



## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

*Communion and Candlelight*

DECEMBER 24, 2008

9 PM

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Welcome to  
**Linden-Linthicum United Methodist Church**  
In this "holy ground" we offer hospitality to all who seek food for  
the spirit and a faithful community that seeks to embody and  
express God's grace.

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*with Communion ~ 9 PM*

PRELUDE: *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing* arr. Lani Smith

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

WORDS OF GREETING

THE PROPHECY: **Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: **(Isaiah 55)**

Leader: A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord,

People: **make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**

Leader: Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill made low;

People: **the uneven ground shall become level, and rough places made plain."**

Leader: Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,

People: **and all people shall see it together.**

\*HYMN: ***O Come, All Ye Faithful* #234**

THE BIDDING PRAYER

THE ANNUNCIATION: **Luke 1: 26-38**

THE VISIT WITH ELIZABETH: **Luke 1: 39-56**

HYMN: ***Away in a Manger* #217**

THE BIRTH OF JESUS: **Luke 2: 1-7**

ANTHEM: ***And He Shall Feed His Flock from "Messiah" by G.F. Handel***

*Yvonne Fisher-Aein and Vickie Mariano, Duet*

THE ANGELS AND THE SHEPHERDS: **Luke 2: 8-20**

\*HYMN: ***Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* #240**

A CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

*Rev. Bryant M. Oskvig*

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES & COMMITMENTS:

OFFERTORY: *What Child is This*

arr. Mark Hayes

\*PRESENTATION: **#95**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS TO OTHERS

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

All who intend to lead a Christian life, together with their children,  
are invited to receive the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

# Please Pray For

**JOY for the BIRTH OF JESUS.**

**JOY – Serving the Cold Weather Shelter.** Thank you LLUMC for your caring and sharing.

**Special Joy** for the work of **Cathy Bryan and Helen Frederick**, who coordinated this work.

**JOY – for the Howard family, Chad** will be home for two weeks!

**Carol Brain** – deployed to assist in recovery from the flooding.

**Joan Brannan** – continued prayers for health problems.

**Estelle Brown** – continued strength.

**Kay Brown** – continued healing.

**Grace Hammann** – continued prayers for health.

**Cindi Hinson** – is home recuperating from surgery.

**Hank Maeser** – is being treated for leukemia. Please keep him in prayer.

**Shahzad Majeed's – his mother** has been diagnosed with cancer and will be starting chemotherapy. Prayers for successful recovery and strength during this difficult time.

**Jennifer Marrow** – is seeking answers to personal prayer.

**Stanley Nimmo** – seeing specialists. Prayers for comfort and successful treatment.

**Anthea Nwandu** – continued success with her HIV clinic in Nigeria.

**Susan Roth** – health and family. Please keep her in prayer.

**Mitzie Scruggs** – continued prayers for health.

**Gloria Simpson** – is home and recuperating. Please keep her in prayer.

**Charlotte Stoughton's cousin Bettye Ann Butler passed away. Prayers for comfort.**

Healing prayers for **son, Parks**; **her grandson, Christopher**; and **her friend, Noel**, who has have inoperable cancer; and **her friend, Matt**, who is recovering from Melanoma cancer surgery.

**Our many family & friends** – who are dealing with health concerns. Please keep them in prayer during this holiday season. May the Peace of the New Born Christ give them hope.

- Peace on earth.
- Prayers for the families affected by the winter storms.
- Prayers for Holiday travelers – may they have safe travels.
- Prayers for our guests of our Cold Weather Shelter as they move to another church this week.
- Prayers for those who have lost their home.
- Improvement in the global economy.
- Prayers for families & individuals experiencing the loss of a job and help to those looking for work.
- The safe return of the troops returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

- INFO-STUB -

December 24, 2008 (9 pm)

We are very happy to have you worship with us Christmas Eve and invite you to share in the life of our congregation.

*Please tear off and place in the offering plate or give it to an Usher at the end of the Service - thank you.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(To receive our weekly e-Newsletter, WWW)

- I / We are first time attendees       I / We would like to join the church  
 I / We would like more information on LLUMC

Please pray for: \_\_\_\_\_

Message for the Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

# Welcome Visitors

Thank you for coming and worshipping with us today. To learn more about LLUMC, who we are and what we do, please stop by the Information Table in the Narthex, contact the church office, or visit our web site at [www.l-lumc.org](http://www.l-lumc.org).

We invite you to let us know who you are among us by signing the attendance sheet in the red booklet found at the end of the pew. You may also join us in the life of LLUMC by participating in our activities or by offering your time and talents by completing the card found in the card holder in the pew.

To find out more about our church and activities, please sign up to receive the Wednesday Weekly Witness and the pastor's Friday e-Pistle. Both arrive in your email each week. Please complete the Time & Talent card and note your request on the back. Drop all requests in the offering plate.

We hope to see you again soon.

## CHURCH STAFF & LEADERSHIP

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Church Council	Kaye Simmons	(410) 531-5262
Caring	Bob Wesloh	(410) 531-6961
Education	Beth Jaczun	(410) 531-2331
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Environmental	Mary McBride	(301) 854-0179
Family Ministry	Jane Marlatt	(410) 531-1251
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Finance	Rob McCormick	(410) 531-2839
History	Linda Shaw	(410) 531-5405
Hospitality	Sandy Kleinberger	(410) 531-5240
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Staff/Parish Relations	Karen Lowrey	(443) 546-4807
Trustees	Ron Shaw	(410) 531-5405
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UMW Web Page	<a href="http://www.gbgm-umc.org/llumc-umw/">http:// www.gbgm-umc.org/llumc-umw/</a>	
Worship	Susan Mather	(410) 531-1780

## Pastor Time ~ Mondays - 4 - 6:30 pm

Do you need time with Rev. Oskvig? He's here ready to meet with you, take your call, or grab a cup of coffee on Monday afternoons. Please call ahead to schedule a time.

Office Hours:	Monday Tuesday - Thursday Friday	Noon - 3:30 pm 9:30 am - 3:30 pm 9:30 am - Noon
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*All are Welcome*

TO WORSHIP AND  
SUNDAY SCHOOL EVERY SUNDAY

- 8:00 Early Morning, Informal Worship with Communion  
9:00 Traditional Worship  
10:30 Traditional Worship \*  
\* Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday is Contemporary with Praise Band.

All Services with Holy Communion on the First Sunday of each month.  
**We invite everyone to share in the life of our church.**

**OUTREACH / MISSION PROGRAMS**

**Soup Kitchen in Baltimore City - Saturdays, December 27 & January 31**

Meet at the church at 2 pm to help prepare and serve a meal at Carpenter's Kitchen for about 250 guests. Return by 6:30 pm. For more information, contact Peter & Cindy Jones at [littlecindysue2@yahoo.com](mailto:littlecindysue2@yahoo.com) or 410-871-0674.

**Heart's Place Shelter - Sunday, January 4**

Casseroles and volunteers needed to feed 25 guests. Pans can be found in the Foyer. Meet at the church at 4 pm. For more information, contact Gigi Curtis at [nuflet@aol.com](mailto:nuflet@aol.com) or 410-531-2987.

**Blood Drive - Sunday, January 4**

Community Blood Drive at LLUMC from 9am - 3pm. Give the Gift of Life.

**Sandtown Habitat Workday in Baltimore - Fourth Saturday of each Month**

We meet in the church parking lot at 7:45 am and travel together to Sandtown to work on a Habitat House. For more information, contact Eric Silberhorn at [Silberhorn@comcast.net](mailto:Silberhorn@comcast.net) or 410-964-2147.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES**

**Sundays - 9 & 10:30 am: Children & Youth Sunday School**

For children ages 3 years old through High School. Children are invited to worship in the sanctuary and then dismissed to Sunday School after the "Children's Moment".

**One Sunday per month - LOUD [Loud Outrageous Unique Disciples]**

Fun programs or projects for all 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders.

**Sundays - 6:00 - 8:00 pm: Youth Fellowship**

All youth in 6th - 12th grade are invited to join us for dinner, fellowship, games and Christian discussion. Friends are welcome too! We divide into Mid and High School age groups.

**STUDY / DISCUSSION PROGRAMS**

**Sundays - 5 pm: Israel/Palestine Dialogue (Jan. 11 - Feb. 22)**

An in depth look into the problems in Palestine with speakers, videos and other presentations along with a light supper. Contact Emilie Sanborn at 410-531-5444.

**Tuesdays - 6 am: Bible Study**

Join the others for your first cup of coffee. We meet in the choir room and discuss the Gospel lesson to be used in the Message the next Sunday.

**Tuesdays - 7 pm: Earth Cinema (Jan. 6, 13, Feb. 3, 17, March 3, 17, April 7, 21)**

Night at the movies with discussion, sponsored by the Environmental Group. Watch WWW for upcoming features. Contact Mary McBride at 301-854-0179.

**Wednesdays - 7:00 pm: UM Women Book Study**

Join us in our book study. Contact Sara Hipp at [sarahipp@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahipp@yahoo.com) or 443-472-3292.

**Wednesdays - 10:00 am: Women on Wednesdays**

Join women in the Great Room each week for discussion and study. (Children are welcome to play during the meeting.) A new study begins on Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>. Contact Tracey Hoffman at 301-854-1457.

If you're interested in joining us for these activities, please note your intentions on the Info-Stub. ↩

It is right, and a good, and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. . . And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. . . And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. . . Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

#### **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.**

#### **Sharing the Bread and Cup**

Our Communion today is by intinction – receive the bread and dip it in the cup. Please approach by the center aisle and return by the side aisle.

#### **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.**

#### **GOD'S LIGHT FOR THE WORLD**

**\*HYMN:           *Silent Night, Holy Night*   #239**

#### **\*RINGING THE BELLS OF CHRISTMAS**

**\*HYMN:           *Joy to the World*   #246**

#### **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:   *He Is Born***

arr. Albin Whitworth

*\*Please stand as you are able*

### **SERVING IN TODAY'S MINISTRIES:**

**Liturgist:** Susan Mather

**Music:** Dave Foley, Yvonne Fisher-Aein, Vickie Mariano

**Ushers:** Jackie Donovan, Jean Warfield, Renny Finch & Pam Carlton



**Please join us in fellowship after service  
in the Great Room**

*Christmas Eve Offering will be given to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund  
to meet the needs of the church and community throughout the year.*



# CHRIST IS HOPE

*The Sanctuary is made beautiful by these gifts of poinsettias as we prepare our hearts for the birth of our savior, Jesus.*

## **Poinsettias given in Honor of:**

Gilbert & Geraldine Alligood's 50th Wedding Anniversary by **The Alligood Family**

Edward & Eileen Ellis by **Charles & Joan Brannan**

Dora Moss, Dorothy & Howard Butler by **Diane & Don Butler**

Darlene Bouma by **George & Darla Church**

Nana & PopPop Taylor by **George & Darla Church**

Our parents: Marie DeVault & Harold Jackson & our daughters: Kristen & Lindsay  
by **Mark & Teri DeVault**

The Choirs, Bells & Praise Band by **David & Kathie Foley**

Diana Musick by **Matthew Furman**

Barb & Ken Metz by **Ed, Pam & Griffin Kasemeyer**

Our Parents by **Leslee & Steve LaFountain**

Our parents by **Todd & Amanda Loudin**

Martha Cooper & Fran Mellinger by **The Mellinger Family**

Our Children & Grandchildren by **Jim & Emilie Sanborn**

Jim & Emilie Sanborn by **The Sink Family**

Rev. Bryant & Devon by **Tricia & Steve Sisney**

Our son, Jeremy Stitz by **Don & Cindy Stitz**

Jane Watson by **Stephen & Liz Watson**

Delma White by **The White Family**

## **Poinsettias given in Memory of:**

Kyle Gunter by **The Alligood Family**

Mauriene Nichols, Jacques' Mom by **The Alligood Family**

John Beidelman by **Ralph & Peggy Beidelman**

Charles & Anna Brannan by **Charles & Joan Brannan**

Kevin Bolton by **Kay Brown & Family**

Stacie & Buddy Brown by **Kay Brown & Family**

Bruce's Mother, Margaret Burdick by **Bruce & Gay Burdick**

Gay's parents, George & Alice Bowen by **Bruce & Gay Burdick**

Louis Moses by **Diane & Don Butler**

Bill Chaloner by **Martha Chaloner**

Mrs. Lillian Helldorfer by **Peter & Ann Chon**  
 Mrs. San Chon by **Peter & Ann Chon**  
 Our Parents & Martha Ellen Cockrell by **Frank & Elaine Cockrell**  
 Our parents: Jean Jackson & Eldine DeVault & Mark's brother John DeVault by  
     **Mark & Teri DeVault**  
 Harvey & Bernice Vandegrift by **Jackie & Paul Donovan**  
 Harvey & Florence Vandegrift by **Jackie & Paul Donovan**  
 Joseph & Marianne Donovan by **Jackie & Paul Donovan**  
 Ralph & Helen Pierce by **Jackie & Paul Donovan**  
 Our departed relatives by **The Donzella Family**  
 Harry & Ruth Christie by **The Foley Family**  
 Susan Garrett by **Joe Garrett**  
 Christopher Gregory by **Nancy & Joe Gregory**  
 Edward Hensel by **Ashley & Bryce Baliff & Jeff & Susan Hensel**  
 Anita Schlegel by **Ashley & Bryce Baliff, Cameron, Marissa, Jeffrey & Susan Hensel**  
 Edwin Kerley, Jim Betsy & Tori Herriotts by **The Herriotts Family**  
 Roland & Mary Kasemeyer by **Ed, Pam & Griffin Kasemeyer**  
 Angelina LaFountain by **Leslee & Steve LaFountain**  
 Mary Allison Sells by **Leslee & Steve LaFountain**  
 William R. Duff by **A Loved One**  
 Karen's Dad, Bill Cater by **Tim & Karen Lowrey**  
 Our Parents by **Susan & Paul Mather**  
 Clarice Reigel by **Cathy & Jim McCormick**  
 Frank Cooper & Russell Mellinger by **The Mellinger Family**  
 Susan Ellen Raver by **Richard, Dorothy & Jeff Raver**  
 Carol Kraft by **The Robinson Family**  
 Our Parents by **Jim & Emilie Sanborn**  
 Ryda & Charles Shaw by **Douglas Shaw**  
 Our parents by **Ron & Linda Shaw**  
 Cindy's Mom, Ellie Haddaway by  
     **Don & Cindy Stitz**  
 Martha & Broward Upchurch by  
     **Sharon & Ronnie Upchurch**  
 My Parents, Frank & Sue Warfield by  
     **Jean Warfield**

