Prayer for Illumination

**God of light,** **you have revealed your very self to us in your son Jesus Christ,** **your one Word made flesh, who lived among us, full of grace and truth.** **Open us to your revelation once again, that in the words of your holy scripture** **we might know your presence and follow in your light always. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson John 1:1-18

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Singing Our Faith **# 249** *“There’s a Song in the Air”*

The Good News ***“Good Enough to be True”***

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 **# 224** *“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”*

\*Blessing and Dismissal

\*Postlude



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*Chestnut Hill United Methodist Church*

10:30 a.m. ~December 29, 2024

First Sunday after Christmas Day

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

Of the Father's love begotten,

**Ere the worlds began to be,**

He is Alpha and Omega,

**He the source, the ending He,**

Of the things that are, that have been,

**And that future years shall see,**

**Evermore and evermore.**

At his word the worlds were framed;

**He commanded, it was done:**

Heaven and earth and depths of ocean,

**In their threefold order one;**

All that grows beneath the shining

**Of the moon and burning sun,**

**Evermore and evermore.**

O that birth forever blessed,

**When the virgin, full of grace,**

By the Holy Ghost conceiving,

**Bore the Savior of our race,**

And the babe, the world’s Redeemer,

**First revealed his sacred face,**

**Evermore and evermore.**

This is he whom seers in old time

**Chanted of with one accord,**

Whom the voices of the prophets

**Promised in their faithful word;**

Now he shines, the long-expected;

**Let creation praise its Lord,**

**Evermore and evermore.**

O ye heights of Heaven adore him!

**Angel hosts his praises sing!**

All dominions bow before him

**And exalt our God and King.**

Let no tongue on Earth be silent,

**Every voice in concert ring,**

**Evermore and evermore.**

Christ! to thee with God the Father,

**And O Holy Ghost, to thee,**

Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving

**And unwearied praises be,**

Honor, glory, and dominion,

**And eternal victory,**

**Evermore and evermore.**

\*Singing Our Faith **# 246** *“Joy to the World”*

Opening Prayer

**Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Special Music

Greeting Friends and Neighbors

**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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| Friday, 1/3 | 10:00 a.m. | *Homeschool* |

***\*\*Looking Ahead on the Calendar \*\****

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