

November 27, 2016

First Sunday in Advent

10:00 AM

**GATHERING THOUGHT:** “Take time, slow down, be still, be awake to the Divine Mystery that looks so common and so ordinary yet is wondrously present.” –Edward Hays

### ENTRANCE

#### GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Emmanuel*

- Ovid Young

Lighting of the Altar Candles

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader:* Lift up your heads, O gates!

*People:* and be lifted up, O ancient doors!

*All:* that the King of glory may come in.

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

UMH 203

#### ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING

#### OPENING PRAYER

Ever present God, you taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand.

Grant that we may ever be found watching for the coming of your Son.

Save us from undue love of the world,

so that we may wait with patient hope for the day of the Lord, and so abide in him,

that when he shall appear, we may not be ashamed;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Carole Webner

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 2:1-5*

Pew Bible p. 550

#### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Insert

#### SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

*Everlasting God*

- Brown & Riley  
Chancel Choir

#### \*THE DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O God, we are told to be ready, for your Son comes at times we do not expect.

We are told to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, and visit those in prison.

Quiet our fears, that we may venture confidently into the unknown

and minister to strangers in our midst. Amen.

#### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

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#### SECOND LESSON

*Matthew 24: 36-44*

Pew Bible p. 806

#### SERMON

*Time's Up!*

Rev. Cliff Webner

### SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Vs.1-4)*

UMH 211

#### \*CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

#### \*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

#### \*POSTLUDE

*Song for a New Day*

- David Paxton

#### \*GOING FORTH

*\*Please rise in posture or spirit*

*TFWS: The Faith We Sing*

*UMH: U.M. Hymnal*

**Bold print: in unison**

*W&S: Worship and Song*



## SHARING, CARING, AND STUDYING OPPORTUNITIES

Pastor Cliff begins our **Advent sermon series** called “**Time’s Up!**” today.

**United Methodist Student Day** is today. See insert.

**CHRISTMAS FOR EDDIE GROZIER:** Please help us with a few dollars to purchase Christmas gifts for Eddie. If you can assist with this ministry, please mark your envelope “Christmas for Eddie.” Thank you for your kindness.

**If you weren’t able to drop your stewardship pledge card in last week you can place it in the offering plate today.**

**Our New Members will be joining today.** A reception will follow worship.

### FOOD COLLECTIONS

During this November missions season, donations are needed for ACTC of Peanut Butter (18 oz.), Jelly, Rice, and cereal. Please place items in collection boxes outside Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your support.

**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER UPPER ROOMS are available in two places in the Church** – in the Narthex on the History Cabinets and by the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor entrance to the Sanctuary. These bi-monthly daily devotional booklets may be obtained for a \$1 donation.

**Send a Christmas Blessing:** What could be better? Send your church family a group Christmas card and donate the money you would have spent on more cards to Lifewater Canada. Last year the money raised helped provide clean drinking water in towns where people got sick and some died from water related disease. Just sign one card and post it on the big board in the arcade, starting first week in December. Make your donation by using the envelope in your pew marked “Christmas cards.” Checks should be made out to LRUMC, memo “Missons.” Thanks for being a blessing to others.

## CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today	11:15 am 11:30 am	New Member Reception St. Paul’s Ghana Methodist Church	Fellowship Hall Sanctuary
Monday – Friday	6:30 AM – 6:00 PM 6:30 AM – 6:30 PM	The Learning Garden Preschool IMPROVE Before- & After-School Care	Rooms 122, 116 Rooms 208, 214
Monday	9:15 AM	Aerobics	Auditorium
Tuesday	6:15 PM	Aerobics	Auditorium
Thursday	9:15 AM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Aerobics Aerobics <b>Handbell Rehearsal</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	Auditorium Auditorium <b>Bell Room</b> <b>Choir Room</b>
Friday	10:30 AM	Al-Anon	Room 128
Saturday	10:00 AM	St. Paul’s Choir Rehearsal	Room 210

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 29	9:00 am	Spire Assembly	
Dec. 9	10:00 a.m.	UMW Executive Mtg.	Parlor
Dec. 11		Cookie & Candy Sale	



### New Prayer Requests

The family of Cheri Potter (*sister-in-law of Judy Zahren 11-22*)  
Dontae Pendleton (*by Jan Hoener 11-20*)  
Cardiac Staff at St. Joseph's (*by Merrill Harrison 11-20*)  
Alfonso Cox's birthday (*11-20*)  
Jim & Myra Wagner, Michael Francis, Velma Boykins, flood victims,  
Renee Newton, Gary & Shirley Messman (*by Sheila Wyche 11-20*)

### Recent Prayer Requests

Elsie Chang, in GBMC (*by Linda & Phil Lee 11-13*)  
Dorothy Blamah (*mother of Doris Ndlovu 11/8*)  
Birth of Logan to Tim Shelton & Jaclyn Bandell (*by Cheryl & Michael Koogler 11/6*)  
Brian Myers (*Lacrosse coach by Marcia & Gary Smith 11/6*)  
Birthday of son Miles (*by Jan Hoener 11/6*)  
Family of Bob Lacy 10/30  
Family of Alfred L. Wilkins (*by Dave Jackson*) 10/30  
Lynne Ryan (*Jen Weaver's aunt*) 10/30  
Kate Nwanze (*Beverley Mignott's sister's sister-in-law*) 10/30  
Harriet Cole and family on the passing of Molly (10/30)  
Larry Nelson (*Erica Dixon's co-worker's brother*) (10/30)  
Dr. Jayne Maas (*by Briana, Phil and Londa Lee*) (10/30)  
Kallie Amentas (*by Beverly Mignott*) (10/30)  
Bob Hoener (*Jan Hoener's father*) (10/30)  
Rebecca Mickey (10/30)  
Edith Feustle (*Judy Feustle's mother*) (10/30)  
Family and friends of Isaac Pfarr (*by Jennifer Weaver*) (10/30)  
Scott, Charles, PJ, Cynthia, Marilyn (*by Eddie*) (10/30)

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT IS ALIVE AT LOCH RAVEN

## Christmas Cookie Sunday

December 11, 2016 after the church service

*Buy cookies and candy*



*Make a holiday craft*



*Enjoy a cup of cider*



Fill up your holiday cookie and candy jars without the mess of baking. Loch Raven's Fundraising Committee elves have been busy baking a variety of delicious cookies and candy. Purchase your favorites for your holiday enjoyment or as a gift for your Christmas shopping list for only \$8 a pound.

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### Manger Display and Tree Decorating Month

December is the month nativity displays are set up in the sanctuary and trees are decorated in Fellowship Hall and the arcade. To add your manger scene to this display, and/or to assist with tree decorating, contact Debi Wynn, Patti Ferguson, or Edward Smith.