



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

December 9, 2018 11:00 AM

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** "He is Born" JuBELLation

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Janice Philips

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"  
verses 1, 2, 5, and 6 UMH 211

**LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH** Bryon and Heather Batty

**CAROL** "Blessed Be the God of Israel" UMH 209, verses 1 and 3

**CHILDREN'S TIME** Rev. Seungsoo Jun

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER** Psalm 98, Response 2 UMH 818  
Sarah Pero

**LORD'S PRAYER** UMH 895

**OFFERTORY** "Creation Will Be At Peace" Anna Laura Page

**\*DOXOLOGY** "Advent Doxology" see insert

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER** Janice Phillips

**\*SERMON HYMN** "Christ Is the World's Light" UMH 188

**\*SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 107:13-16 OT p. 559

**SERMON** The Remembrance of Christmas: Past Rev. Seungsoo Jun

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT**  
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" UMH 218

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** Toccata on "Veni Emmanuel" Page C. Long



**Is redemption possible for Ebenezer Scrooge?**

Follow along with our sermon series and take a closer look.  
Wednesdays beginning Nov 28 @ 5:30 PM



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



*Blue Christmas Service*  
Dec. 10 7:00 PM  
Raleigh Court United Methodist Church

For those who are stressed,  
lonely, or hurting

*The light shines in the  
darkness, and the darkness did  
not overcome it. John 1:5*

Please take a Christmas lawn sign home with you as an invitation to your friends and neighbors to join us this Christmas! Signs are available in the gathering area today.



*St. Lucia Concert  
Festival of Light*

Tuesday, Dec. 11th  
7:30 PM

St. Andrew's Catholic Church

Swedish Supper at 6:00  
Tickets for Supper can be  
purchased (\$20) at St. Andrew's  
540-344-9814

Choirs from multiple  
churches, including  
Raleigh Court UMC

**December Love Offering**

Last month we collected \$226.00 for sharing our love to people in the community facing difficulties. This month's offering will go toward Family Promise and Angel Tree.


## CHURCH EVENT CALENDAR



GO TO  
[RCUMC.ORG/CALENDAR](http://RCUMC.ORG/CALENDAR)

**Bold:** Congregational reading \* : Stand, as you are able.  
**TFWS:** The Faith We Sing UMH: United Methodist  
(small black hymnal) Hymnal (red)

Wireless Listening Aids & large print bulletins & hymnals are available; ask an usher for assistance.



**Beginning today!**

We still have a need for volunteers, especially Dinner Host and Evening host. A dinner host comes to eat with the families and then helps clean up after the meal. An evening host comes after dinner for 1 1/2 hours to be with the families, play with the children, etc. These are the easiest positions. Please contact us to help share the love of Jesus with our neighbors in need.

Please see Kathi Hufnagel 301-928-6853 or Steve Gross 540-798-2278 to learn more details about how you might help serve.



**Christmas Caroling**  
**DECEMBER 23**  
**5:00 PM**  
ALL ARE WELCOME!  
MEET AT THE CHURCH. REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW.



Youth Fellowship  
**Youth GLOW  
Christmas Party**  
December 14th, 2018 7:00 PM  
Bongrazio's House



**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
AT RALEIGH COURT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
**DECEMBER 24**  
4:00 PM "ALL ARE WELCOME" PAGEANT  
ALL CHILDREN PRESENT WILL BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PAGEANT  
8:00 PM CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

## SERMON NOTES

**Title: Redemption of Scrooge (2) - Christmas Past**

**Scripture: Psalm 107:13-16**

\_\_\_\_\_ searching for our Identity.

Looking into the \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ of our past can weigh us down

Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord

Find a \_\_\_\_\_ with new possibilities

## LOVE GOD WITH US

### Weekly Devotions Reading Schedule

Monday, December 10 Romans 11-13

Tuesday, December 11 Romans 14-16

Wednesday, December 12 Acts 20:4-23:35

Thursday, December 13 Acts 24-26

Friday, December 14 Acts 27-28

Saturday, December 15 Colossians 1-4,  
Philemon 1

Sunday, December 16 Ephesians 1-6



## LOVE OTHERS WITH US

### **Prayer Focus for Week**

*Pray that God will help you keep the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of a savior, in your mind each day.*

Skip Carter	Jonathan March	Don Sartelle
Charles Dickey	Susie McMann	Steve Smith
Drew Fulton	Maher Family	Brent Stevens
Bruce Haskell	Roy Miller	Frances Trent
Nancy Hurt	David Perdue	Family Eloise Twist
Bob Hydorn	Family of Carolyn Redden	Bettye Carolyn Via

**Prayer requests** may be shared on the back of our connection cards in the pews or you may email them to our Prayer Ministry team at [prayer@rcumc.org](mailto:prayer@rcumc.org).

## WORSHIP WITH US

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Welcome today to this time of preparation.

**People: Although we have been preparing for celebrations, we come seeking to prepare our hearts to receive God's Good News.**

Leader: Get ready! The Lord is bringing to us Hope and Peace.

**People: How wonderful it is that the Lord is showering us with Peace.**

Leader: Open your hearts and let your spirits be quieted. Be at peace with the Lord.

**People: Lord, prepare our lives and bring us peace. AMEN.**

### **DOXOLOGY for Advent**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.



Gather with us each Monday at 7:00 PM in the church parlor to pray and learn about prayer.  
Questions?

Contact Sarah Pero at 540-520-1194