

Oil in the Lamp
Matthew 25:1-13



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The Service of Worship

Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost

November 12, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Ringling of the Church Bells

Choral Introit

Blest Be the Lord

Choir

Words of Welcome and Announcements and Signing of Registration Pads

Recognition of Veterans

*Call to Worship

Leader God of great beginnings: loud cries of new birth, noisy eruptions of new creation,

People **Your voice creates form out of chaos; your hand spins the earth on its axis.**

Leader God of the end times: author of the last word, judge at the final hearing,

People **You come to us in the in-between times to get us ready.**

Leader Open our hearts to your words of prophecy, preparing us for the fulfillment of your reign of love on earth.

People **We have come to get ourselves ready by giving praise to God, the father; Jesus Christ, his son; and the sacred Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Hymn

[America](#)

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Opening Prayer (in Unison)

O Lord, there never seems to be enough time to do all the things that are demanded of us. Schedules become crowded. We live by the clock. We think we are ready for all events that will come our way. But we are rarely ready for you. We would like you to come to us at a planned time so that we can fit you into our busy lives. Forgive us, Lord, for trying to make you a scheduled event.

Awaken us again to your comforting and loving presence in our lives. Help us to learn that with you as our foundation, we can handle anything that comes our way. Make us ready to be of service to you. Amen.

Anthem

Tribute to the Armed Services

Pastoral Prayer

Rev McDonald

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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.

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer (unison)

Lord of Wisdom, we faithfully believe in the promise of your Heavenly Kingdom. Yet, we allow our personal living to determine our personal giving. Enable us to be generous givers whose giving is not controlled by our personal wants. Awaken our spirit to the knowledge that we have a limited time to give to your ministries. We pray in the name of your Son, who will come again as Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Special Music Kathi Hiett

***Doxology** #95

***Hymn** [Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying](#) #720

Scripture [Matthew 25: 1-13](#)

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Message Are You Ready for His Coming? Rev McDonald

***Hymn** [The Battle Hymn of the Republic](#) #717

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

****We honor all of our Veterans this Sunday. Thank You for your service!**

Schedule of Our Opportunities

Today	9:00 a.m.	Heart of Worship in the Social Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Children's Sunday School
	11:00a.m.	Worship in the Sanctuary
		Service broadcast on wfbr1590.weebly.com/ or 1590 AM/Facebook Live Stream

Looking Ahead

Nov 14 th	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry – Rm #58
Nov 14 th	7:00 p.m.	Finance Meeting
Nov 19 th		Blanket Sunday Program begins
Nov 22 nd	4:00-6:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Meal – Social Hall
Nov 26 th		Blanket Sunday Program ends
Nov 27 th	7:00 p.m.	Administrative Board Meeting – Social Hall

WELCOME GUESTS! To all who seek a warm and spirit filled place to worship;
To all who seek a church home; to all who struggle and desire victory;
To all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are tired and need rest;
To all who are friendless and want friendship;
To all who are joyful and want to celebrate;
To all who are grateful and want to give thanks; to all who sin and need a Savior;
And to whosoever will our Pastor and the members open wide the doors of
Glen Burnie UMC, and in the name of Jesus the Lord, says – WELCOME!

You are invited to a **FREE**
hot Thanksgiving Eve meal
on Wednesday, November 22nd
at Glen Burnie UMC
5-2nd Ave SE.

The meal will be served from
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.



