



**Worship Bulletin  
and Herndon UMC News  
January 5, 2025**

You are welcome here! This church is made up of people of all kinds, and all are welcome here. In worship, you'll hear music, words, prayers, laughter, and silence. Take it all in, participate in ways that make sense for you, and know that however you come and whoever you are, you are loved by God.

KIDS (age 3- grade 6) -- As this is the first Sunday of the month, 10 am worship will be all together, and the kids will stay in worship with their families. KIDS CLUB will resume on 1/12. To learn more about opportunities for children at Herndon UMC, email [kids@herndonumc.org](mailto:kids@herndonumc.org).

WHAT GOES UP, MUST COME DOWN. Help is needed taking down the Christmas decorations from the Sanctuary and church after 10am worship on Sunday. Please plan to stick around for 30 minutes to lend a hand.

YOUTH LARGE GROUP is happening on Sunday at 11:11am. All youth, grades 7-12, are invited to join in the fun. Learn more, contact [youth@herndonumc.org](mailto:youth@herndonumc.org).

UPWARD BASKETBALL practices resume on 1/6, and games begin on Saturday, 1/11. Look for sign-ups (in any of the usual places--app, [bit.ly/HerndonUMCNeeds](https://bit.ly/HerndonUMCNeeds), or the clipboards) to help with scoreboards, refereeing, or with the concessions stand.

JOIN THE WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB on 1/8 for the discussion of "Maid" by Stephanie Land. This group meets in person and over Zoom. Contact [womensbookclub@herndonumc.org](mailto:womensbookclub@herndonumc.org) for more information.

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LINK FOOD AND LOVE BAGS RETURN NEXT SUNDAY. Bags are available in the Welcome Centers. Please return bags with food for the food insecure in our community and help replenish the pantry.

If you are new to Herndon UMC, welcome! Please introduce yourself to those around you or a staff member or email [welcome@herndonumc.org](mailto:welcome@herndonumc.org). Those new and newly returning to Herndon UMC are invited to DISCOVER HERNDON on 1/12 at Yu Noodles (368 Elden Street). Meet at the restaurant at 11:30 am and enjoy lunch with some staff members.

JANUARY'S WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP DINNER will support providing fellowship grants to students (formerly Herndon UMC scholarships). The team is small and would love some help creating a burger bar. If you are willing to help, contact Marcia Stewart at [scholarship@herndonumc.org](mailto:scholarship@herndonumc.org).

SIGN UP NOW FOR THE YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP. Grades 6-12, come enjoy a week of fun, mission, and service at Camp Holston. The dates are 7/6-12. The cost is \$650 per student, but scholarships are available. Contact [youth@herndonumc.org](mailto:youth@herndonumc.org) for info. Sign up today!

WINTER WEATHER INFORMATION – When wintry weather happens, check the Herndon UMC website for information about closures and delayed openings. We post updates by 7am and 2pm.

TODAY IS THE DEADLINE FOR THE STAFF LOVE OFFERING. If you would like to add your gift, give via any of the usual methods and specify LOVE.

SPAM WARNING. This week, some of our herndonumc.org email addresses were spammed by someone posing as Pastor SeongJae. Emails from Herndon UMC staff should come from herndonumc.org or herndonumc.net emails. If you have questions about an email, please feel free to contact the Herndon UMC office, [office@herndonumc.org](mailto:office@herndonumc.org).

Get the latest news in Herndon UMC app or from [herndonumc.org](http://herndonumc.org) (under **News** and select **Weekly eNews**).

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Worship—10 AM

**Gathering Music** | *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* | arr. Ryan Patten |  
Played by Christopher Simon

**Welcome & Announcements** | Rev. SeongJae Jo

**Call to Worship** | Rev. SeongJae Jo

[One] Arise! Shine!

**[All] God's light has come to reveal The Way in this New Year.**

[One] Arise! Shine!

**[All] The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

[One] Arise! Shine!

**[All] On this day of Epiphany, we remember that God's star-light  
guided the wise men to Jesus.**

[One] Arise! Shine!

**[All] God's light guides us to Jesus today!**

[One] Arise! Shine!

**[All] Nations shall come to God's light and kings to the brightness of  
God's dawn. Arise! Shine! For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon  
us.**

**Opening Song** | *The First Noel* | UMH 245 | led by Melissa Chavez

**[V. 1] The first Noel the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,**

**on a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

**[Refrain] Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
born is the King of Israel.**

**[V. 2] They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east, beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night. (Refrain)**

**[V. 3] And by the light of that same star  
three Wise Men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went. (Refrain)**

**[V. 4] This star drew nigh to the northwest,  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;  
and there it did both stop and stay,  
right over the place where Jesus lay. (Refrain)**

**[V. 5] Then entered in those Wise Men three,  
full reverently upon the knee,  
and offered there, in his presence,  
their gold and myrrh and frankincense. (Refrain)**

### **Opening Prayer | Melissa Chavez**

**Light of God, illumine the path that leads us to healing, hope and  
salvation.**

**Glory of God, fill this sanctuary and expose the darkness that stalks  
our souls.**

**Light of God, shine with such brightness that we marvel in awe.**

**Glory of God, fill each temple of the Holy Spirit present today.**

**Light of God, Glory of God, we welcome you in this place. Amen**

**Passing of the Peace** | Melissa Chavez

**Traveling Music** | *We Three Kings of Orient Are* | UMH #254 | led by Melissa Chavez

**[V.1] We three kings of Orient are;  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.**

**[Refrain] O star of wonder, star of light,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.**

**Children's Message** | Melissa Chavez

**Children's Special Offering** | *We Three Kings of Orient Are* | UMH #254 | led by Melissa Chavez

**[V.2] Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign. [Refrain]**

**[Refrain] O star of wonder, star of light,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.**

**[V. 3] Frankincense to offer have I;  
incense owns a Deity nigh;  
prayer and praising, voices raising,  
worshipping God on high. [Refrain]**

**[V.4] Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume**

**breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. [Refrain]**

**[V.5] Glorious now behold him arise;  
King and God and sacrifice:  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
sounds through the earth and skies. [Refrain]**

**Scripture** | Hebrews 13:5-8 NRSVUE

“I will never leave you or forsake you.” So we can say with confidence,  
“The Lord is my helper;  
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?”

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you;  
consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. 8  
Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message** | Rev. SeongJae Jo

**Invitation to Giving** | Rev. SeongJae Jo

**Offertory** | *Lo How A Rose Ere Blooming* | arr. Kurt Meyer | Christopher  
Simon, bells and Melissa Chavez, piano

**Christmas Doxology** | *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow* | Text and  
tune adapted by Dean McIntyre | led by Melissa Chavez

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above ye heavenly host  
Praise God, the Son and Holy Ghost.**

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**This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing,  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe the son of Mary.**

**Communion** | Rev. SeongJae Jo

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin  
and seek to live in peace with one another.  
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will,  
we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the  
highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,  
whom you sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations.  
You scatter the proud in the imagination of their hearts  
and have mercy on those who fear you from generation to generation.  
You put down the mighty from their thrones and exalt those of low  
degree.  
You fill the hungry with good things, and the rich you send empty  
away.  
Your own Son came among us as a servant  
to be Emmanuel, your presence with us.  
He humbled himself in obedience to your will  
and freely accepted death on a cross.  
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your Church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us



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He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,  
gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Take, eat; this is my body which is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup,  
Gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Drink from this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for your and  
for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me."

And so,  
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,  
redeemed by his blood.  
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other,  
and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory,  
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.  
Through your Son Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

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

BREAKING THE BREAD

The Body of Christ, broken for you.

The Blood of Christ, poured out for you.

**Music during communion** | *Cornerstone* | Edward Mote | Melissa Chavez

**[V.1] My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name (REPEAT)**

**[Chorus] Christ alone cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm He is Lord  
Lord of all**

**[V.2] When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil**

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[Interlude] **He is Lord Lord of all**

[V.3] **When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless stand before the throne**

**Post Communion Prayer** | Rev. SeongJae Jo

**Closing Song** | *The Church's One Foundation* | UMH 545 | Led by Melissa Chavez

[V.1] **The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the Word.  
From heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.**

[V.2] **Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth;  
her charter of salvation,  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with every grace endued.**

[V.3] **Though with a scornful wonder  
we see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping;**

**their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.**

**[V.4] Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore;  
till, with the vision glorious,  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.**

**[V.5] Yet she on earth hath union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.**

**Benediction** | Rev. SeongJae Jo

**Leaving Music** | *Voluntary 1* | John Stanley | Played by Christopher Simon

Worship—4 PM

**Passing the Peace |**

**Welcome & Announcements |**

**Opening Hymn | *Because He Lives* | UMH 364**

**[V. 1] God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus  
He came to love, heal and forgive  
He lived and died to buy my pardon  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.**

**[Chorus] Because He lives, I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives, all fear is gone  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living  
Just because He lives.**

**[V. 2] How sweet to hold a newborn baby  
And feel the pride and the joy he gives  
But greater still the calm assurance  
This child can face uncertain days because He Lives. (Chorus)**

**[V. 3] And then one day, I'll cross that river  
I'll fight life's final war with pain  
And then, as death gives way to vict'ry  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns. (Chorus)**

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**Opening Song | *Here I am to Worship* | Tim Hughes**

**[V. 1] Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made  
This heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You**

**[Chorus] So here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
And You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me**

**[V. 2] King of all days  
Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came  
To the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor (Chorus)**

**[Bridge] And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
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**The 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.**

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always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
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And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,



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we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
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He humbled himself in obedience to your will  
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By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
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and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,  
redeemed by his blood.  
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other,  
and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory,  
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.  
Through your Son Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,  
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**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.**

**BREAKING THE BREAD**

The Body of Christ, broken for you.

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**Offering | *Living Hope* | Brian Johnson**

**[V.1] How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation, I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night**

**Then through the darkness, Your loving kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished, the end is written  
Jesus Christ, my living hope**

**[V.2] Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame**

**The cross has spoken, I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ, my living hope**

**[Chorus] Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ, my living hope**

**Closing Hymn | My Hope Is Built | UMH 368**

**[V. 1] My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

**[Chorus] On Christ the solid rock I stand,  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.**

**[V. 2] When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil. (Chorus)**

**[V. 3] His oath, his covenant, his blood  
supports me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way,  
he then is all my hope and stay. (Chorus)**

**[V. 4] When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found!  
Dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne! (Chorus)**

**Benediction | Rev. SeongJae Jo**