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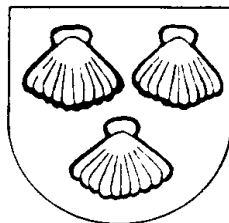
9:30 am

**The Advent Pre-Season Begins
ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE**

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Gathering

Prelude "Slane (Be Thou My Vision)" David Schelat **Offered by Clarice Snyder**

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Welcome

Jeff Jones, CLS

Gathering Song

"Glorify Thy Name"

TFWS 2016

1. Father we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

2. Jesus we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

3. Spirit we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
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Call to Worship

Beth Shipley

ONE: Even though we don't always feel it, God is with us.

ALL: The darkness and doubt of the world can threaten to consume us.

ONE: Yet God is with us.

ALL: All around us, there is fear and hopelessness.

ONE: God brings to us hope and peace. We place our trust in God's abundant love.

ALL: Let us freely and without fear open our hearts to God's healing words of hope. AMEN.

Nancy C. Townley, "Call to Worship 4," Worship Connection: November 6, 2022, *Ministry Matters*,
<https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/4369/worship-connection-november-10-2019>.

Prayer of the Day

Beth Shipley

Most Holy and Powerful God, we take courage today that you will provide all we need to keep your presence at the center of our work to rebuild this church and the community around us for your glory. We need you today to shake the heavens and the earth. Shake the trees and the dry land. Shake the hearts and souls, pockets, wallets, and pocketbooks of all of us here and those around us. Shake us so that our earthly treasures and heavenly investments would be released freely to carry out your purposes. All we have needed, you have provided. Now, may we provide all you need for this temple, our own temples, and this community to be whole. As we bring our gifts to you, instill in our souls the fact that our silver is yours and our gold is yours, no matter how much or how little we have. And unlike prosperity pimps who spend too much time preaching garbage, may we know that as we prosper you, you will prosper us, not for our own selfish gain, but for the sole purpose of positioning us to prosper others in need. For we are blessed to be a blessing! We thank you and we praise you. In the mighty name of Jesus, amen!

Joseph W. Daniels Jr., *The AfricanaWorship Book for Year C* (Discipleship Resources, 2008), 182.

Prayer of Confession

Beth Shipley

God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, we barely remember all that has gone before. Our memories of former glory are filtered through so many experiences, through joy and through pain. Our today is blurred by our anxieties and our fears, and we cannot always see what you are doing in our midst. Forgive our shortsightedness. Forgive our focus on a misremembered history. Forgive our reluctance to embrace what you are bringing to life among us. Your prophet asks us to take courage and know that you are with us, that your spirit abides among us. Remind us that you abide not in buildings but in the people who call on your name. Help us trust in the splendor that will come as we continue the build up the body and to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Derek Weber, April 2025

*Opening Hymn

“Now Thank We All Our God”

UMH 102

1. Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices
Who wondrous things has done
In whom this world rejoices
Who from our mother's arms
Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today

2. O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us
And keeps us still in grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next

3. All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given
The Son and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven
The one eternal God
Whom earth and heaven adore
For thus it was is now
And shall be evermore

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Passing of the Peace

Beth Shipley

Proclaiming

Children's Message

Jelinda Blum

Scripture

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 (NRSVue)

Beth Shipley

Word in Music

“Let All the World in Every Corner Sing”

Composed by C S Lang. For 2 Part. Published by Oxford University Press Inc.

Chancel Choir

Message

“The Advent PreSeason Begins”

Jeff Jones, CLS

Salem UMC (Keedysville, MD)

Responding

Prayer for People, Church & World

Beth Shipley

Response: Lord, you are just in all your ways and kind in all your doings.

Lord's Prayer

***Doxology**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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.

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Offering Prayer

Going Forth

***Closing Hymn**

"Sent Forth By God's Blessing"

UMH 664

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended; oh, now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of his teaching, receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us; his love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer his call.
2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
The tasks of our ev'ry day life we will face,
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
Embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us; with your light now lead us.
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1964
Music: Welsh folk tune; harm. By Leland Sateren, 1972
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Benediction

Jeff Jones, CLS

Postlude

"O That I Had a Thousand Voices"

Offered by Clarice Snyder

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We welcome Jeff Jones as our worship leader today. Jeff serves as a Certified Lay Servant from Salem UMC in Keedysville, MD.

Questions for Reflection

How will it change the way we treat one another—or even ourselves—if, like the psalmist declares, we bless God’s name every day rather than cling to the negative or complain about the things that do not go as planned?

The writer of Second Thessalonians implores his readers to “hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter” (2 Thess. 2:15). Identify some traditions you should hold on to. Are there traditions we should reclaim? What about traditions that have served their purpose and can be let go? What are the traditions of the church?

Household Prayer: Morning

God of life, for this new day we give thanks.
May we bear witness to the gift of life in all we say and do,
from the flowers that bloom to the critters that creep,
from the friends we seek out to the strangers we encounter.
As the birds sing out their praises, may we, too, make a joyful noise.
May our words and our actions reveal your good news.
Help us to be inspired and awed by your extraordinary creation. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Holy God, you have indeed done marvelous things and we give thanks.
Throughout this day we were challenged and found hope;
we were surprised by the places and people who give witness to you.
Be with us and those we love this night.
Comfort those who are uneasy or afraid.
Guide us through the night to the dawn of a new day
filled with hope and promise. Amen.

RESOURCES:

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- + Abingdon Worship Annual 2025...ministrymatters.com
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