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The Service of Worship
Third Sunday of Advent
*Please turn the sound off on your cell phone

December 17, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Orchestra

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Ringing of the Church Bells

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Kathy and Mark Harris

***Call to Worship**

Leader Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say Rejoice!

People **Our joy is in the Lord who blesses us.**

Leader Shout for joy, for the Lord is near!

People **Our praises ascend to God for the mighty things God has done.**

Leader Let your praise dance and swirl in tribute to God!

People **Surely God blesses and saves us. Hallelujah! Praise be to God!**

***Hymn**

[O Come, All Ye Faithful](#)

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Advent Prayer (Unison)

Holy God of Joy, we have gathered to worship You and You alone. We rejoice in the reality of who You are. We rejoice in You this season! We praise You for coming to earth in humility as a newborn child. We marvel that salvation comes to us through this baby called Jesus. Joy is a gift that you gave us that first Christmas in Jesus Christ. It is the joy that flooded the hearts of the shepherds, the angels, the wise men, the hosts of heaven, and Mary and Joseph.

We live within the joy of your love for us. Our contentment comes and goes. Our happiness ebbs and flows. Our feelings depend upon our circumstances and our health. But our joy is deeply rooted in our identity as your beloved children. It is this joy that has the power to overwhelm our hearts with rejoicing. And we give you thanks. May the joy we have not be a commodity to be hoarded but a gift to be shared with one another. We look forward to the future with hope, and we prepare our hearts to make room for You and You are our Joy to the World! Amen.

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)

Rejoicing God, we offer you thanks and praise for this season of anticipation, this season of Advent. As we prepare for the birth of your son, we share our tithes and offerings with the joy and excitement that is common as one anticipates the birth of a new child. Bless these gifts in your Holy Name. Amen.

Christmas Cantata
Sounds of the Season
Presented by the Chancel Choir
Conducted by Douglas Brandt Byerly
Rev. Ken McDonald, Narrator

Overture and Christmas Gloria (Orchestra and Chancel Choir)
The Gathering
Song of the Shepherds
God With Us to Dwell – Soloist Sarah Burrell
Heavenly Peace
Sing We Now
O Holy Night – Soloist Sarah Burrell

*Hymn

[Joy to the World](#)

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*Postlude

Musicians

Viola: Garnette Lang
Flute: Hollis Misciewicz
Trumpet: Patrick Gleason
Frank Russo

Violin: Noah Nicholson
French Horn: Katelyn Wells
Bass: Nathan Royer Percussion:
Piano: Kathi Hiatt

Schedule of Our Opportunities

Today 11:00a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
Service broadcast on wfbr1590.weebly.com/ or 1590 AM/
Facebook Live Stream

Looking Ahead

Dec 24th Christmas Eve Services (10:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.)
Dec 31st Worship (9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.)
Jan 2nd 10:00 a.m. United Women in Faith – Social Hall
Jan 2nd 7:00 p.m. Deborah Circle – Social Hall
Jan 10th 6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting – Social Hall
Jan 13th 9:00 a.m. United Methodist Men Breakfast – Social Hall
Jan 29th 7:00 p.m. Administrative Board Meeting – Social Hall

Christmas Eve Services 10:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

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!**