Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*Singing Our Faith **# 230** *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

\*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 15, 2024 ~ Third 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

Welcome and Ministry Announcements Judy Robertson

*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

O Jesus, joy of loving hearts,

**The fount of life and our true light,**

We seek the peace your love imparts,

**And stand rejoicing in your sight.**

For you our restless spirits yearn

**Wherever our changing lot is cast;**

Glad, when your presence we discern,

**Blest, when our faith can hold you fast.**

O Jesus, ever with us stay;

**Make all our moments calm and bright;**

Oh, chase the night of sin away,

**Shed over the world your holy light.**

\*Singing Our Faith **# 240** *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Maggie Musgrove

*“And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.”*

*(Isaiah 35:10)*

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy. May the joyful promise of your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Opening Prayer

**Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Special Music

Greeting Friends and Neighbors

Prayer for Illumination Ann Robbins

**Speak to us once more your Word of truth,** **that our lives may be filled with your joy,** **this day, and forever. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson Matthew 5:38-48 Ann Robbins

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Singing Our Faith **# 219** *“What Child Is This”*

The Good News ***“Jesus and Transforming Love”***  Tim Moore

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

***\*\* Looking Ahead”***

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| Tuesday, 12/24 | **5:00** p.m. | *Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service*  *(Note time change.)* |

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