Scripture Lesson Luke 3:1-18

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Singing Our Faith **# 217** *“Away in a Manger”*

The Good News ***“Irritation, Celebration, Innovation”***

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.**

\*Singing Our Faith **# 238** *“Angels We Have Heard on High”*

\*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.*

Merry Christmas



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*Chestnut Hill United Methodist Church*

10:30 a.m. ~December 22, 2024 ~ Fourth 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

*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

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

**announces that the Lord is nigh.**

Awake and harken, for he brings

**glad tidings of the King of kings!**

Then cleansed be every life from sin:

**make straight the way for God within,**

and let us all our hearts prepare

**for Christ to come and enter there.**

We hail you as our Savior, Lord,

**our refuge and our great reward.**

Without your grace we waste away

**like flowers that wither and decay.**

Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,

**and make us rise to fall no more.**

O let your face upon us shine

**and fill the world with love divine.**

All praise to you, eternal Son,

**whose advent has our freedom won,**

whom with the Father we adore,

**and Holy Spirit, evermore.**

\*Singing Our Faith **# 234** *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Ron & Jane Hood

*“For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.”*

*(Isaiah 9:6-7)*

We light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace. May the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Opening Prayer

**Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Anthem *“Welcome to Our World”*

Greeting Friends and Neighbors

Prayer for Illumination

**Holy God, as we turn to our sacred scriptures, illuminate the texts before us so that we may know Jesus—the true Word of God. Here, we encounter the same joy the shepherds felt when they heard the news of Jesus’ birth. May this joy move us toward gratitude and action, nourishing our spirits as we are nourished by your message for us today. Amen.**

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| Wednesday, 12/25 |  | *Church Office Closed*  *Merry Christmas* |
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