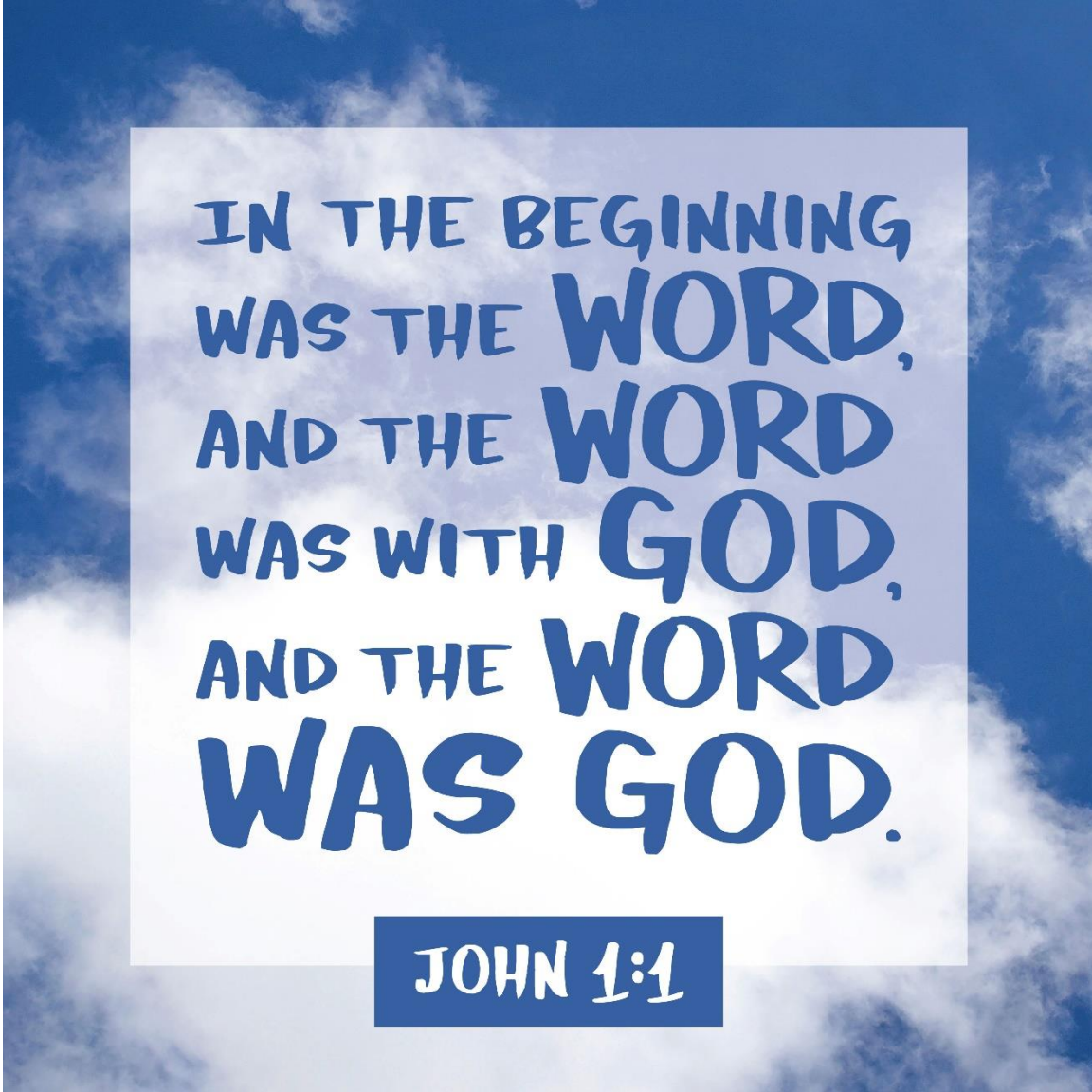


***Tappahannock Memorial
United Methodist Church***

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IN THE BEGINNING
WAS THE WORD,
AND THE WORD
WAS WITH GOD,
AND THE WORD
WAS GOD.

JOHN 1:1

*“To all who mourn and need comfort,
to all who are tired and need rest,
to all who are lonely and need companionship,
to all who sin and need a Savior, and to all who will,
this church opens wide its doors.”*

Christmas Day

“The ABC’s of Christmas”

Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-12; Psalm 98 (UMH 818); John 1:1-14

December 25, 2022

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Prelude

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Welcome, Announcements & Registration of Attendance

Good Morning, and greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I welcome you who are here this morning as well as those watching online to this service of worship at Tappahannock Memorial United Methodist Church - the miracle, candy church! For any who are visiting, I extend a welcome to you and invite you to be part of the missions and ministries of this church. Let me review with you the announcements that impact us in the coming days...see the announcement insert.

We are tracking our attendance, so thank you in advance to all who will let us know that you have watched or read our service this morning. Please email our Administrative Assistant at tappmethodist@gmail.com, with your attendance information.

Come, brothers and sisters, now is the time for worship.

* Opening Hymn

“Joy to the World”

UMH # 246

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| <p>1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.</p> <p>3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.</p> | <p>2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.</p> <p>4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.</p> |
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* Call to Worship:

In the beginning was the Word, and the word was with God, and the word was God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Let the seas roar and the mountains quake.

Everything came into being through the Word. What came into being was life, and the life was the light for all people.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

The Word became flesh and blood, and lived among us to bring all people to the light.

Let heaven and earth break forth into joyous song, singing praises to our God.

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

Christ, our light, shines forth in glory. Christ, our life, brings grace and truth.

Let us worship. Alleluia!

*** Opening Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Incarnate One we bow before you on this day to celebrate the coming of your presence among us, you are the fulfillment of God's ancient promises, a living testimony to God's faithfulness. We thank you for your life-transforming love: you are a gift of sustenance to souls who hunger and thirst; you are balm to the wounded and strength to the lame; you are the very light of God, shining for all the nations to see. With all creation, we rejoice at your coming, as we worship before your manger.

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Prayer of Confession

All-seeing and all-merciful God, Christmas Day always seems to catch us off guard. Instead of moving in concert with the peace of your coming, we have exhausted ourselves dancing to the world's tune. Instead of making time and space for your presence, we have spent our energy on physical, rather than heavenly endeavors. Instead of grasping the awe of your coming, we have allowed sheer busy-ness to batter all wonder from our lives.

Forgive us, we pray. In your mercy, helps us to reclaim the marvel and mystery of your birth. In your grace, help us encounter you once again in the great rhythms of creation, incarnation, and salvation. Amen.

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The Declaration of Pardon

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; That proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Children's Time

Scriptures

Isaiah 52:7-10

pg. 683

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." ⁸Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. ⁹Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Hebrews 1:1-12

pg. 218

***I**Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? ⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." ⁷Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." ⁸But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. ⁹You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." ¹⁰And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; ¹¹they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; ¹²like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end."*

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

* **Psalter**

Psalm 98

UMH # 818

¹O sing to the Lord a new song,
for the Lord has done marvelous things!
God's right hand and his holy arm
have gotten the victory.

**²The Lord has declared victory,
and has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

³The Lord has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

**All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.**

⁴Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

⁵Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!

⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn

make a joyful noise before the Ruler, the Lord!

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who live in it!

⁸Let the floods clap their hands;

let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord,

⁹who comes to judge the earth.

**The Lord will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**

*** The Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

*** Gospel**

John 1:1-14

pp. 91-92

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

“The ABC’s of Christmas”

Rev. Barbara M. Jacobs

*** Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles’ Creed

UMH # 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried.

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

**the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sharing of Our Joys & Concerns

We want to continue to pray for the healing of the nations through this pandemic, and for all those impacted by: war – especially the people of Ukraine and Russia; natural disasters; and other catastrophic events. Remember those who have been in the hospital for treatments and surgeries, as well as for COVID 19. Remember those who are isolated with no one to interact with. Please continue to pray for: your prayer partners; our homebound folks; those in nursing, rehabilitative, and assisted living facilities; as well as for those on the front lines. Please let us know of other prayer concerns and needs.

Pastoral Prayer

The Offering *Special Offering: Security System w/ Fire & Smoke Detectors, and Cameras*

Please remember to keep your tithes and offerings current so that the ministries of our church can continue. You may mail them to P. O. Box 326, Tappahannock, VA 22560, use the E-Giving link available on our website www.tappahannockmethodist.org , or download our mobile app: Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement. Thank you for your continued support!

The Offertory *“Greensleeves/Carol of the Bells”*

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*** Doxology**

UMH # 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*** Closing Hymn**

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

UMH # 240

1. Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King!"
2. Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th' incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!"
3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King!"

* Benediction

* Postlude

“Angels We Have Heard on High”



Have a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



PRAYER LIST

Dave Baker, Tri Blanks, Eddie Bliss, Alice Boyd, Priscilla Carter and husband, Brittany Clark, the family of Doug Clark, Olivia Egge, Brock & Tammy Fielder, Peyton & Mae Lynne Guest, Ronnie Harvey, Bill Hendricks, Josh Hodges, Sarah Hundley, Rev. Steve Hundley, Rev. Barb & Alan Jacobs, Jean Johnson, Paige Klemm, Tenley & Hailey and Robin & Bill Kuhnert, Vicky La Follette's cousin Teresa, Carolyn Lewis, Kathleen MacDonald, Jacob McGuckin, the local Mennonite community, Amy Mahan, Janet Murphy, Monica Newsham, Nate Parker, Eleanor Rehm, Mary Lou Simpson, John & Debbie Snyder, Jackson Titmus, Lauriel Turner, and Brody Verlander. Inclusion & equality for the LGBTQ family & friends. All affected by critical weather and violence, everyone who struggles with drug addiction and alcoholism, those in peril, all missing persons, those who serve in the Armed Forces, students and educators, the people of Ukraine, Russia, and Europe during this time of war, everyone around the world as we fight the spread of COVID-19, and the UMC during the separation and as the church moves forward.

MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS: SSGT Jonathan Simpson.

PRAYERS AND CARDS ARE WELCOME FOR THESE MEMBERS

Lee Black, Barbara Brooks, Jim Climaldi, Jean Edwards, Cecile Farmer,
Don and Carol Nicholas, Edna Parrish, Eleanor Rehm, and Jean Rhines.

** Please contact the office for the phone number or address for any of these members of our church family*

SERVICE AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, Dec 25:

Merry Christmas

10:00 am

Christmas Day Worship Service

Special Offering:

Safety & Security System

Tuesday:

Choir Rehearsal Will Resume on January 3rd

Wednesday:

WMG Meetings Will Resume on January 4th

Saturday:

New Year's Eve!

Sunday, Jan 1:

Happy New Year & Welcome 2023!

10:00 am

Epiphany Sunday Worship Service

Special Offering:

Safety & Security System

The church office will be closed from Saturday, Dec 24th through Monday, January 2nd.

Please contact Pastor Becca if you need assistance during this time.

All meetings are offered in-person and via Zoom unless stated otherwise.

*We seek to be the Disciples of Christ, welcoming all as we nurture
and support one another through service and outreach.*

Our facility is handicap accessible.

Pastor: The Reverend Rebecca L. Minor, Cell Phone: 757-870-8265

Minister of Congregational Life: The Reverend Barbara M. Jacobs

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Pianist: Beth Harvey

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