

# SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Worship and Sunday School at 9:30 AM

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

## VISION STATEMENT

**We are a multi-generational Christ community  
seeking to sing God's spirit into the world  
by inviting all, serving all, loving all.**

December 15, 2019  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

**GATHERING TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT**

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH and WELCOME

SUNDAY SCHOOL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

PRELUDE *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. Larson

OPENING PRAYER

One: God, do your angels in heaven sing when we sing?

**All: Have I been listening to hear the "Glory" around me?**

One: Have I been asking "Why this Jubilee?" and waiting for your answer?

**All: We love you God.**

One: We want this worship, and our lives, to reflect your love in us.

**All: Light a candle under us, Lord, that we might sing out, as well as listen, seek as well as proclaim.**

One: God, help us to hear your angels sing. And help us to sing right along with them.

**All: Glory to God in the highest! Amen.**

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\*SINGING *Angels from the Realms of Glory* No. 220

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

SIGN LANGUAGE CHOIR *O Holy Night* McBride

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 2:2-5 OT Pg. 631

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES TO GOD**

PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Coventry Carol* arr. Ellison

*\*All who are able, please stand.*

**All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts. Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**All: Lord, this money is not payment for services rendered. These aren't our dues necessary for us to belong to this church. We know you made us with a purpose, and so now we give ... on purpose, freely offering to you the best of who we are. Continue to work out your purpose in us. Make us your hands, outstretched, on purpose. Amen.**

PREPARING TO PRAY

*On Eagle's Wings*

No. 143

**All: And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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

*Star-Child*

FWS No. 2095

\* THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES INTO THE WORLD

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*Joy to the World*

arr. Ritter

**CONTACTING PASTOR KATHERINE:** Is there something that Pastor Katherine needs to know? Please write it down in *Pastor Katherine's Reminder Book* on the credenza in the hallway so that it will not get forgotten in the rush and confusion of Sunday morning!

Pastor Katherine can always be reached by e-mail ([pastorkatherinem@gmail.com](mailto:pastorkatherinem@gmail.com)) or on her cell phone (401.683.8445).

## *Annunciation*

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Greetings, favored one. The Holy One is with you.  
Do not be afraid: you have found favor with God.  
And now, you will contain within yourself the body  
of God, the flesh of love, the glory of heaven.  
There stirs in you the mystery and power  
of God's great plan, God's hope for humanity:  
the salvation of the world in your hands, in your words.  
The cosmic and the personal are one  
in your womb, in your love, in your labor.  
In you lies the seed of the whole garden.  
Of the dominion of your love there will be no end.  
The little things you do will burn with the energy  
of heaven, the grace that turns galaxies and parts the sea;  
that brings down the powerful and raises up the lowly,  
feeds the hungry and sends the rich to find a new way.  
And now, your kinswoman Mary in her courage  
has also conceived this love, and has consented.  
She in her compassion and wisdom has shown you  
that nothing is impossible with God.

Breath prayer:

With me ... your word.