

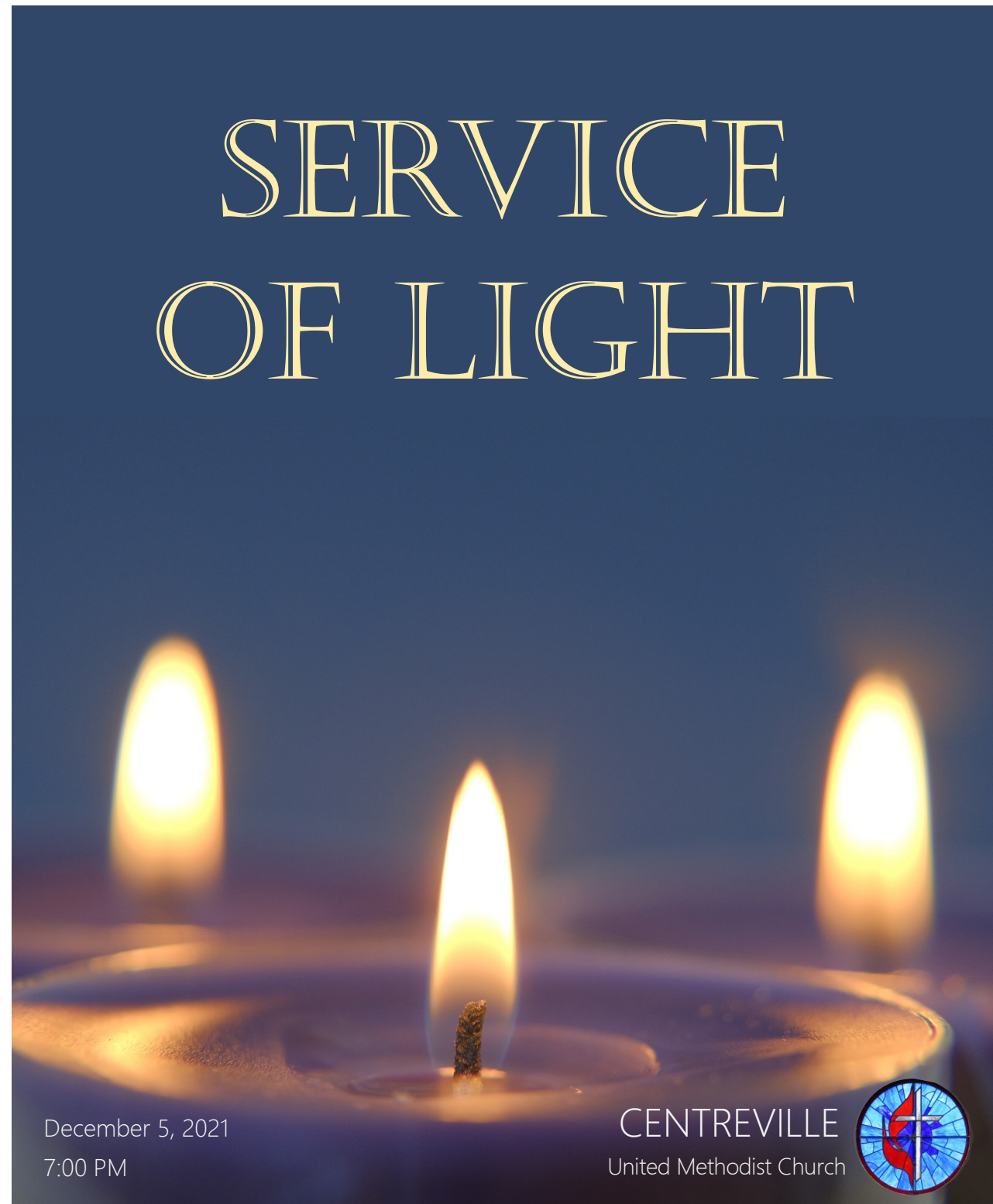
SERVICE OF LIGHT



Centreville United Methodist Church
6400 Old Centreville Road
Centreville, VA 20121
703.830.2684 (office)
www.centreville-umc.org
Facebook: CentrevilleUMC
Office Hours: M-F, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Our Pastors: Rev. Will Montgomery
Rev. Marti Ringenbach

Cover photo by www.canva.com. Used by permission.



December 5, 2021
7:00 PM

CENTREVILLE
United Methodist Church



The Service of Worship

(Please silence electronic devices)

Words of Welcome

*Call to Worship

Remember the messengers of faith you have known, rejoice, and give thanks for their witness.

We, too, will prepare the way of Christ;

we will help to level the hills and valleys of life.

Hold one another in your hearts this day; pray that love may rule all your relationships.

We will weep with those who weep. We will rejoice with those who rejoice.

God will be with you wherever you go.

Amen.

*Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hymnal No. 196

Opening Prayer

God of love and understanding, we gather here this evening to confront our pain in the midst of the world's celebration. Help us know that You are present with us in all of our moods and feelings and seasons. Grant us a taste of the hope, peace, joy, and love that you promise to all of Your people through the gift of Your son Jesus. Amen.

First Lesson

Revelation 21:1-7

Pew Bible NT Pg. 259

Gospel Lesson

John 14:25-27

Pew Bible NT Pg. 109

Homily

"Do Not Be Afraid"

Rev. Will Montgomery

*Hymn

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Hymnal No. 218

Candle lighting

Unison Prayer

Comforting God, wrap us in your presence in this time of remembrance. With these candles, help us find your light, a light that will guide us day by day, step by step, as we try to live life fully and wholly. We cherish the special ways in which we have been touched by our loved ones. We thank you for the gift their lives have been to us. Now comfort us, encourage us, empower us. Amen.

Hymn

Love Came Down at Christmas

Hymnal No. 242

Blessing

Go in peace, knowing that the God whose love created this world, sent Jesus into the same world to be our friend, companion, and Savior. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

Light Dawns on a Weary World

arr. Raabe

(The congregation is invited to remain for a time of sharing after livestream broadcast has ended.)

This service is written by Nancy C. Townley, an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church. She consulted on visual arts, drama, liturgy and wrote for *Worship Connection* for several years. Nancy passed away in February 2018. This worship litany can be found at www.MinistryMatters.com.

*Please stand as you are able.