

MANAHAWKIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2026 – THE YEAR OF... FILL MY HOUSE



Celebrating 222+ Years of Ministry

Pastor: Rev. Kyewoon Choi

Music Director: Dennis Linde

Second Sunday in Lent
March 1, 2026
8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Please set all cell phones to vibrate or silent setting.

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

Humbly We Adore Thee

arr. J. Barr

Announcements

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 #89**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Children's Time

Opening Prayer (unison)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Joys, Concerns and Praises, Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Lesson: Luke 8:4-15

(8:30) Cheryl Conti

(11:00) Rachel Gomez

⁴When a large crowd was coming together, and those from the various cities were journeying to Him, He spoke by way of a parable: ⁵“The sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell beside the road, and it was trampled under foot and the birds of

the air ate it up. ⁶ Other *seed* fell on rocky soil, and as soon as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷ Other *seed* fell among the thorns; and the thorns grew up with it and choked it out. ⁸ Other *seed* fell into the good soil, and grew up, and produced a crop a hundred times as great.” As He said these things, He would call out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

⁹ His disciples *began* questioning Him as to what this parable meant. ¹⁰ And He said, “To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest *it is* in parables, so that SEEING THEY MAY NOT SEE, AND HEARING THEY MAY NOT UNDERSTAND.

¹¹ “Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God. ¹² Those beside the road are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they will not believe and be saved. ¹³ Those on the rocky soil *are* those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no *firm* root; they believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away. ¹⁴ The *seed* which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and pleasures of *this* life, and bring no fruit to maturity. ¹⁵ But the *seed* in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.

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

Anthem *Remember Me* J. Rainey/MUMC Choir

Sermon *The Parable of the Sower 1* Pastor Choi

Communion Servers: Pauline McShea (8:30) John Parker (11:00)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings (will the ushers please come forward)

Offertory: *What Wondrous Love Is This* J. Barr

***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 #361:** *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

*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

Toccata

D. Janzer

Worship Leader: (8:30) Cheryl Conti

(11:00) John Parker

Greeters: (8:30) Paul & Alice Cranmer

(11:00) Phil Pecoraro

Ushers: (8:30) Rich & Eva Mueller

(11:00) Volunteers

Acolyte: (8:30) Volunteer

(11:00) Damon Welsh



CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Kyewoon Choi, Pastor

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

Sun. Mar. 1 8:30 & 11 a.m. Sunday Services/Coffee Hour between services
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
3 p.m. Confirmation Class begins

THIS WEEK

Mon. Mar. 2 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Parents Morning Out
7 p.m. Bell Choir practice
Wed. Mar. 4 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Parents Morning Out
9:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
7 p.m. Choir Practice

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. Mar. 8 10:00 a.m. Anniversary Sunday-Bring a Friend to Church!
ONE SERVICE/Daylight Savings Time Begins!
3 p.m. Confirmation Class
Mon. Mar. 9 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
Tue. Mar. 10 1 p.m. MUWIF meeting
7 p.m. Trustees meeting

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY: There will be **ONE** service **next Sunday**, March 8, 2026, at 10 a.m. to celebrate our church's 223+ years of worship service in the community, as well as our 50 year members! What a perfect time to "Bring a Friend to Church"! There will be a luncheon service in Fellowship Hall by the Grateful Helping Hands. Please sign up for a head count in the narthex. Let's welcome our new friends! **For those who have been members of this or any church for 50+ years, please contact the church office for recognition!**

VENDOR FAIR: The MUWIF will be holding their yearly Vendor Sale on May 2, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you are interested, please see the insert for details. For more information, you may contact Beth Schenk.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS: to serve once a month as greeters, ushers, readers and acolytes. Can you help? Please let Pastor or the church secretary know!

FOOD BANK ITEMS: for March are macaroni and cheese, and canned fruit. 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.:

Paige Thurber, Noel, Anthony Vitelli III, Chrissy Monforte, Kaley, Anthony, Chris Beyer, Alice Cranmer, Rosemary Pecoraro, Paul Cranmer, Bonnie Lobb, Roger, Joe Triano, Sue & Rick, the Henkel and Cavanagh families, Uncle Skip, the Bianco family, Jennifer Abbott, Beverly Jonas, Iris Steinmetz' brother, Debbie Schroeder and family, Dean Wetmore, Regina Howard, Karen Steen, Keri Buscaglia, the DiSanzo family, Mary Ellen McCarthy, John Hauge, Joy Houghton, Kristen Thatcher, Jeanne Swenson, Royal Wells, Carol Pine, Dorothy Hadden, Violeta Lucariello, Sam Blake, Ken Schorr Sr., Rob DeVito, Ron and Bobbie Warmbier, Shirley Elliott, Ann Scaturro, Arleen Logan, Eileen Mahan, Lee and Marlene Kalsch, Aileen Logan, Phyllis Bromiley, Carlos Lopez, Lee Slater, Bill Logan, Anthony Vitelli.

God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God,
and God abides in him.

1 John 4:15

ATTENDANCE FOR IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL SERVICES

Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026

97

Sunday, February 22, 2026

148



Sunday, March 8th, 2026

10:00 a.m.

(one service only)

Come join us and celebrate our church's 223+ years of service to our local community and our 50+ years members!

We will have one service on Sunday, March 8, at 10:00 a.m.

followed by

an anniversary luncheon after the service in fellowship hall.

Lunch will be provided by the "Grateful Helping Hands"!

A sign up sheet is in the narthex (for headcount)

Manahawkin United Methodist Church

BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH DAY!



Come Celebrate the 223+ birthday of
our Church
by bringing a friend to our Anniversary service!

Let us welcome them with open arms!

March 8, 2026
10:00 a.m.

Luncheon to Follow
in Fellowship Hall
All are welcome!





Calling All Vendors!



Vendor FAIR



Saturday, May 2

9:00am - 2:00pm

Hosted By Manahawkin United Women In Faith

**Register
Now
To Sell**

\$30

Indoor Table

*Includes one table/2 chairs

\$25

Outdoor Space

*Provide own table

Held Rain or Shine



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116 Stafford Ave**

For more information please contact Beth
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89 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



1. Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore thee, God of glo-ry, Lord of love;
 2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re-lect thy rays,
 3. Thou art giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blest,
 4. Mor-tals, join the might-y cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan;



hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, open-ing to the sun a-bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-ccean depth of hap-py rest!
 love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, bind-ing all with-in its span.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flow-ery mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our broth-er, all who live in love are thine;
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife;



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day!
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth-er, lift us to the joy di-vine.
 joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward, in the tri-umph song of life.



361 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me
 2. Not the labors of my hands can fulfill -
 3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply
 4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine

hide my - self in thee; let the wa - ter and the blood,
 fill thy law's de - mands; could my zeal no res - pite know,
 to the cross I cling; na - ked, come to thee for dress;
 eyes shall close in death, when I soar to worlds un - known,

from thy wound - ed side which flowed, be of sin the
 could my tears for - ev - er flow, all for sin could
 help - less, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the
 see thee on thy judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges,

dou - ble cure; save from wrath and make me pure.
 not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.