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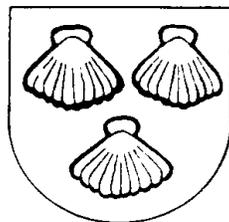


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“Emmanuel = Jesus in the House”

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Saint James United Methodist Church
Marriottsville, MD

WE GATHER

Prelude

“What Child is This” arr. Charles W. Ore

Offered by Clarice Snyder

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Welcome

Rev. Patricia Abell

Approaching the Threshold

“Come and Find the Quiet Center” (vs. 1)

TFWS 2128

Verse 1

Come and find the quiet center
In the crowded life we lead
Find the room for hope to enter
Find the frame where we are freed
Clear the chaos and the clutter
Clear our eyes that we can see
All the things that really matter
Be at peace and simply be

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Call to Worship

Nancy Janson

Today we light the Christ Candle once again that illumines THE Door of Welcome.

May this light shine in our hearts, in our lives, and in our church.

May Christ’s Light awaken us to possibilities and lead us to greater hospitality.

There *IS* room in this Inn, a House for the Holy.

Crossing the Threshold

“Come and Find the Quiet Center” (vs. 2)

TFWS 2128

Verse 2

Silence is a friend who claims us
Cools the heat and slows the pace
God it is who speaks and names us
Knows our being touches base
Making space within our thinking
Lifting shades to show the sun
Raising courage when we're shrinking
Finding scope for faith begun

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Opening Prayer

Nancy Janson

**Love comes to us at Christmas. Love comes to heal our souls.
Love brings an invitation that our hearts might be made whole.
As we gather at the stable in the darkness, glad and grateful
for the sacred in our midst, for wonder and delight, Christ is born in us this DAY.
Amen.**

ONE: The **LIGHT** of Christ be with you!

ALL: And also with you!

Opening Hymn

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

UMH 251

Chorus

Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and ev'rywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born

Verse 1

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light

Verse 2

The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed the Savior's birth

Verse 3

Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn

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A Cookie Moment

Big Gingerbread Child

Jelinda Blum

Scripture

Colossians 3:12-17 (CEB)

Nancy Janson

¹² Therefore, as God's choice, holy and loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. ¹³ Be tolerant with each other and, if someone has a complaint against anyone, forgive each other. As the Lord forgave you, so also forgive each other. ¹⁴ And over all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. ¹⁵ The peace of Christ must control your hearts—a peace into which you were called in one body. And be thankful people. ¹⁶ The word of Christ must live in you richly. Teach and warn each other with all wisdom by singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ Whatever you do, whether in speech or action, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God the Father through him.

Luke 2:41-52 (CEB)

⁴¹ Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. ⁴² When he was 12 years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to their custom. ⁴³ After the festival was over, they were returning home, but the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn't know it. ⁴⁴ Supposing that he was among their band of travelers, they journeyed on for a full day while looking for him among their family and friends. ⁴⁵ When they didn't find Jesus, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple. He was sitting among the teachers, listening to them and putting questions to them. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed by his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were shocked.

His mother said, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Listen! Your father and I have been worried. We've been looking for you!"

⁴⁹ Jesus replied, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know that it was necessary for me to be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they didn't understand what he said to them.

⁵¹ Jesus went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. His mother cherished every word in her heart. ⁵² Jesus matured in wisdom and years, and in favor with God and with people.

Anthem

"Noel"

Praise Team

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Message

"Emmanuel = Jesus in the House!"

Rev. Patricia Abell

Leading Into Prayer

"Come and Find the Quiet Center" (vs. 3)

TFWS 2128

Verse 3

In the Spirit let us travel
Open to each other's pain
Let our lives and fears unravel
Celebrate the space we gain
There's a place for deepest dreaming
There's a time for heart to care
In the Spirit's lively scheming
There is always room to spare

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Prayers for God's People, the Church and the World

Share your prayer requests at pastor.saintjames@verizon.net or stjamessec@verizon.net or write requests on prayer slips provided and place in the Giving Box.

[A time of silence is kept after each petition.]

Offertory

“Two French Carols”
Offered by Susan Day, flute and Clarice Snyder, piano

Arranged by Brant Adams
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Doxology

“Angels We Have Heard on High” (chorus only) **UMH 238 Chancel Choir**

Chorus

Gloria
In excelsis Deo
Gloria
In excelsis Deo

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Closing Hymn

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

UMH 224

Verse 1

Good Christian men rejoice
With heart and soul and voice
Give ye heed to what we say
News News Jesus Christ is born today
Ox and ass before Him bow
And He is in the manger now
Christ is born today
Christ is born today

Verse 2

Good Christian men rejoice
With heart and soul and voice
Now ye hear of endless bliss
News News Jesus Christ was born for this
He hath opened heaven’s door
And ye are blest forevermore
Christ was born for this
Christ was born for this

Verse 3

Good Christian men rejoice
With heart and soul and voice
Now ye need not fear the grave
News News Jesus Christ was born to save
Calls you one and calls you all
To gain His everlasting hall
Christ was born to save
Christ was born to save

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Benediction

Postlude

“In Dulci Jubilo” arr. Wilber Held **Offered by Clarice Snyder**

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Questions for Reflection

Consider Jesus as an adolescent, causing his parents to worry about him.

Jesus asks his parents, “Why were you searching for me?”

If you were a parent of Jesus, how would you answer that question?

How do you answer that question for yourself?

Household Prayer: Morning

*Lord Jesus, as you listened to your teachers,
may I also, this day, listen to others with care and grace,
and receive whatever wisdom they may offer. Amen.*

Household Prayer: Evening

*Loving God, you know every struggle I have faced this day:
let me sleep in peace, confident in your great love in Jesus Christ. Amen.*

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