

PLEASE LET US KNOW... If you or someone you know is ill or in the hospital, let the church office know so that we can help in their healing process through our prayers, visits, etc. Thank you!

PRAYER CONCERNS: John Chwastyk, Pati Anne Feeley (daughter-in-law of Jan & Jack Feeley), Emmy Cahilly (11 yr. old niece of Shelly & Greg Kinkaid), Madison Luyber - her parents, Julie and Tony (friends of the Bewleys), Heather Oman (niece of The Youse/Mack Family), Richard Thompson (brother of Doris Gager), Jim & Sherry Heller and family (son of Carol Heller), Tina Tesch (niece of Linda Wanagas), Penny McClellan (cousin of Linda Wanagas), Sheryl Moon (former South Valley Elementary School teacher), Carolyn Myers, Mary Raroha, Lois & Bruce Mitchell, brother & sister-in-law of Lindsay Mitchell.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 A.M. Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

11:00 A.M. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

Both services are live streamed on Facebook and YouTube

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November 28, 2021 **First Sunday of Advent** 11:00 A.M.
 A United Methodist Community in Moorestown, New Jersey
"A community of faith committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ with a hurting world through words and actions."

PRELUDE The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came arr Lau

WELCOME Pastor Jess

***HYMN #196** Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Pastor Jess

L: God comes! So don't let go of all the reasons to rejoice.
P: We will sing songs of praise to the One who fills our lives with joy.
 L: God comes! So don't stop lifting your prayers with thanksgiving.
P: We will pray our blessings of gratitude to the One who hears our words and silence.
 L: God comes! So don't stop giving your hearts to God.
P: We will open our lives deeply to the One who offers new possibilities each day.
ALL: Come Holy Spirit Come into our lives this Season of Advent!

OPENING PRAYER Pastor Jess

The coming of our Lord Jesus Christ anew into our lives is always a gift each Advent. This morning we wait in joyful expectation, like Mary did so long ago, to know you again as the Son of the Most High. Draw close Holy God and shed your light upon our lives and upon all that is filled with darkness in this world. Help us to find joy in unexpected ways. May we become your living songs of praise and joy, knowing that you're the reason for the season! Amen.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY The Owens Family
 Congregational Sung Response #211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel vs 1

YOUNG DISCIPLE'S TIME **There is a Santa Claus** Pastor Jess
Stefanie and Kai Vajapey from The Cast of ELF~The Moorestown Theater Company

PASTORAL PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER Pastor Gina
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

PRAYER RESPONSE #3049 Wait for the Lord

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Glory, Glory, Creation Sings! Klotzbach
Adult Choir

CELEBRATING OUR GIFTS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY Pastor Jess
We welcome all who worship with us this morning. We especially want to lift up the Rev. Dr. Drew Dyson who has placed his conference relationship with FUMC. We ask you to prayerfully consider giving generously to support the ministries of FUMC and the communities we serve for Christ. You can place your offering and the Attendance Card including any special prayer requests you may have in the offering basket located in the worship space or send them to church@meetwithGod.com.

THE REEL CHRISTMAS PREACHING SERIES Pastor Gina

SPECIAL MUSIC **Sparklejollytwinklejingle**
Lamonte Jordan from the Cast of ELF~The Moorestown Theater Company

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:30-32; 39-55
John Halligan, Robin Webb & Pastor Jess

The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David."

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy.

And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary sang,
"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

MESSAGE **ELF: Finding Joy** Pastor Gina

***CLOSING HYMN # 237** Sing We Now of Christmas (*vv 1-3 only*)

***BENEDICTION** Pastor Gina

***POSTLUDE**

***THE PEOPLE STAND**

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to the members and cast of the Moorestown Theater Company for sharing their joy-filled songs.. We also thank Rev. Patti Walz who is accompanying the group today and a part of ELF the Musical production.