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Saturday, December 14, 4:00-7:00 PM

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Parents' Night Out & **Kids' Christmas Pajama Party**
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December 8, 2024
9:30 AM Traditional
Worship Service

Adorned

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CENTREVILLE
United Methodist Church

The Service of Worship

(Please silence electronic devices)

Welcome Rev. Matthew Smith

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements Rev. Geitra Mickelson

Prelude Tucker
Emmanuel, El Shaddai
Good News Ringers

Lighting the Advent Candles: The Hesse Family

Reader: The prophet Malachi calls us to watch for the messenger God will send us, a messenger who burns with a passion for God's coming salvation. "For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness."

Congregation: Resisting the urge for complacency, we choose to live with a passion for God's peace, to listen to those who call us to righteousness, and to submit ourselves to God's grace. May we be refined, purified, and adorned until we perfectly reflect God's love throughout the earth.

Reader: We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to passionately pursue the work of making peace in our hearts, our families, our communities, and throughout the earth until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven.

*Opening Hymn Hymnal No. 211
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Stzs. 1-4

*Passing the Peace of Christ Rev. Phil Mohr

Anthem Patterson
Will You Be Ready?
Carol Choir and Voices In Praise
Avery and Bennett Graham, *duet*; Ai Le, *solo*

Children Dismissed to Kids Quest Rev. Geitra Mickelson

Opening Prayer Rev. Geitra Mickelson

We have prepared our homes, O God, but we need help preparing our spirits to receive Your message of peace. Free us from the stresses and strains of this time, and place Your peace, which passes all our understanding, in our hearts. For we ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

First Lesson Wes Albers

Do not adorn yourselves outwardly by braiding your hair, and by wearing gold ornaments or fine clothing; rather, let your adornment be the inner self with the lasting beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in God's sight.

Second Lesson Revelation 19:7-8 Wes Albers

Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure"— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

Response
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn Hymnal No. 242
Love Came Down at Christmas

Sermon Rev. Matthew Smith
"Ornaments"

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Rev. Geitra Mickelson
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Celebration of our Giving Rev. Phil Mohr

Offertory Bedford
Gabriel's Message
Laura Hesse, *organ*

Please take a moment to register your attendance in the pew folders.

*Presentation of Offering/Doxology Hymnal No. 95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving Rev. Phil Mohr

*Hymn Hymnal No. 246
Joy to the World
Stzs. 1&4

*Benediction Rev. Matthew Smith

*Benediction Response Hymnal No. 668
Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace

Postlude arr. Burkhardt
Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying
Laura Hesse, *organ*

Please join us in the fellowship hall across from the sanctuary for refreshments and conversation.

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Prelude *An Advent Meditation* Lasky
Laura Hesse, organ

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Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

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Lighting the Advent Candles: Garrett Youmans
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(Stzs. 1-4)

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Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer Rev. Geitra Mickelson
Leader: Lord in Your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

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Hymn *Love Came Down at Christmas* Hymnal No. 242

Sermon "Ornaments" Rev. Matthew Smith

A Service of Word and Table
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor continues, and concludes...

Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with choirs of angels with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The pastor continues, and concludes...

With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to You to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to Your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The pastor continues, and concludes...

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Invitation to Giving

As you come forward for communion, you are invited to bring your tithes and offerings and place them in the offering baskets.

Receiving the Bread and Cup
Communion Meditation *Of the Father's Love Begotten* arr. Held

*Closing Hymn *Joy to the World* Hymnal No. 246
(Stzs. 1, 2 & 4)

*Benediction Rev. Matthew Smith

*Benediction Response *Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace* Hymnal No. 668

Postlude *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying* arr. Burkhardt
Laura Hesse, organ

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