



## Confessing

Confession

Hymn: STS 11 – *No wind at the window*

## Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Scripture Reading:

Luke 1:26-28

Message: *The Vulnerability of the Magnificat*

Hymn: STS 124 – *My soul cries out*

Sandra Plett

Amy Swartz

Cynthia Lapp

## Responding

Responses to the Message

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Praying Together

Hymn: STS 7 – *Come, come Emmanuel*

The Work of the Church

Greeting our Guests

Announcements

The Ministry of Giving

Children's Offering

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

## Sending

Lighting the Christ Candle: Luke 2:1-7

Hymn: HWB 193 – *Silent night, holy night*

Benediction

Aidan Ankrah

## Translations

*\*You looked with favor on your humble servant;*

*From this day forward, all generations shall call me blessed.*

*\*\*Your mercy reaches from generation to generation for those who fear you.*

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### TODAY

*Greeter:* Cheryl Fish-Parcham

*Ushers:* Dorothy Leissa, Brad Leissa

*Nursery:* Jeanette Stoltzfus, Wyatt Feeler

*Worship Arts:* Michelle Burkholder, Becky Hass

### NEXT WEEK

Sara Fretz-Goering

Sara Person

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering Last Week – \$10,716

Weekly Goal – \$5,638

Attendance Last Week – 130

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### Lectionary scripture for next Sunday, December 31:

Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

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## CALENDAR

Sun. 12/31—Christmas I; service of carols and stories; no Sunday School.

Sun. 1/7—Epiphany; intergenerational Epiphany pageant.

Sun. 1/14—Cindy Lapp preaches; fellowship meal.

Sun. 1/28—Hospitality Night.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Advent and Christmas Giving Opportunities:** Our monetary Advent offering this year will go to the local group Acupuncturists Without Borders, which is offering free treatments to recent immigrants, refugees, and neighbors in need in Hyattsville and Silver Spring. We will also be supporting the Prince Georges Plaza Day Center with gifts of long underwear, t-shirts (L/XL) socks, boxer shorts (L/XL). Thanks for your generosity supporting our neighbors.

**Advent Worship Arts:** Worship arts during this season of Advent includes a continuation of the creation of the collage panels we started at retreat. During retreat we saw how these separate panels connected to each other in a horizontal way. During Advent, as the panels came together to make a banner up front, we have watched the connections form from above to below as we wait for the celebration of God's inbreaking into the world. May It Be So!

**Out of the Office:** Jake Short is gone Dec. 20 – Jan. 6. If you have bulletin items, please send them to Michelle Burkholder, Nancy Gehman, and Su Flickinger, who will deal with the bulletins; any other office items should be directed to Cindy and/or Michelle in the meantime. Cindy will be out of the office, but still available, Dec. 26-28, and then will be gone Dec. 29 – Jan. 1. Michelle Burkholder will be gone Dec. 26, but available otherwise.

**Christmas Eve Services:** HMC will not have an evening Christmas Eve service tonight. You are encouraged to check out other local churches, which are part of Congregations United for Compassion and Empowerment (CUCE).

- University Park Church of the Brethren (UPCoB): 7:00 p.m.
- University Baptist, 3515 Campus Dr, College Park: 7:00 p.m.
- University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Rd, Hyattsville: 7:00 p.m.
- St Andrews Episcopal, 4512 College Ave, College Park: 9:30 p.m.
- Hope Lutheran, 4201 Guilford Dr, College Park: 7:30 p.m.

**Poinsettias for Sale:** The poinsettias are for sale for \$10. Please give your payment to Michelle Burkholder; exact change is preferred.

**No Sunday School & Fellowship of the Season:** There will be no Sunday School for any age on Dec. 31. We will resume on January 7. Instead, please bring cookies and other treats to share at 10:30 a.m. before the worship service.

