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The Service of Worship
First Sunday After Christmas
**Please turn the sound off on your cell phone*

December 31, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Ringling of the Church Bells

Choral Introit All the Ends of the Earth **Choir**

Words of Welcome and Announcements, Signing of Registration Pads

***Call to Worship**

Leader From the stillness of the blessed night of Jesus' birth.
People **We come before You, O God, in praise and thanksgiving.**
Leader From the astounding news sung to the shepherds.
People **We thank You for the gift of Your Son.**
Leader Let our hearts keep the joy and peace of Christmas always.
People **Let our spirits rejoice in God's presence with us.**
Leader Fill us with Your love, O God.
People **Pour your peace upon us that we may be bearers of Your Good News.**

***Hymn** [There's a Song in the Air](#) #249

Christmas Prayer (Unison)

Gracious and loving God, we gather with joy and gratitude to worship this morning, giving thanks for the good news of your love, born once more to us this Christmas. Open us once again to this miracle, this wonder that you became one with us. Let the angels sing for us; let the star shine for us; let the child smile at us this morning.

As we prepare to begin a new year, help us to discern what it is that moves us. Open our eyes to see the needs of our community, open our ears to hear your call, and open our hearts to be filled by the Holy Spirit. Grant us the courage to use the gifts and talents you have blessed us with to do the work you have called us to. Build this community of faith, strengthening our bonds with one another and with you. Help us to support and encourage one another in our ministry. May all that we do praise you and be to your glory. Amen.

Special Music Sing Joy to the World **Choir**

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 Peace and Hope, we thankfully give these generous gifts as an expression of all that you have given us. As the prophets foretold, your son was born for the redemption of our sins. We humbly acknowledge that of all the gifts we have received, your gift of a babe in the manger, is the one that truly matters. We prayerfully ask you to increase our ability to help others discover anew the best Christmas message ever, the promise of salvation through Jesus Christ. In His name, we pray. Amen.

***Doxology** #95

***Hymn** [What Child is This](#) #219

Scripture [Luke 2: 22-40](#)

Special Music Kathi Hiett

Message Simeon and Anna's Christmas Rev McDonald

***Hymn** [Go, Tell It on the Mountain](#) #251

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

NOTE: The Offering Envelopes for 2024 are available for pick-up in the library. Please note that you will have to put your own name and tracking number on each envelope.

Thank You!

Kim and I thank you for your generous Christmas gifts to us. We appreciated your prayers, kindness and love throughout the year of 2023. We hope all of you had a blessed Christmas.

Blessings for a happy and healthy New Year,

Pastor Ken

Schedule of Our Opportunities

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

Looking Ahead

Jan 2 nd	10:00 a.m.	United Women of Faith – Social Hall
Jan 2 nd	7:00 p.m.	Deborah Circle – Social Hall
Jan 10 th	6:30 p.m.	Trustees Meeting – Social Hall
Jan 13 th	9:00 a.m.	United Methodist Men’s Breakfast – Social Hall
Jan 29 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!