#151
“ <i>Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming</i> ” (Sing Stanza 1 in German; then Stanzas 1 and 2 in English)	#127
“ <i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear</i> ”	#131
“ <i>Jesus, Our Brother, Strong and Good</i> ” Stanza 1 All; Stanza 2 Right Side; Stanza 3 Left Side; Stanza 4 Men; Stanza 5 Women; Stanza 6 All	#138

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Lead: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Lead: Let us pray...

Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory “*What Child Is This?*”

Paul Manz

*Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

L: God of infinite love,

P: May the gifts we bring before you be used to lift up the lowly, fill the hungry with good things, and share the good news of your great love with the world from generation to generation. Amen.

*Closing Hymn “*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*”

*Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King,
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”*

*Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem.”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”*

*Christ, by highest heav’n adored: Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the favored one.
Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see; Hail, the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”*

*Hail! the heav’n born Prince of peace! Hail! The Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, Risen with healing in his wings
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”*

*Benediction

Postlude “Go Tell it on the Mountain”

Richard Elliott

*Please stand as able in body or spirit

Worship Participants

Pastor: Chad Weddle
Music Director: Dr. William Powell, III
Lay Reader: Bob Watson



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 honoring them.

A special thanks to Irene Weddle, James Weddle & Patricia Wentzel for participating in our Advent Candle Lighting during the A.M. service on Christmas Eve. Additionally we thank the Ogg family for their participation in our evening candlelight service.



Many thanks to Chad Weddle, Bill Powell, members from our Glade Choir, Lisa Jordre, Darrell Johnson and the Glade Tower Handbell Choir that provided us with a beautiful Christmas Eve Candlelight Service this past week.

The Second Mile Giving for January



The second mile giving for January 2024 supports Church World Service's Blanket Program. Every \$10 you give CWS provides Blankets and Kits to families impacted by hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding and other crises (including homelessness and poverty). The CWS Kit and Blanket Programs are two of the many ways Church World Service shares in a hope-filled tomorrow. Their support truly makes a difference in the lives of children and families all over the world. Since January CWS has distributed 20,248 blankets and kits in the United States and 39,950 blankets and kits world wide.

Food Bank Items for January

Let's help our neighbors chase away the chill of winter with donations of coffee, low-fat/low-sugar instant creamers, hot chocolate, tea bags, canned soups, and oatmeal. The food bank is also distributing personal care items and would appreciate donations of toothpaste & shampoo.



**FUNDRAISER
RAFFLE**

Glade UCC Lottery Raffle

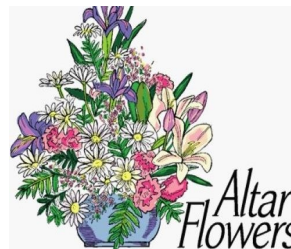
The raffle will be held the entire month of February 2024. The daily winner will be determined by the MD Evening Pick 3 Straight Lottery Number. Winners will be notified by Phone.

\$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.

REMINDER: Please turn in your ticket stubs and money for the Lottery raffle by **January 15th**. There are still approximately 80 tickets left to sell. Let's set a goal to get them all sold. That would mean we would have a winner every day. Thank you to all who have supported this fundraiser.

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.”

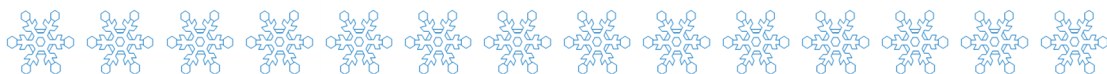


January Lay Readers

January 7	Irene Weddle
January 14	Bob Watson
January 21	Patty Green
January 28	Shannon Jordre

January Counters

Ron Rough
Ruth Keyser



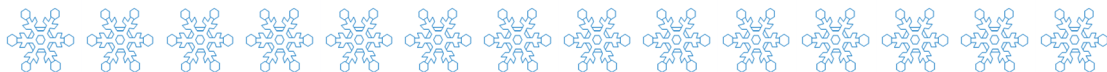
Inclement Weather Policy

Sunday morning worship services will be cancelled when the snow emergency plan is in effect at 8:00 a.m. in Frederick County.

In the event there is inclement weather, but a snow emergency has not been declared for Frederick County, please check our Facebook Page, Webpage or call the church office to check our voicemail for further details.

Cancellation announcements will be issued on our Facebook page, our website at www.gladechurch.org, and our phone line 301-845-6775

While we would love to see everyone in church on Sunday morning, we do not want anyone to hurt themselves trying to get to church. If you have any doubts about the driving and walking conditions, please make your personal safety your highest priority.

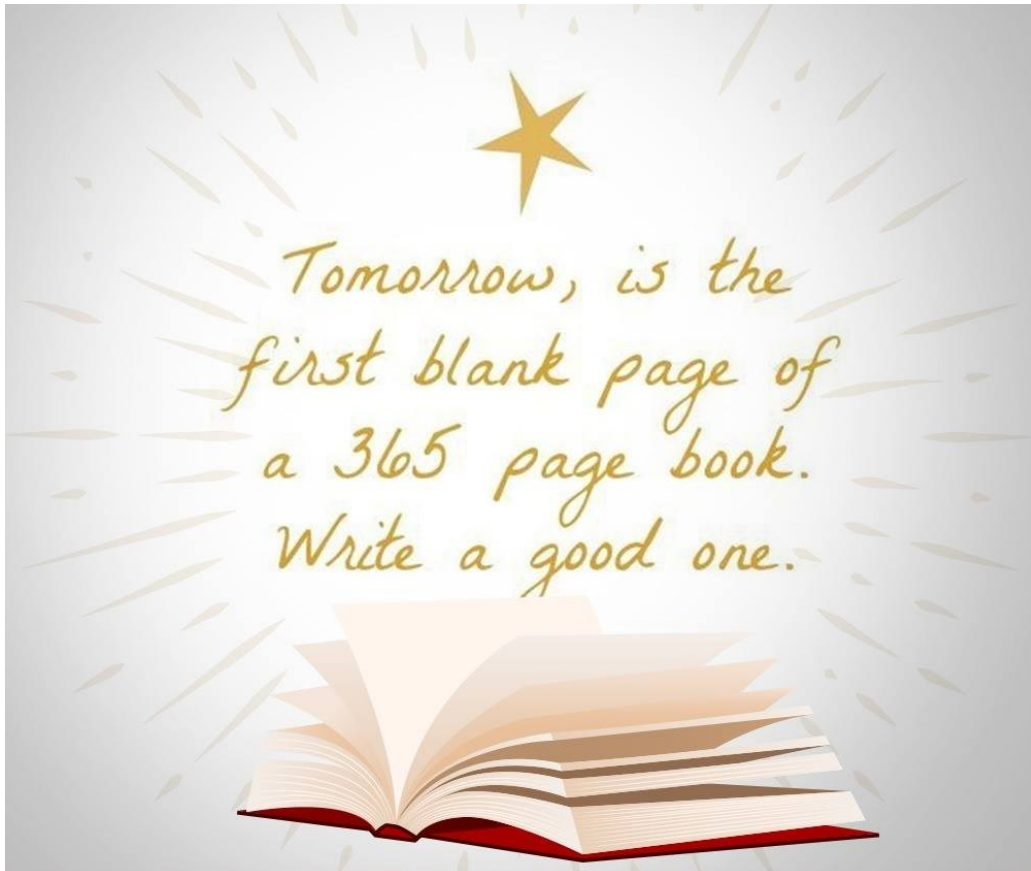


PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Jim Ball, health issues
 - *Marlene Turner, Lorijean 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, Lorijean 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 31	10:30 a.m.	Worship/New Year Hymn Sing
	1:00 p.m.	LDM
Mon., January 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024	
Wed., January 3	6:45 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice
	7:45 p.m.	Senior Choir Practice
Thur., January 4	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop Meeting (FS)
Fri., January 5	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop Meeting (SH)
Sun., January 7	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	3:30 p.m.	LDM, Sanctuary, classrooms, nursery



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