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The Promise of Potential

Herndon United Methodist Church
Sunday, December 4, 2022
10:00am Herndon UMC Sanctuary
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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HERNDON UMC

THE NEWSLETTER FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS is now available. Read or download it at herndonumc.org/newsletters. You can also find printed copies near the Connection Corners in the building.

HYPOTHERMIA DINNERS—We will once again be serving the unhoused population by providing warm dinners at the North County Hypothermia Shelter. Our first dinner is tonight. Our next is Dec. 18. Needs will be posted soon.

ANGEL TREES are up. Select an angel and return an unwrapped gift under the tree by 12/11. Gift cards may be placed in the box outside the office or in the offering plate (specifically marked for ANGEL TREE). Gifts support the LINK Toy Drive and will help provide for the over 3400 kids that LINK will distribute to this year.

VOLUNTEER ON HERNDON UMC DAY AT THE CLOSET—The Closet thrift shop, one of Herndon UMC's mission areas, has started scheduling congregation volunteers for the first time since this was stopped because of COVID. Herndon UMC's first day to fill the volunteer needs is 12/08. [Sign up here](#) or contact Bill Arey for more information at thecloset@herndonumc.org.

HERNDON UMC'S CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT—12/10 @ 7PM. HHS Madrigals and students from HHS instrumental groups will perform a benefit concert at Herndon UMC. Donations made at the concert will go to support a Rise Against Hunger food packing event at Herndon High School in the Spring of 2023.

DISCOVER HERNDON - Sunday 12/11 at Jimmy's Old Town Tavern (697 Spring St, Herndon). It is meant to be a casual gathering to talk about what it might look like to become a member at Herndon UMC. Attending this event does not mean you have to become a member of the church! It's just an opportunity to explore what church membership might look like in the Community we serve. We will meet at Herndon UMC at 11:15.
RSVP to welcome@herndonumc.org.

GREENS MAKING BEGINS 12/11 -- Help set up on Sunday 12/11 or help assemble arrangements 12/12 & 12/13, or help with sales. The Herndon United Women in Faith are inviting our whole community together to make arrangements this year. Sales will begin the evening of 12/13. Check the app or [follow this link](#) to sign up.

CHRISTMAS ORCHESTRA—12/18 For over 20 years Herndon UMC has been gathering together musicians from throughout our community for this special musical offering. Musicians (grade 7 and older) are invited to be a part of this special seasonal offering. [Learn more here](#).

LONGEST NIGHT | A Christmas Service of Grief, Remembrance & Grace - 12/21 at 7:30 PM. Enter a safe and sacred space for those who are struggling to feel the joy and light of this holiday season. This service acknowledges the space that grief leaves in our heart while simultaneously remembering that we worship a God who is with us in the darkest of times. This service will be live-streamed.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB "Rewired," by Ajay Seth, will be the next selection for the Womens' Book Group. This is the true inspirational story of a determined patient and a dedicated doctor who together embark on a revolutionary surgery the first of its kind. Open to all women, invite a friend to join! Our next meeting will be hybrid Zoom/in person around early/mid December.

CONGRATULATIONS, HERNDON UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH! -- Herndon's United Women in Faith have been recognized by the Northern Virginia District United Women in Faith for Living into Our Purpose 2022 (Gold Level III) & 2022 Six-Star Unit Award

TRUSTEE TIDBIT - Rain is good for our souls, the trees, the plants, the birds, and the animals. Not so much for the ceiling tiles from the leaky roof. Virginia Roofing Corporation made some repairs that hopefully will resolve the issue.

Worship—10AM

Gathering Music

Good Christians, Rejoice!

Melissa Chavez | Luis Gonzalez

Welcome

Rev. Jonathan Page

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Morning Glory Circle

All Sing:

***O Come, O Come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.***

[Refrain]

***Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.***

Reader 1:

In Isaiah 11:9, the prophet declares,
They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of God,
as the waters cover the sea.

Reader 2:

We light this candle as a sign of hope
that truth will prevail, and justice be done,
for all people.

**All: Risen Christ, Light of the world,
shine in our lives
and shine among us now.**

(Lighting of the second candle)

***O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
And order all things far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go.***

[Refrain]

***Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.***

Reader 3:

As we pray and work
for truth, compassion, and justice, near and far—

**All:
Risen Christ, Light of the world,
shine in our lives
and shine among us now. Amen.**

Opening Song

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
(Verse 1)*

***I want to walk as a child of the light
I want to follow Jesus
God set the stars to give light to the world
The star of my life is Jesus***

(Chorus)

***In Him there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God***

UMH #206 | Thomerson

Shine in my heart Lord Jesus

(Verse 2)

I want to see the brightness of God

I want to look at Jesus

Clear Sun of righteousness shine on my path

And show me the way to the Father

(Chorus)

In Him there is no darkness at all

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The Lamb is the light of the city of God

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I'm looking for the coming of Christ

I want to be with Jesus

When we have run with patience the race

We shall know the joy of Jesus

(Chorus)

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Baptism of Jackson Blaine Reedy

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Pastor: On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

Parents: I do.

Pastor: Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

Parents: I do.

Pastor: Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

Parent: I do.

Pastor: Will you nurture Jackson in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself, to profess his faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

Parents: I will.

Pastor (to congregation): Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

Congregation: We do.

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Jackson, now before you in your care?

Congregation: We will with God's help.

Pastor: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

Congregation: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Congregation: I believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.]

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Congregation: 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.]

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

Congregation: Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

Pastor: In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Congregation: Declare Christ's works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and he who receives it, to wash away his sin and clothe him in righteousness throughout his life, that, dying and being raised with Christ, he may share in his final victory.

Congregation: All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever. Amen.

Pastor: The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother in Christ.

Congregation: Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.

Pastor: Members of the household of God, I commend Jackson to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

Congregation: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Pastor: The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,

establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

Musical Response to Baptism

Down to the River

(Chorus)

**As I went down to the river to pray
Studyin' about that good ole way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord show me the way**

(Verse 1)

**O children let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Come on children let's go down
Down in the river to pray**

(Chorus)

**As I went down to the river to pray
Studyin' about that good ole way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord show me the way**

(Verse 2)

**O Jackon let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O Jackon let's go down
Down in the river to pray**

(Chorus)

**As I went down to the river to pray
Studyin' about that good ole way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord show me the way**

Passing of the Peace

led by Rev. Jonathan Page

Traveling Music

played by Luis Gonzalez

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Thomerson

Children's Message

Mallory Hopper

Scripture

Luke 1:26-45

Led by Herndon UMC Youth Choir

Reader 4: Hear these words from the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 1

Reader 1: Six months later in Nazareth,

Reader 2: a city in the rural province of Galilee,

Reader 3: the heavenly messenger Gabriel made another appearance.

Reader 2: This time the messenger was sent by God

Reader 1: to meet with Mary,

Reader 3: who was engaged to a man named Joseph

Reader 1: a descendant of King David himself.

Reader 4: Greetings! You are favored, and the Lord is with you! Among all women on the earth, you have been blessed.

Reader 2: The heavenly messenger's words baffled Mary

Reader 3: she wondered what type of greeting this was.

Reader 4: Mary, don't be afraid. You have found favor with God. Listen, you are going to become pregnant. You will have a son, and you must name Him "Savior," or Jesus. Jesus will become the greatest among men. He will be known as the Son of the Highest God. God will give Him the throne of His ancestor David, and He will reign over the covenant family of Jacob forever.

Reader 1: Mary said

Reader 2: But I have never been with a man.

Reader 3: How can this be possible?

Reader 4: The Holy Spirit will come upon you. The Most High will overshadow you. That's why this holy child will be known, as not just your son, but also as the Son of God. It sounds impossible, but listen—you know your relative Elizabeth has been unable to bear children and is now far too old to be a mother. Yet she has become pregnant, as God willed it. Yes, in three months, she will have a son. So the impossible is possible with God.

Reader 3: Mary

Reader 2: deciding in her heart

Reader 3: said

Reader 1: Here I am,

Reader 2: I am here

Reader 1: the Lord's humble servant.

Reader 3: As you have said,

Reader 2: let it be done to me.

Reader 1: And the heavenly messenger was gone

Reader 3: Mary immediately got up and hurried to the hill country, in the province of Judah, where her cousins (Reader 4) Zachariah and (Reader 2) Elizabeth lived. When (Reader 1) Mary entered their home and greeted Elizabeth, who felt her baby leap in her womb, Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Reader 2: (shouting): You are blessed, Mary, blessed among all women, and the child you bear is blessed! And blessed I am as well, that the mother of my Lord has come to me! As soon as I heard your voice greet me, my baby leaped for joy within me.

All Readers: How fortunate you are, Mary, for you believed that what the Lord told you would be fulfilled.

Youth Choir Anthem

Canticle of the Turning

Cooney

Vocals: Maggie Growney | Hope Hill | Madeline Hunt | Colby Smith
Owen Smith | Joshua Wise

Instrumentalists: Caitlyn Cluff | Lauren Tucker

*My soul cries out with a joyful shout
That the God of my heart is great
And my spirit sings of the Wondrous things
That you bring to the ones who wait
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight
And my weakness you did not spurn
So from east to west shall my name be blest
Could the world be about to turn?
My heart shall sing of the day you bring
Let the fires of your justice burn
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near
And the world is about to turn!
Though I am small, my God, my all, you
Work great things in me
And your mercy will last from the Depths
Of the past to the end of the age to be
Your very name puts the proud to shame
And to those who would for you yearn
You will show your might
Put the strong to flight
For the world is about to turn
My heart shall sing of the day you bring
Let the fires of your justice burn
Wipe away all tears*

*For the dawn draws near
And the world is about to turn!
From the halls of power to the fortress tower
Not a stone will be left on stone
Let the king beware for your
Justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne
The hungry poor shall weep no more
For the food they can never ears
There are tables spread, ev'ry
Mouth be fed
For the world is about to turn
My heart shall sing of the day you bring
Let the fires of your justice burn
Wipe away all tears
For the dawn draws near
And the world is about to turn!
Though the nations rage from age to age
We remember
Who holds us fast
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp
This saving word that out forebears
Heard is the promise which holds us bound
'Til the spear and rod can be
Crushed by God
Who is turning the world around
My heart shall sing of the day you bring
Let the fires of your justice burn
Wipe away all tears
For the dawn draws near
And the world is about to turn!*

Message

Rev. Jonathan Page

Video: Mary Stories

Special Music

Where the Light Begins

LaBarr

Wesley Choir Women

Invitation to Giving | Invitation to Communion

Rev. Scott Bach-Hansen

One: In this season of expectant waiting, we are invited to Christ's table here and now. Coming to Christ's table is a way to experience the grace of God. Therefore it is open to all. The only requirement is a sincere heart. The only barriers to the table are created in our own heart. So we come together as a people to confess our sins to God. We confess as a people because we all fall short of God's plan of perfect love. We do not confess to avoid punishment. We confess to free our own hearts and minds, so we may remove the barriers we build between ourselves, our God, and our brothers and sisters.

All: We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We go about our lives as if Christmas is an event to be celebrated, but not lived. We hear the good news, but do not heed it. We turn away the holy family for there is no room in our hearts. We hear the cry of the expectant mother, desperate for care and a place to lie, but listen instead to the carols. We see the lowly children, born in mangers among the filth of the world, but we look instead to the decorations. We hear the call of the Angels to come and worship the newborn King, but we bow down to the idols of our culture. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us and free us for joyful obedience. Remove the barriers that we construct, and empower us to be a people doing the real,

gritty, holy, graceful, loving work of Christmas every day. In the name of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

One: Out of the wilderness a voice calls out. Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Prepare ye the way of love. Prepare ye the way of forgiveness. The Christ child was born in the midst of darkness. Christ may be born today in your heart. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven.

All: Joy to the World. Amen.

One: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Now let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: How good it is to give thanks and praise.

One: The dawn of hope rests on the horizon
And beams of love reach our doubting hearts.
We celebrate the newness of this season-
Waiting to see how the Christ will appear in our world.
Even in our despair, a glimmer of hope reaches into our twilight
Beckoning us to breathe and wait...

Our story tells us that the Christ child whose birth we anticipate
Will one day sit at tables with strangers and friends,
Building relationships filled with love and grace.

We see this as he fed the multitude,
Turned water into wine,
And ate with dear ones the night before his death.

He took the bread, blessed it, and broke it.
Eat in remembrance of me, he said.

He took the cup, and in his blessing
Reminded them that when they sipped from the fruit of the vine
To drink in remembrance of him.

Jesus. The Christ. Emmanuel – God with us.
Light of the World. The Word of Life.
No matter how we know him
Or what name we call him,
He is our hope, our peace, our joy, and our love.
May the Spirit bless us and these elements as we commune to remember him.
For the nourishment of spirit, mind, and body,
For hope that we begin to see,
And for comfort from the Prince of Peace,
We share our gratitude, Gracious God.
Encourage us in these shortened days.
Through the long nights of this season,
May your hope carry us until dawn arrives again.
Amen.

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Closing Song

Tell Out My Soul

UMH #200 | Dudley-Smith | Greatorex

(Verse 1)

***Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice
Tender to me the promise of God's word
In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice***

(Verse 2)

***Tell out my soul the greatness of God's Name
Make known God's might whose wondrous deeds has done
God's mercy sure from age to age the same
God's holy Name the Lord the Mighty One***

(Verse 3)

***Tell out my soul the greatness of God's might
Powers and dominions lay their glory by
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight
The hungry fed the humble lifted high***

(Verse 4)

***Tell out my soul the glories of God's word
Firm is the promise and God's mercy sure
Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore***

Announcements

Rev. Jonathan Page

Benediction

Rev. Jonathan Page

Sending Song

This Little Light of Mine

Loes

Ev'rywhere I go

I'm gonna let it shine

Ev'rywhere I go

I'm gonna let it shine

Ev'rywhere I go

I'm gonna let it shine

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Postlude | Leaving Music

played by Luis Gonzalez

Voluntary in D Major on "O Come, Divine Messiah" and "Magnificat" Franck

Serving in Worship Today:

Readers: Herndon UMC Youth Choir

Herndon UMC Youth Choir | Wesley Women's Choir

Worship Leaders: Melissa Chavez | Luis Gonzalez | Rev. Scott Bach Hansen | JoAnn

Batteiger | Mallory Hopper | Rev. Jonathan Page | Shannon Wise

Offerings may be dropped in the offering basket during worship,

made online at pushpay.com/g/herndonumc or

PayPal.me/herndonumc, or mailed to, or dropped off at

701 Bennett Street, Herndon, VA 20170.

As always, glory sightings and prayer concerns may be sent to

prayerchain@herndonumc.org or texted to 571-306-0540.

Worship—5PM

Prelude

played by Melissa Chavez

Welcome

JoAnn Batteiger

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Young Professionals Life Group

All Sing:

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.**

[Refrain]

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for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of God,
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(Lighting of the second candle)

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Opening Song

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

UMH #206 | Thomerson

(Verse 1)

**I want to walk as a child of the light
I want to follow Jesus
God set the stars to give light to the world
The star of my life is Jesus**

(Chorus)

**In Him there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
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Shine in my heart Lord Jesus**

(Verse 2)

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Scripture

Luke 1:26-56

Read by JoAnn Batteiger

When Elizabeth was six months pregnant, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a city in Galilee, to a virgin who was engaged to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David's house. The virgin's name was Mary. When the angel came to her, he said, "Rejoice, favored one! The Lord is with you!" She was confused by these words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. The angel said, "Don't be afraid, Mary. God is honoring you. Look! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and he will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of David his father. He will rule over Jacob's house forever, and there will be no end to his kingdom."

Then Mary said to the angel, "How will this happen since I haven't had sexual relations with a man?"

The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come over you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the one who is to be born will be holy. He will be called God's Son. Look, even in her old age, your relative Elizabeth has conceived a son. This woman who was labeled 'unable to conceive' is now six months pregnant. Nothing is impossible for God."

Then Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant. Let it be with me just as you have said." Then the angel left her.

Mary got up and hurried to a city in the Judean highlands. She entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. With a loud voice she blurted out, "God has blessed you above all women, and he has blessed the child you carry. Why do I have this honor, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. Happy is she who believed that the Lord would fulfill the promises he made to her."

Mary said,

"With all my heart I glorify the Lord!

In the depths of who I am I rejoice in God my savior.

He has looked with favor on the low status of his servant.

Look! From now on, everyone will consider me highly favored because the mighty one has done great things for me.

Holy is his name.

He shows mercy to everyone,
from one generation to the next,
who honors him as God.

He has shown strength with his arm.

He has scattered those with arrogant thoughts and proud inclinations.

He has pulled the powerful down from their thrones
and lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty-handed.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
remembering his mercy,
just as he promised to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to Abraham's descendants forever."

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months, and then returned to her home.

Message and Video: God With Us Stories

Rev. Jonathan Page

Song

Canticle of the Turning

Cooney

***My soul cries out with a joyful shout
That the God of my heart is great
And my spirit sings of the Wondrous things
That you bring to the ones who wait
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight
And my weakness you did not spurn
So from east to west shall my name be blest
Could the world be about to turn?
My heart shall sing of the day you bring
Let the fires of your justice burn
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near
And the world is about to turn!
Though I am small, my God, my all, you
Work great things in me
And your mercy will last from the Depths
Of the past to the end of the age to be
Your very name puts the proud to shame
And to those who would for you yearn
You will show your might
Put the strong to flight
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One: In this season of expectant waiting, we are invited to Christ's table here and now. Coming to Christ's table is a way to experience the grace of God. Therefore it is open to all. The only requirement is a sincere heart. The only barriers to the table are created in our own heart. So we come together as a people to confess our sins to God. We confess as a people because we all fall short of God's plan of perfect love. We do not confess to avoid punishment. We confess to free our own hearts and minds, so we may remove the barriers we build between ourselves, our God, and our brothers and sisters.

All: We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We go about our lives as if Christmas is an event to be celebrated, but not lived. We hear the good news, but do not heed it. We turn away the holy family for there is no room in our hearts. We hear the cry of the expectant mother, desperate for care and a place to lie, but listen instead to the carols. We see the lowly children, born in mangers among the filth of the world, but we look instead to the decorations. We hear the call of the Angels to come and worship the newborn King, but we bow down to the idols of our culture. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us and free us for joyful obedience. Remove the barriers that we construct, and empower us to be a people doing the real, gritty, holy, graceful, loving work of Christmas every day. In the name of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

One: Out of the wilderness a voice calls out. Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Prepare ye the way of love. Prepare ye the way of forgiveness. The Christ child was born in the midst of darkness. Christ may be born today in your heart. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven.

All: Joy to the World. Amen.

One: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Now let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: How good it is to give thanks and praise.

One: The dawn of hope rests on the horizon

And beams of love reach our doubting hearts.
We celebrate the newness of this season-
Waiting to see how the Christ will appear in our world.
Even in our despair, a glimmer of hope reaches into our twilight
Beckoning us to breathe and wait...

Our story tells us that the Christ child whose birth we anticipate
Will one day sit at tables with strangers and friends,
Building relationships filled with love and grace.

We see this as he fed the multitude,
Turned water into wine,
And ate with dear ones the night before his death.

He took the bread, blessed it, and broke it.
Eat in remembrance of me, he said.

He took the cup, and in his blessing
Reminded them that when they sipped from the fruit of the vine
To drink in remembrance of him.

Jesus. The Christ. Emmanuel – God with us.
Light of the World. The Word of Life.

No matter how we know him
Or what name we call him,

He is our hope, our peace, our joy, and our love.

May the Spirit bless us and these elements as we commune to remember him.

For the nourishment of spirit, mind, and body,

For hope that we begin to see,

And for comfort from the Prince of Peace,

We share our gratitude, Gracious God.

Encourage us in these shortened days.

Through the long nights of this season,

May your hope carry us until dawn arrives again.

Amen.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Tell Out My Soul

(Verse 1)

***Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice
Tender to me the promise of God's word
In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice***

(Verse 2)

***Tell out my soul the greatness of God's Name
Make known God's might whose wondrous deeds has done
God's mercy sure from age to age the same
God's holy Name the Lord the Mighty One***

(Verse 3)

***Tell out my soul the greatness of God's might
Powers and dominions lay their glory by
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight
The hungry fed the humble lifted high***

(Verse 4)

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***Tell out my soul the glories of God's word
Firm is the promise and God's mercy sure
Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore***

Announcements

Rev. Jonathan Page

Benediction

Rev. Jonathan Page

Postlude

played by Melissa Chavez

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First Impressions: Cliff White

Worship Leaders:

Melissa Chavez | JoAnn Batteriger | Elise Blough | Rev. Jonathan Page

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made online at pushpay.com/g/herndonumc or
[PayPal.me/herndonumc](https://paypal.me/herndonumc), or mailed to, or dropped off at
701 Bennett Street, Herndon, VA 20170.*

*As always, glory sightings and prayer concerns may be sent to
prayerchain@herndonumc.org or texted to 571-306-0540.*

Herndon UMC's Core Values:

**God's love is real
God's love is active
God's love is for everyone**

Herndon UMC's Mission is
to serve and share God's love in community.

Herndon UMC's Vision is
**to live the teachings of Jesus so that all may experience
God's love and grow in Spirit-filled relationships.**

Prayer Concerns

Prayer concerns are provided so that our church family may be praying together actively for folks in our lives.

If you have someone you'd like lifted up in prayer, we invite you to please send an e-mail to prayerchain@herndonumc.org. This way we can be sure to include names of folks we need to be praying for each week and create opportunities for connection around our church community.

Jeff Hagstrom

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***10:00am—In the Sanctuary
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5:00pm—Worship in the Sanctuary

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