

Joy

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT





WE CENTER OURSELVES ON GOD
Welcome to a time of Sabbath, rest, and renewal
December 15, 2024
Third Sunday of Advent

Glade Matters

Shared moments of information and inspiration about our church family

Prelude “*Es ist ein Ros entsprungen*”

Johanness Brahms

*Opening Hymn “*Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*”

#107

Lighting the Candle of Joy
(Megan & Chris Howk)

Reading & Lighting of the *Hope, Peace and Joy* Candles
John 15:9-11

O Come, Advent: Verse 3 (Sung to the tune of O Come, O Come, Emmanuel)

O come to us like joy of heaven’s dawn,
From Mary’s womb a faithful paragon
Brought forth into this world by love’s power
Your Spirit through her labors in that hour
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to us
And all things shall be well

*Call to Worship

L: Rejoice, my friends, rejoice!

P: We seek time to embrace the joy.

L: Rejoice, my friends, rejoice!

P: We Create opportunities to embody joy.

L: Rejoice, my friends, rejoice!

P: Singing songs that announce joy.

Opening Prayer (Offered by all)

Holy Convenor of the Ages,

As the memories of happiness sweep back into our minds, we delight in the Advent blessing of joy. Such blissfulness turns our spirits from the lengthened nights to God’s Divine Light which will be arriving soon. Like the saints of yesteryear, we celebrate together, rejoicing in the season, and knowing the best is yet to come. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

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

P: Thanks be to God!

Anthem “*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*”

arr. John Jacob Niles

Message

Chad Weddle

*Hymn “*Rejoice, You Pure in Heart*”

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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 (Lords Prayer—Debts & Debtors)

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory “*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*”

Charles Callahan

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

A Litany of Darkness and Light

#880

*Closing Hymn “*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*” (Stanzas 1-4)

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*Benediction

Postlude “*Come O Long Expected Jesus*”

Charles Callahan

*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:

Lorijean Turner, Megan & Chris Howk



The flowers on the altar are dedicated to all our families and friends as we celebrate this blessed Christmas season. We want to remember those who are currently with us to celebrate, and to remember the memories of those who are no longer with us. Our memories last forever. God Bless everyone, and remember the reason for the season.

Given by Patty Green

A special thanks to Lorijean Turner & Adriane Wodey for participating in our Advent Candle Lighting last Sunday.



The Second Mile Giving for December



Beyond Shelter Frederick, our December Second Mile recipient (formerly Religious Coalition), has been addressing homelessness in Frederick County since 1981. Formed by local faith congregations, it provides vital services including emergency shelters, rental/utility assistance, and support for prescriptions and dental needs. Case Managers help clients overcome barriers to employment and housing, ensuring long-term stability. As the largest provider of shelter and homeless prevention services in the county, Beyond Shelter Frederick continues to meet critical needs in our community.

Food Bank Items for December



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.

All non-perishable food items are welcome. Clean plastic grocery bags are always needed. As well as food donations, cash donations are also accepted by the Glade Valley Community Services at P. O. Box 655, Walkersville, MD.

Congregational Meeting

TODAY, there will be a congregational meeting to approve the 2025 budget, and to vote on the new consistory members for 2025. The budget was presented and approved by the consistory during their November meeting.

Copies of the budget are on the table in the back of the sanctuary for your review. Please only take 1 copy per family.



REPEAT the
Sounding **JOY!**

Please join us for our
Annual Holiday Concert
“Repeat the Sounding Joy”
Wednesday, December 18, 2024
7:00 p.m.

21 Fulton Ave, Walkersville, MD

There will be light refreshments following the concert.
Please bring a food item to share with the Glade Valley Food Bank

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Tuesday, December 24th

Musical Prelude - 7:00 p.m.

Candlelight Service - 7:30 p.m.



We will need donations of Christmas Cookies to serve after Bill's Christmas concert on Wednesday, December 18th.



Glade UCC Lottery Raffle

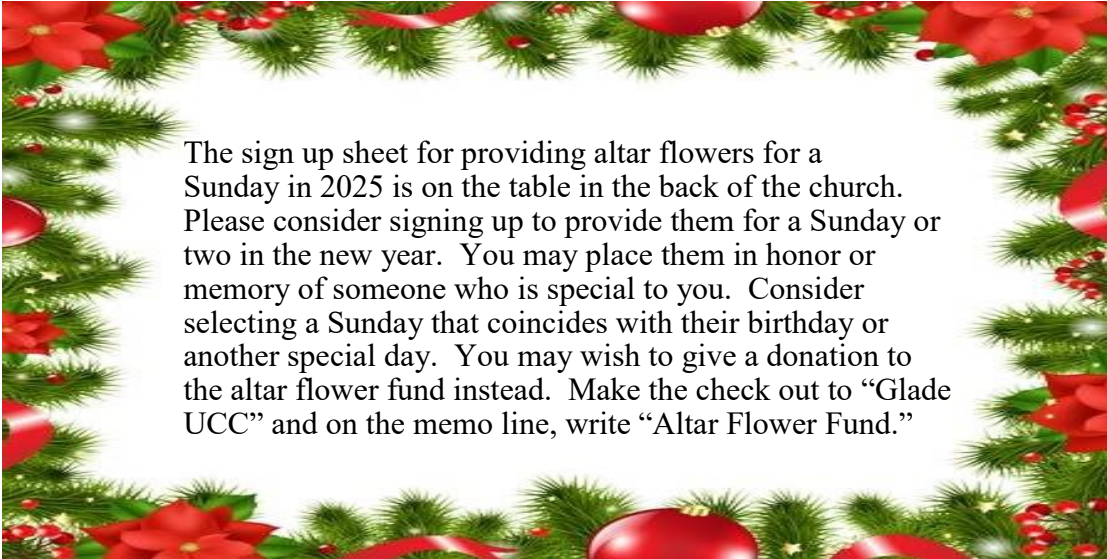
These tickets make great Christmas gifts.

**FUNDRAISER
RAFFLE**

We will be having our Annual MD Lottery Raffle again in February. The raffle will be held the entire month of February 2025. 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.



The sign up sheet for providing altar flowers for a Sunday in 2025 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."

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Jim Ball, health issues
- *Marlene Turner, Lorijean Turner's aunt, health issues
- *Wayne Duncan, Leo Duncan's brother, health issues
- *Rod Baumert, Bill Powell's father-in-law, health issues
- *Lynn Stevenson, Marsha Bruchey's cousin, neurological health issues
- *Lisa Andercyk, Lorijean Turner's college roommate, neurological issues
- *Kimberly Iman, Betty Baggett's daughter, breast cancer
- *Roya Dapkus, friend of Tammie Shumaker, health issues
- *Wendy Short, sister of Tammie Shumaker, cancer
- *Dale Manis, cousin of Darrell Johnson, cancer
- *George Wages, father of Tammie Shumaker, health issues
- *Bill Scheele, recovery from knee replacement
- *Charles Snow, health issues
- *David O'Planick, health issues
- *Ralph Whitmore, health issues



Sun., Dec. 15	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting
Mon., Dec. 16	10:00 a.m. DAR Meeting (SH) 7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Leader Meeting (SH)
Tue., Dec. 17	6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop Meeting (SH)
Wed., Dec. 18	7:00 p.m. Annual Holiday Concert
Fri., Dec. 20	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop Meeting (SH)
Sat., Dec. 21	FIRST DAY OF WINTER
Sun., Dec. 22	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10:30 a.m. Worship 3:30 p.m. LDM, sanctuary, classrooms, nursery



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