

First United Methodist Church
December 25, 2022

Prelude *Medley of Carols* Organ
Welcome and Greeting Pastor
Announcements Pastor
K.I.D.S. Kids In Divine Service (Upstairs in the Children's Wing (3rd Graders & Under)
Children may go with Teacher Mindy Smith

***Opening Prayer** God of the unexpected, you have appeared in the flesh, bringing redemption to us all. You made your glory known in this newborn child, this living, blessed hope. Today we sing a new song—a song of justice, righteousness, new birth, and endless peace. Gift of God, we welcome you! Let love be born anew in our hearts today. Amen.

***Call to Worship** Pastor
Leader: We have good news of unspeakable joy!
People: A great light has burst forth, overcoming the darkness!
Leader: A child is born for us—a son has been given!
People: Bringing a kingdom of endless peace, we shall call him Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God!
Leader: Glory to God in the highest!
People: And on earth, peace and goodwill to all! Amen!

***Hymn of Worship** *Joy to the World* Hymnal 246
Piano/Organ
Old Testament Scripture Isaiah 9:2,6 (NLT) Liturgist

Song of Praise *Sing We Now of Christmas* Hymnal 237
P/O

Song of Prayer *In the Bleak Midwinter* Hymnal 221
Piano

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer Pastor

Offering Pastor

Music Special

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gift-giving God, you have given us your greatest gift—your very Word come to earth, to live with us and through us; you have filled us with your grace and love. How can we repay such divine generosity? Receive our thanks and praise. As you have given to us, so now we share your gifts and your grace with a world in need. May this offering help bring your light and love to those who still wander in darkness. Amen.

Song of Thanksgiving *My Gratitude Now Accept 3rd & 4th verses* FWS 2044

Song of Reflection *Noel* by Laruen Daigle Keys/Guitar

New Testament Scripture Matthew 2:13-18 (NLT) Pastor

Sermon *Messy Good News* Pastor Nate Eckert

***Song of Commitment** *Go Tell it On The Mountain* Hymnal 251
Piano

***Benediction**

Go, singing songs to the God of our salvation. Sing of mighty deeds and glory. Join the heavenly chorus and sing: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth." Sing of God's salvation today and every day because Jesus Christ is born! Amen!

***Postlude** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* Organ

Link to last week's service: <https://youtu.be/1N0FhH5-v1s>

Today's Sermon can be found www.firsthagerstown.org

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Worship Team

Music Director & Guitarist Rick Peelle **Organist** Carol Meyer **Pianist** Susie Lewis

Song Leaders Donna Winters & Amanda Stainbrook

Greeter Marti Retherford

Ushers Debra Salhoff, Steve Beeson, Brad Beeson

Nursery available

Our flowers today for the altar are given by Barb Beeson.

Welcome to Worship Our Lord.

Pick up Daily Devotions: January & February
Upper Room
along with Our Daily Bread located in the Café bookrack.

Jefferson Township Food Pantry thanks everyone who contributes. December Donations **Focus on Soups & Crackers.**

Prayers for our Members & Friends: Marilyn Scott, Priscilla Sherry, Ginny Ozburn, Jo Johnson, Chris & Barb Beeson, Judy Hilbert Haisley, Bob & Dixie Fast, Craig Salhoff, Martha Giggy, Linda Riley, Elizabeth Waggoner, Tonya Sparks, Jim & Ginny Retherford, Angela Cox, Lisa Warner's parents' health, Susan Sanders, Carol Meyer, Chris Lane, Christa (Coleman) husband's cancer is back.

Today, Sunday, December 25



The Church Office will be closed Monday, December 26.

Wednesday December 28 Worship Team @ 6:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church Worship Service
December 25, 2022



TO FULFILL WHAT THE LORD HAD SPOKEN BY THE PROPHET.

Matthew 1:22, ESV

CHURCH MISSION:

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

CHURCH VISION:

*As disciples who make disciples, we will connect intentionally,
listen actively and love deeply in our relationship with God and our community.*