

# MANAHAWKIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2025 – THE YEAR OF PEACE



Celebrating 222+ Years of Ministry

Pastor: Rev. Kyewoon Choi

Music Director: Dennis Linde

## Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 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**

*Carol of the Bells*

G. Winston

### Announcements

**Lighting of the Advent Candle:** (Light a Candle, **verse #3**. See insert)

(8:30) Beth and Bob Schenck, Holly and Sadie Kadlubowski

(11:00) The Guido Family

### Passing of the Peace

#### **\*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 #211:**

*O Come , O Come, Emmanuel*

### Children's Time

#### **Prayer of Confession**

L: Gracious and merciful Father, we come before You in humility and adoration.

**C: We are truly grateful for all Your blessings.**

L: You have called us to be partakers of Your holiness.

**C: Yet, we have not heeded to Your call.**

L: We are truly sorry that we have not walked worthy of Your calling.

**C: Grant us the desire to obey You and power to do Your will,**

L: Have mercy on us and forgive us.

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

*All pray in silence.*

## Assurance of Pardon

L: Our Father in Heaven has mercy on you and forgives all your sins through Jesus Christ His only son.

**C: Amen.**

## Joys, Concerns and Praises, Pastoral Prayer

**Scripture Lessons:** (8:30) Pastor Choi (11:00) Angela Lowe

Hebrews 11:6

<sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

1 Timothy 3:16

<sup>16</sup> By common confession, great is the mystery of godliness: **He who was revealed in the flesh**, was vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

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

**Special Music:** (8:30) *An Invitation For Advent* arr. D. Nolan/MUMC Choir  
(11:00) *Believe* arr. M. & S. Shaw/Kathy Cavanagh, Lee Slater

**Sermon** *Faith in the Lord* Pastor Choi

**\* Hymn 219:** *What Child Is This*

## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Prepare the Royal Highway* Swedish Folk Tune

**\*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 #215:** *To a Maid Engaged to Joseph*

## **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**

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

arr. F. Smith

**Worship Leader:** (8:30) Pastor Choi

( 11:00) Angela Lowe

**Greeters:** (8:30) Art & Lovisa Hill

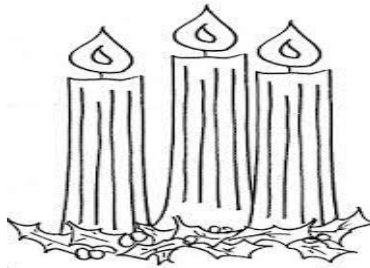
(11:00) Dorothy Dorner

**Ushers:** (8:30) Rachel and Gabby Gomez

(11:00) Jo-Eva Applegate & Phil Pecoraro

**Acolyte:** (8:30) Giselle Lucariello

(11:00) Volunteer



## **CHURCH STAFF**

*Rev. Kyewoon Choi, Pastor*

*Dennis Linde, Music Director*

*Lauren Kokai, Holy Spirit Ringers Director*

*Kathy Cavanagh, Secretary*

*Lori Nielsen, Sexton*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TODAY

Sun. Dec. 14      8:30 & 11 a.m. Sunday Services/ Coffee hour between  
9:45-10:45 a.m. Sunday School  
4 p.m.            “LOVE IS BORN” Christmas Cantata/Dinner

### THIS WEEK

Mon. Dec. 15      7 p.m.            Bell Choir practice  
Tue. Dec. 16      7 p.m.            Trustees  
Wed. Dec. 17      9:30 a.m.        Men’s Bible Study  
                         3 p.m.            Residence Bible Study  
                         7 p.m.            Choir Practice  
Thu. Dec. 18      6:30 -8 p.m.     Youth Group

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. Dec. 21      8:30 & 11a.m.    Sunday Services/ Coffee hour by Youth Group  
                         9:45-10:45 a.m. Sunday School  
                         2 p.m.            Sunday School Christmas Pageant  
Wed. Dec. 24      7 p.m.            Christmas Eve Service–A Service of Lessons and Carols

**STORIES OF GRACE (Book):** is here! Get your book from the office today!

**MUMC DIRECTORY:** is done! Please pick up your copy in the Narthex, one per family.

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:** Week of the 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>: Monday 9–1 p.m., Tuesday/Wednesday 9-12 p.m. Office closed, December 25–26, and January 1-2.

**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.:**

Keri Buscaglia, the DiSanzo family, Mary Ellen McCarthy, Tom Pancoast, George Smithson, the Keller family, Patrick D., John Hauge, Joy Houghton, Kristen Thatcher, Jeanne Swenson, Donna Spader, Towanna Merrit, Royal Wells, Betsy McShea, Carol Pine, Dorothy Hadden, Mike Lucariello, Sam Blake, Ken Schorr Sr., Rob DeVito, Ron and Bobbie Warmbier, Shirley Elliott, Ann Scaturo, Arleen Logan, Eileen Mahan, Lee and Marlene Kalsch, Aileen Logan, Phyllis Bromiley, Carlos Lopez, Lee Slater, Bill Logan, Anthony Vitelli.

<sup>12</sup> ... “I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness,  
but will have the Light of life.”  
John 8:12

**ATTENDANCE FOR IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL SERVICES**

Sunday, December 7, 2025

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# 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

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



## O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran-som cap-tive  
 2. O come, thou Wis-dom from on high, and or - der all things  
 3. O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on  
 4. O come, thou Root of Jes - se's tree, an en-sign of thy

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone-ly ex - ile here  
 far and nigh; to us the path of knowl - edge show  
 Si - nai's height in an-cient times once gave the law  
 peo - ple be; be - fore thee ru - lers si - lent fall;

*Refrain*  
 un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 and cause us in her ways to go. Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-  
 in cloud and maj-es - ty and awe.  
 all peo-ples on thy mer - cy call.

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

WORDS: 9th cent. Latin; trans. st. 1, 3, 5ab, 6cd, 7ab *The Hymnal*, 1940; st. 2, Henry VENI EMMANUEL  
 Sloane Coffin, 1916; st. 4, 5cd, 6ab, 7cd, Laurence Hull Stookey, 1986 LM with Refrain  
 MUSIC: 15th cent. French; arr. and harm. by Thomas Helmore, 1854

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 Methodist Publishing House; antiphons © 1962 Sisters of St. Benedict

## What Child Is This

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1. What child is this who, laid to rest, on Ma - ry's  
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and  
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come, peas - ant,

lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with  
 ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tians, fear, for  
 king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

*Refrain*

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

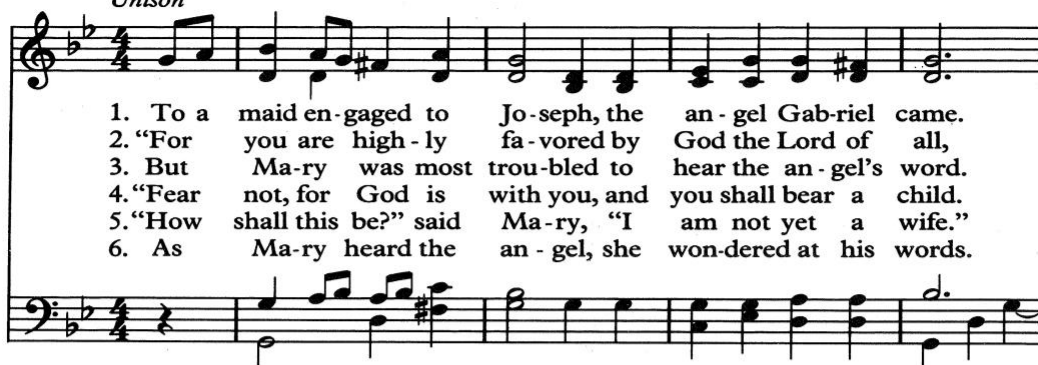
WORDS: William C. Dix, 1865 (Lk. 2:6-20; Mt. 2:1-12)  
 MUSIC: 16th cent. English melody

GREENSLEEVES  
 87.87 with Refrain

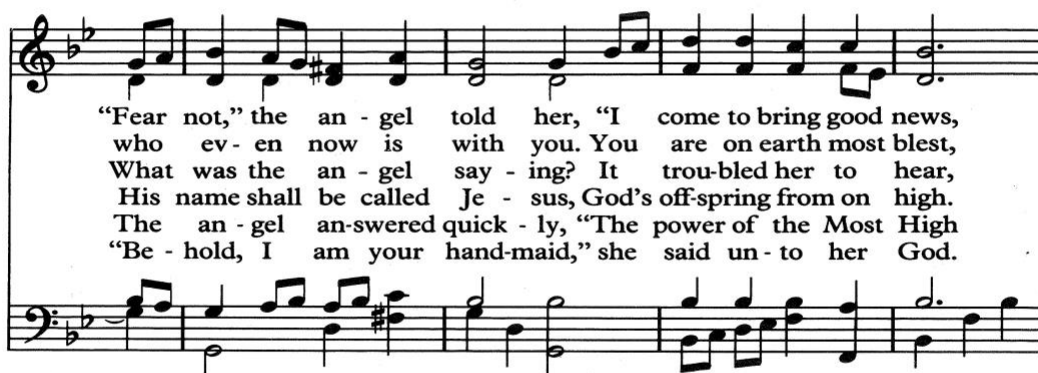
# To a Maid Engaged to Joseph

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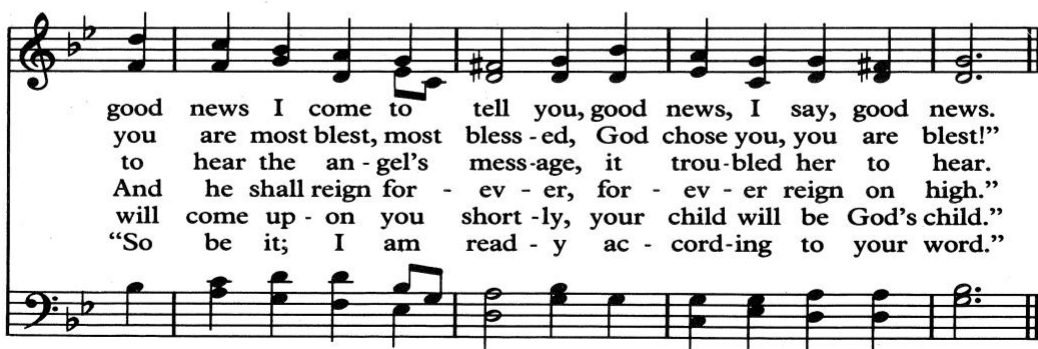
*Unison*



1. To a maid en-gaged to Jo-seph, the an-gel Gab-riel came.  
 2. "For you are high-ly fa-vored by God the Lord of all,  
 3. But Ma-ry was most trou-bled to hear the an-gel's word.  
 4. "Fear not, for God is with you, and you shall bear a child.  
 5. "How shall this be?" said Ma-ry, "I am not yet a wife."  
 6. As Ma-ry heard the an-gel, she won-dered at his words.



"Fear not," the an-gel told her, "I come to bring good news,  
 who ev-en now is with you. You are on earth most blest,  
 What was the an-gel say-ing? It trou-bled her to hear,  
 His name shall be called Je-sus, God's off-spring from on high.  
 The an-gel an-swered quick-ly, "The power of the Most High  
 "Be-hold, I am your hand-maid," she said un-to her God.



good news I come to tell you, good news, I say, good news.  
 you are most blest, most bless-ed, God chose you, you are blest!"  
 to hear the an-gel's mess-age, it trou-bled her to hear.  
 And he shall reign for-ev-er, for-ev-er reign on high."  
 will come up-on you short-ly, your child will be God's child."  
 "So be it; I am read-y ac-cord-ing to your word."

WORDS: Gracia Grindal, 1983 (Lk. 1:26-38)  
 MUSIC: Rusty Edwards, 1983

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