

A NOTE TO PARENTS: Child care is available in Room E101 for children up to age four. We love children and little ones are welcome in our worship service. On those days when your child is fussy, the parlor located behind the sanctuary provides an excellent place to care for your children and still participate in the worship service. There is a powder room right outside the parlor that can be used for changing diapers.

USHERS: Jack Feeley, John Halligan, David Shinn, Sam Townsend, Rick Young

ACOLYTES: Ceili O'Donnell, Taylor Marcinek **GREETERS:** Barb and Bob Lobe

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Worship: 711 Sunday School: 97

PLEASE LET US KNOW... If you or someone you know is ill or in the hospital, please let the church office know so that we can help in the healing process through our prayers, visits, food preparation, etc. Thank you!

PRAYER CONCERNS: Stanton Webb, Faye Sienkiewicz, Charles Simon (brother of Bob Simon), Ben Brenner, Patti Ann Feeley (daughter-in-law of Jack & Jan Feeley), Ann Kenny (friend of Beth Fisher), Ann Marie Pelosi (cousin of Doti Stewart), Betty and Mary Louise Shingleton, Shirley VanDuser, Harris Fister, Bettie Hotong (friend of Elmine van den Berg), Ella Delaney (former First Light Student), James Vine (father of Keith Vine), Joan Goralski (Joan Flamini's mother), Mary Bintliff (mother of Cheryl Bohonko, First Light assistant), Kate Kenny, Sueanne Krout (daughter of Sarah Buchanan), Jeannie O'Pella (friend of the Gagers), Dillon D'Angelis (nephew of Ceciley Binegar), Mary Berner, Jesse Atkins (Dana Young's uncle), Pat Mengel, Eleanor Peterman, Paul Haynes, Kathleen Hawkins (mother of Norma Wright), Diane Murray (sister-in-law of Bob Murray), Linda Wanagas, Dick Woodworth (Ann's brother-in-law), Nancy Bogden (friend of Bruce Van Dyke), Erin Wasnewski (friend of Gail Van Dyke), Butch Johnson (Ruth Smith's brother-in-law), Eric Routzan (friend of Doug Hamilton), Janice Swank (daughter of Ben & Alice Brenner), Jane Ansell, Claire Regn, Victoria Palko, Sumiko Young, Victoria Palko (recent Moorestown H.S. Grad), Sumiko Young, (Moorestown Girl Scout Leader). .

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:30 P.M. Contemporary Worship in the Chapel

Sunday: 8:30 A.M. Traditional Worship in the Chapel

9:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

(Sign language interpretation available upon request)

11:00 A.M. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PLEASANT VALLEY AND CAMDEN AVENUES

MOORESTOWN, NEW JERSEY

A community of faith committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ
with a hurting world through words and actions

December 22, 2013 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT** 11:00 A.M. Service

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

HEARING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST FROM USHERS

Numbers in the bulletin refer to pages in the United Methodist Hymn book located in the pews

PRELUDE Joy to the World setting by S. Drummond Wolff
Brass Quartet and Organ

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 238** Angels We Have Heard on High

*CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Leader: Christmas is a time of anticipation.

People: We can hardly wait.

Leader: Christmas is a time of giving.

People: We are ready to receive.

Leader: Christmas is a time of hope and promise.

People: We are looking for it.

Leader: Could it be? Is it here? Let us come and see; Let us open ourselves to the wonder of it all.

***OPENING PRAYER:** We come this morning, tired from rushing around, tired of trying to meet the demands and expectations of the season. Slow us down. Help us center our thoughts. Restore in us a childlike wonder, and a belief that dreams really do come true. We call on your name. Be with us and in us, Emmanuel. Amen.

***RESPONSIVE READING 208** (*Benedictus*)

*GLORIA PATRI 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end! Amen. Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Angels' Carol John Rutter
Adult Choir

CALL TO PRAYER EMMANUEL, EMMANUEL (*by Bob McGee*)

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel. (*1976 C.A. Music*)

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.

CHORAL AMEN

WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

We welcome all who are worshiping with us this morning. Please fill out the blue-colored card that you will find in the bulletin. Write any special prayer requests on the back, and pass them face down to the center aisle.

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Alleluia, Sing Noel! Arranged by Jon Paige
Adult Choir

*DOXOLOGY 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below:
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN OF PREPARATION 219** What Child is This?

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-7

SERMON

Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam, 4
The Precious Memories of Christmas

Pastor Steve Donat

*CLOSING HYMN 237

Sing We Now of Christmas

*BENEDICTION

*THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*POSTLUDE

*The People Stand

Brass Quartet: Fred Reimers, Bill Hosbach, trumpets; Andrei Shidlowksi, Jeff Lowden, trombones