MANAHAWKIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2024 - THE YEAR OF TALENTS



Celebrating 220+ Years of Ministry

Pastor: Rev. Kyewoon Choi Music Directors: Stephen & Wayzeta Strouse

Third Sunday after Epiphany January 21, 2024 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Worship Bulletin

Please set all cell phones to airplane mode.

During the first hymn, the ushers will collect Prayer Concern Cards.

Please sign the Attendance Pad & pass it down the pew (Guests please include your address).

* = The congregation is invited to stand.

Prelude Nearer My God to Thee Bethany

L. Wolfe

Introit Surely the Presence of the Lord

Announcements

*Call to Worship:

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

C: And, also with you.

L: The risen Christ is with us.

C: Praise the Lord!

*Hymn 189: Fairest Lord Jesus

Children's Time

Prayer of Confession (adopted from Psalm 51)

L: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your loving kindness.

C: In Your great compassion blot out our offenses.

L: Create in us a clean heart, O God

C: And renew a right spirit within us.

L: Restore to us the joy of Your salvation.

C: And uphold us with a willing spirit.

L: Have mercy on us and forgive us;

C: In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Assurance of Pardon

L: The LORD God is compassionate and gracious,

C: Slow to anger and abundant in loving kindness.

L: As far as the east is from the west,

C: so far has God removed our sins from us.

L: We are forgiven in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

Joys, Concerns and Praises

Scripture Lessons: (8:30) Lee Slater (11:00) Brian Sprague

Proverbs 19:23

The fear of the Lord leads to life, so that one may sleep satisfied, untouched by evil.

Psalm 34:7

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and rescues them.

Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

L: The word of God for the people of God. **C: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Special Music (8:30) Created in Christ Alone

M. McDonald/MUMC Choir

(11:00) Your Grace is Enough

C. Tomlin/Warren Ries

Sermon

Three Benefits of the Fear of the Lord

Pastor

Choi

* Hymn # 528 (v. 1-3):

Nearer My God, to Thee

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory:

Be Thou My Vision

Trad. Irish Melody

*Doxology (#95)

Prayer of Dedication:

L: O Lord, as we present this offering upon your altar,

C: We offer ourselves as a living sacrifice.

L: Use our words and actions of love and kindness to spread the love of Christ.

C: May all of our gifts and services be acceptable in your sight.

L: In the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, we pray. C: Amen.

* **Hymn** # **528** (**v. 4-5**): Nearer My God, to Thee

Benediction

Benediction Response: God Be with You till We Meet Again Hymn #672

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you, With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude: Jubilation G. Young

Worship Leader: (8:30) Lee Slater (11:00) Brian Sprague **Greeters:** (8:30) Bonnie & Bruce Nelson (11:00) Volunteer

Ushers: (8:30) Bob Havekost & Kathy Knauer (11:00) Rick Beekman & Diane Johnson

Acolyte: (8:30) Emma Lowe (11:00) Volunteer

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Kyewoon Choi, Pastor Stephen & Wayzeta Strouse, Music Directors Lauren Kokai, Bell Choir Director Kathy Cavanagh, Secretary Lori Nielsen, Sexton

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PRAYER REQUESTS will be kept for 4 weeks. If you want longer, please call the office 609-597-7666.

For our President, Congress, World Leaders, and all those called to Active Duty. For the Christians and churches who are under attack. For the peace between Israel and Gaza. For the end of Ukraine War. For the peace in Sudan and Haiti.

For Healing, Surgeries, Illnesses, Needs, etc:

Dot Eardley, the Farley family, Edna Winans, Connie, Stephen Strouse, the Lally family, Melchie Sasiela, Mark, the Logan family, the Appiah-Mends family, Rebecca, Karly, Jeanne Swenson, Scott and Moria Peraria, the Anderson family, Joy Houghton, Lori Nielson's sister, Cassie, Dan Murphy, Mary Kay Karachum, Marcie Blake, Reagan Rufalo, Steve Citron, Lynne Gordon, Richard Blake, Jim Saltzman, Kevin, Lynne Jacobacci, Kyechang Choi, Marian, Ken Schorr Jr., Glenn Schorr, Ron and Bobbie Warmbier, Douglas & Nancy Dorner, Dorothy Dorner, Randall & Mary Seba, Helen Dondzila, Anthony Vitelli, Alan D'Atrio.

But you, Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Psalm 86:15

ATTENDANCE FOR IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL SERVICES

Sunday, January 14, 2024

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

Sun. Jan. 21 8:30 & 11 a.m. Sunday Worship Services/Coffee Hour 9:45 a.m. Sunday School

THIS WEEK

Wed. Jan. 24 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. Parents Morning Out

10:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Men's Bible Study

6-7 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal

7-8 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

UPCOMING

Sun. Jan. 28 8:30 & 11 a.m. Sunday Worship Services/Coffee Hour

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

12:10 p.m. Scholarship Committee meeting

TAX STATEMENTS: are available in the Narthex.

THE CROSSWORD: hard copies are available in the Narthex.

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS: Join the MUMC Facebook page and then share the posts about church events with your other Facebook friends!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The Sight and Sound Theatre's presentation of Ruth will be shown on Sunday, February 4th at 4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall! All are welcome to enjoy this video performed before a live audience. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex if you plan to attend. A lasagna dinner will be provided along with a free will offering.

ASH WEDNESDAY: is February 14th. Begin your Lenten journey with one or some of these opportunities to deepen your faith: 6:30 -7:30 a.m., 1:00-2:00 p.m. – Sanctuary is open for prayer and imposition of ashes. 6:15 p.m. - Soup and supper in Fellowship Hall followed by a Worship Service at 7 p.m.

ALTAR FLOWERS: are available to purchase for the new year! Please come to the office and fill out a form to celebrate loved ones and special occasions!

FOOD BANK ITEMS: for January are pasta and sauce. Please put your donations in the labeled bin located in the narthex. Thank you.



Manahawkin United Methodist Church

116 Stafford Ave. Manahawkin, NJ 08050



February 14, 2024

<u>Reception of ashes</u> 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. and 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Soup Supper in Fellowship Hall 6:15 p.m.

Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary: 7 p.m.