

MANAHAWKIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2025 – THE YEAR OF PEACE



Celebrating 222+ Years of Ministry

Pastor: Rev. Kyewoon Choi

Music Director: Dennis Linde

First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025
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

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

arr. C. Hamlin

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Lighting of the Advent Candle: (Light a Candle, verse 1. See insert)

(8:30) Dennis Linde & Kathy Cavanagh

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***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 #88:**

Maker, in Whom We Live

Children's Time

Prayer of Confession (adopted from Hymnal #890)

L: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,

C: by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

L: We have not loved You with our whole heart;

C: We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

L: We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

C: For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

L: that we may delight in Your will,

C: and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Joys, Concerns and Praises, Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Lesson: (8:30) Pastor Choi (11:00) Bonnie Lobb

Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be pregnant by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, since he was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly. ²⁰ But when he had thought this over, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a Son; and you shall name Him Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” ²² Now all this took place so that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet would be fulfilled: ²³ “BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN WILL CONCEIVE AND GIVE BIRTH TO A SON, AND THEY SHALL NAME HIM IMMANUEL,” which translated means, “GOD WITH US.” ²⁴ And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took Mary as his wife, ²⁵ but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he named Him Jesus.

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

Special Music: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* arr. J. A. Behnke/Kathy Cavanagh,
Lee Slater

Sermon *Forgiveness in the Lord* Pastor Choi

*** Hymn #389:** *Freely, Freely*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

M. Praetorius

***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 #391 (v.1,3,5):** *O Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice*

Benediction

Benediction Response: *Go Now in Peace* by Don Besig and Nancy Price

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love.*

Postlude *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* K. Thomerson

Worship Leaders: (8:30) Pastor Choi	(11:00) Pastor Choi
Greeters: (8:30) Fernandez-Gomez family	(11:00) Phil Pecoraro
Ushers: (8:30) Tim & Holly Gallagher	(11:00) Volunteers
Acolyte: (8:30) Volunteer	(11:00) Volunteer

CHURCH STAFF

*Rev. Kyewoon Choi, Pastor
Dennis Linde, Music Director
Lauren Kokai, Holy Spirit Ringers Director
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

Sun. Nov. 30 8:30 & 11 a.m. Sunday Services/ Coffee hour between
9:45-10:45 a.m. Sunday School

THIS WEEK

Mon.	Dec.	1	7 p.m.	Bell Choir practice
Wed.	Dec.	3	9:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
			3 p.m.	Residence Bible Study
			7 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thu.	Dec.	4	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tue.	Dec.	9	12 p.m.	MUWF Christmas luncheon at Calloway's
Sat.	Dec.	13	8:15 p.m.	Men's breakfast in fellowship Hall
			1-5 p.m.	Christmas Caroling
Sun.	Dec.	14	4 p.m.	"LOVE IS BORN" Christmas Cantata/Dinner

CHURCH DIRECTORY: Today is the last Day to proofread your information in Church directory. It is in the **Narthex** for you to review.

MANAHAWKIN METHODIST MEN'S CLUB: shirts are available by signing up in the Narthex. Cost is \$27.00. Deadline for ordering is **TODAY**, November 30th.

POINTSETTIA ORDERS: are due on the 7th of December. Please fill out order form and return to the office.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA: "Love Is Born", December 14, 4 p.m. with dinner by "Grateful Helping Hands". A sign-up sheet is in the narthex so GHH can get a head count for dinner!

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: Advent is here! We need families for the 11:00 Sunday Services. The signup sheet is in the Narthex.

OUR DAILY BREAD: for December/January/February is available in the narthex.

FOOD BANK ITEMS: for December are healthy soups and saltines. Please put your donations in the labeled bin located in the narthex. Thank you.



**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.:

The Keller family, Patrick D., John Hauge, Joy Houghton, Roy George, Kristen Thatcher, Jeanne Swenson, Kristen Thatcher, Donna Spader, Towanna Merrit, Royal Wells, Betsy McShea, Noel, Meichun (Molly) Chang, Carol Pine, Dorothy Hadden, Mike Lucariello, Sam Blake, Jeanine and Tom and Charlie Winters, Regina Howard, Pat Lopez, Ken Schorr Sr., Rob DeVito, Alice Cranmer, Ron and Bobbie Warmbier, Shirley Elliott, Ann Scaturro, Arleen Logan, Eileen Mahan, Lee and Marlene Kalsch, Glenn Schorr, Aileen Logan, Phyllis Bromiley, Pedro Lopes, Marcie Blake, Carlos Lopez, Lee Slater, Bill Logan, Anthony Vitelli.

Death: Caroline Keller 11-24-2025

¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great
Matthew 5:12

ATTENDANCE FOR IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL SERVICES

Sunday, November 23, 2025

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Our Book is HERE! Get Your Copy of *Stories of Grace*

We are thrilled to announce that **Stories of Grace: 50 Testimonies of Believers in Christ** is officially available!

You played a part in this—now it's time to share these amazing stories!

MUMC Exclusive Pre-Order & Purchase

- **Pre-Order Now:** Secure your copy today by placing your pre-order at the **church office**.
- **Pick-Up Date:** Books will be ready for pick-up on **Sunday, December 14th**.
- **Price:** Copies are just **\$10.00 each**.
- **Payment:** Please pay by **Cash or Check** (payable to **MUMC**).
- **Good News:** All proceeds from these church sales directly benefit **MUMC**.

Note for Contributing Writers: Thank you! You will receive **ONE complimentary copy**. Additional copies can be purchased for \$10.00.

Online Purchase Options

You can also purchase the book online and have it shipped directly to you:

Version	Price	Platform
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Paperback	\$10.00	Amazon.com
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Kindle	\$3.99	Amazon.com
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Share the inspiring journey of faith with everyone you know!

Love is Born

UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH CHOIR
and HOLY SPIRIT RINGERS
as we celebrate
THE BIRTH OF CHRIST THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON!

DECEMBER 14, 4 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY
FOLLOWED BY DINNER IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
SPONSORED BY THE GRATEFUL HELPING HANDS!

"LOOK, THE VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE AND BEAR A SON,
AND THEY SHALL CALL HIM EMMANUEL..."

MATTHEW 1:23

Celebrating the Mystery
and Wonder of Christmas

by Lloyd Larson

**MANAHAWKIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
P.O. Box 487, Manahawkin, NJ 08050**

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM – 2025

All Plants will be: RED (\$9.00 Each)

LAST DAY TO ORDER: Sunday, December 7, 2025 (Please order ASAP)

In “Honor” of:

In “Memory” of:

Please Check here: _____ If you will be writing any additional name/s on the back of this sheet. Thank you.

Presented by:

***Telephone Number/s:**

***You must include a phone number for our secretary, who may have question/s.**

**Please place your Order Form along with your Payment or Check made out to “Manahawkin UMC”, with the memo “Poinsettias”, and place this form with payment, in the Offering Plate or in the Poinsettia Basket in the Narthex. Thank you.
If mailing back to our P.O Box 487, please mail by Dec. 7th the latest.**

HOW MANY ORDERED: _____ AMOUNT PAID _____

Poinsettia Plant/s can be picked up:

**after either of our Christmas Eve Services,
or you may leave your plant/s at the church,
and they will be given to Shut-ins of our church. Please indicate below:**

_____ I will take home Poinsettia/s

_____ Please give Poinsettia Plant/s to a Shut-in.

Light a Candle

[Composer]

Piano



1. Light one can - dle Christ is com - ing Christ the hope of the world.

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Light one can - dle Christ is com - ing Christ is com - ing soon

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| 2. Light two candles, Christ is coming
Christ, the way for the world!
Light two candles, Christ is coming
Christ is coming soon! | 4. Light four candles, Christ is coming
Christ, the peace of the world!
Light four candles, Christ is coming
Christ is coming soon! |
| 3. Light three candles, Christ is coming
Christ, the joy of the world!
Light three candles, Christ is coming
Christ is coming soon! | 5. Light the white one, Christ is born
Christ, the light of the world!
Light the white one, Christ is born
Christ is born tonight! |

Maker, in Whom We Live

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1. Mak-er, in whom we live, in whom we are and move, the
 2. In - car-nate De - i - ty, let all the ran-somed race ren -
 3. Spir - it of Ho - li - ness, let all thy saints a - dore thy
 4. E - ter-nal, Tri - une God, let all the hosts a - bove, let

glo - ry, power, and praise re - ceive for thy cre - at - ing love.
 der in thanks their lives to thee for thy re-deem-ing grace.
 sa - cred en - er - gy, and bless thine heart-re - new-ing power.
 all on earth be - low re - cord and dwell up - on thy love.

Let all the an - gel throng give thanks to God on high, while
 The grace to sin - ners showed ye heaven-ly choirs pro - claim, and
 Not an - gel tongues can tell thy love's ec - stat - ic height, the
 When heaven and earth are fled be - fore thy glo - rious face, sing

earth re - peats the joy - ful song and ech - oes to the sky.
 cry, "Sal - va - tion to our God, sal - va - tion to the Lamb!"
 glo - rious joy un - speak - a - ble, the be - a - tif - ic sight.
 all the saints thy love hath made thine ev - er - last - ing praise.

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Freely, Freely

1. God for - gave my sin in Je - sus' name, I've been
2. All power is given in Je - sus' name, in

born a - gain in Je - sus' name, and in Je - sus' name I
earth and heaven in Je - sus' name, and in Je - sus' name I

come to you, to share his love as he told me to.
come to you, to share his power as he told me to.

Refrain

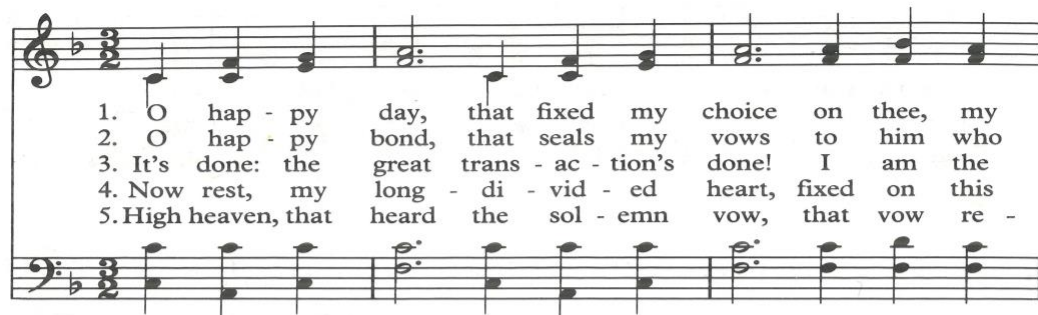
He said, "Free - ly, free - ly you have re - ceived,

free - ly, free - ly give. Go in my name, and be -

WORDS: Carol Owens, 1972 (Mt. 10:8; 28:18-20)
MUSIC: Carol Owens, 1972

FREELY, FREELY
99.99 with Refrain

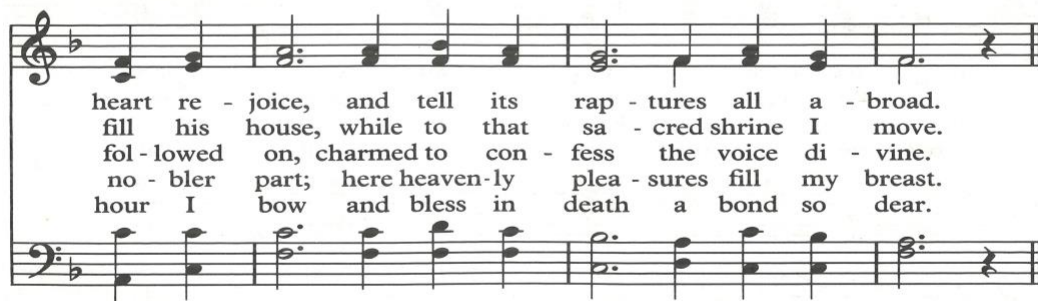
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1. O hap - py day, that fixed my choice on thee, my
 2. O hap - py bond, that seals my vows to him who
 3. It's done: the great trans - ac - tion's done! I am the
 4. Now rest, my long - di - vid - ed heart, fixed on this
 5. High heaven, that heard the sol - emn vow, that vow re -

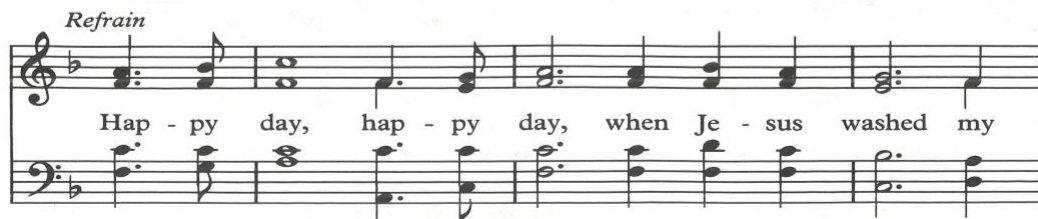


Sav - ior and my God! Well may this glow - ing
 mer - its all my love! Let cheer - ful an - thems
 Lord's and he is mine; he drew me and I
 bliss - ful cen - ter, rest. Here have I found a
 newed shall dai - ly hear, till in life's lat - est



heart re - joice, and tell its rap - tures all a - broad.
 fill his house, while to that sa - cred shrine I move.
 fol - lowed on, charmed to con - fess the voice di - vine.
 no - bler part; here heav - en - ly plea - sures fill my breast.
 hour I bow and bless in death a bond so dear.

Refrain



Hap - py day, hap - py day, when Je - sus washed my