Singing Our Faith **# 171** *“There’s Something About That Name”*

The Good News ***“Surprise”***

Bringing Forward God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

\*Doxology **# 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.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

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. 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 of Consecration

Breaking Bread

Prayer after Communion

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Singing Our Faith **# 220** *“Angels from the Realms of Glory”*

\*Blessing and Dismissal

\*Postlude

**Scatter to Serve God & Neighbor**

***Welcome to all!*** *We gather to praise God for the innumerable blessings given to us and to grow deeper in the Spirit. Joyfully, let us lift our hearts to God.*

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*Chestnut Hill United Methodist Church*

10:30 a.m. ~December 1, 2024 ~ First Sunday of Advent

Our ministry vision for the Virginia Annual Conference is ***“to be***

***disciples of Jesus Christ who are lifelong learners, who influence others to serve.”***

***Welcome! Join us in worshiping God!***

Prelude by G. Croly & F. Atkinson

*“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*”

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

*Welcome in the name of Christ our Lord. Please register your attendance, printing your name, address, phone, and email, on the attendance pad provided on your pew. Thank you for silencing cell phones as we gather to worship God.*

Invocation

\*Greeting

Creator of the stars of night,

**Your people's everlasting light,**

Jesu, Redeemer, save us all,

**And hear your servants when they call.**

In sorrow at the helpless cry

**Of all creation doomed to die,**

Did save our lost and guilty race

**By healing gifts of heavenly grace.**

When Earth was near its evening hour,

**You did, in love’s redeeming power,**

Like bridegroom from his chamber, come

**Forth from a virgin mother’s womb.**

At your great name, exalted now,

**All knees in lowly homage bow;**

All things in Heaven and Earth adore

**And own you King forevermore.**

To God the Father, God the Son,

**And God the Spirit, Three in One,**

Praise, honor, might, and glory be,

**From age to age eternally.**

\*Singing Our Faith **# 196** *“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

**Loving God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessing**

**upon us as we light the candles of this wreath.  May their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever.  Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Sharon Mayhew, Loretta Mayhew

*“For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.” (Isaiah 60:2-3)*

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way of salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Opening Prayer

**Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Greeting Friends and Neighbors

Scripture Lesson Luke 21:25-36

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

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| Thursday, 12/5 | 10:00 a.m. | *Homeschool Rehearsals* |
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| Friday, 12/6 | 10:00 a.m. | *Homeschool* |
|  | 4:00 p.m. | *Homeschool Preteen Holiday Party* |
|  | 6:30 p.m. | *Homeschool Teen Holiday Party* |

***\*\* Looking Ahead”***

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| Sunday, 12/8 | 10:00 a.m. | *Choir* |
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| Monday, 12/9 | 6:30 p.m. | *Wesleyan Group @ Charley’s Restaurant* |

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