



*"The*  
**LORD**  
*reigns!*

*Yes, the world is  
established; it shall  
never be moved."*

*Psalms 96:10*

*Sunday, December 23, 2018*

# Worship Service

**Prelude**

**Introit**                      *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*                      Children's Choir

**Welcome and Announcements**                      Pastor Barry

**Ministry Minute**                      Elder Steve Bird

**Call to Worship**                      Isaiah 62:10-12

**\*Gathering Hymn**                      *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*                      #160

**Confession of Faith**

**The Son of God, the second person of the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon Himself man's nature, with all the essential properties, and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin; being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God, and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man.**

*-Westminster Confession of Faith, XIII.II*

**Confession of Sin**

**God of love, all year long we pursue power and money, yet You came in weakness. All season long we covet great material gifts, when You alone offer what is lasting. Through the work of our Lord Jesus, who is full of grace and truth, forgive us, heal us, form us into Your image. Open our lips, that we may sing Your praise with the angels. Give us boldness, that we may be witness to Your transforming love, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**                      Matthew 1:21

**Invocation**

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**Please turn off or silence your cell phone.**

*For small children who need it, we invite you to the room designed for them at the rear of the older sanctuary.*

**\*Those who are able please stand.**

***It Came Upon the Midnight Clear***

It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
from heaven's all-gracious King."  
The world in solemn stillness lay,  
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come  
with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heavenly music floats  
o'er all the weary world;  
above its sad and lowly plains,  
they bend on hovering wing,  
and ever o'er its Babel sounds  
the blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load,  
whose forms are bending low,  
who toil along the climbing way  
with painful steps and slow,  
look now! for glad and golden hours  
come swiftly on the wing.  
O rest beside the weary road,  
and hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on,  
by prophet seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years  
shall come the time foretold  
when peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendors fling,  
and the whole world send back the song  
which now the angels sing.

***O Holy Night***

O holy night! the stars are brightly shining;  
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope - the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!  
Fall on your knees!  
O hear the angel voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!  
O night, O holy night, O night divine!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,  
With glowing hearts by his cradle we stand.  
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,  
Here came the Wise Men from Orient land.  
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,  
In all our trials born to be our Friend.  
He knows our need-- to our weakness is no stranger.  
Behold your King, before him lowly bend!  
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Truly he taught us to love one another;  
His law is love and his gospel is peace.  
Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother,  
And in his name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we;  
Let all within us praise his holy name.  
Christ is the Lord! O praise his name forever!  
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!  
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**\*Reading of Scripture**

Luke 2:1-21

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup> And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup> to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup> And while they were there, the time came for her to

give birth. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

<sup>15</sup> When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup> And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

<sup>21</sup> And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

[Children ages 4-2nd grade are dismissed for Wonders of Worship  
(Children’s Church) with Chris & Lisa Byrd]

<b>Shepherding Prayer</b>		Elder Steve Bird
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>He Came Down</i>	Children’s Choir
<b>Receiving of Tithes and Offerings</b>		
<b>Sermon</b>	News of Great Joy	Pastor Nathan

**\*Hymn of Response**

Praise Team

***O Come All Ye Faithful***

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!

***Refrain:***

*O come, let us adore Him;*  
*O come, let us adore Him;*  
*O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!*

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;  
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! [Refrain]  
Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! [Refrain]

**\*Benediction**

**\*Hymn of Glory**

***Doxology***

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above the heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Amen.

**\*Postlude**

**Worship Leaders**

Reverend Nathan Moretto

Reverend Dr. Barry Cureton

Mr. Ron Smith, Music Director

Mr. David Tracht, Music Director

Mrs. Susan Smith, Choir Director

Mrs. Linda Runkles, Organist

Mr. Chuck Mitchell, Pianist

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**The Elders welcome the opportunity to meet you, talk with you or pray for you after church. They will be stationed by the Communion Table following the service.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## From the Office

**The Year End Reports** are due into the office by **Friday, December 28th**, so that they can be put in a booklet. Please keep your report brief (no longer than a couple paragraphs of text) and send pictures if possible.

Pastor Barry will be taking some vacation time December 26-January 5. He and Margaret look forward to seeing you in the New Year and wish you a Blessed Christmas!

## 2019 Envelopes

Envelopes for 2019 are in the back of the church. Please note that **ENVELOPE NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED**. Do not use any old envelopes. Use of your envelopes assists the counters in the accuracy of their job. **If you have been doing online banking, you will need to alert your bank to your new number.** If you want physical envelopes and they aren't on the table in the back, please call the church office or Chris Bohmer at 410-795-4872. If you are a regular visitor and have been giving, you have envelopes assigned to you.

## Women's Ministry

**LADIES (of all ages), consider joining us in 2019!**

ALL ARE WELCOME on Thursday evenings as we read and study God's word together. In December, we are finishing a teaching series on the Holy Spirit. Our next study will begin on January 3. Please join us as we read and study the book of Acts ( sequel to the gospel of Luke). We will use a book in the Lifechange Bible Series as our guide.

Save the date: January 3 at 7 pm.

An RSVP to Peggy Walker (410 493 8733)

will help us plan for number of books needed.

## Help Needed

Christine Muzayine and her daughter Ava are coming back to Baltimore, January 5, 2019 to stay. She is looking for a temporary place to stay near a bus line until she can get a job and then an apartment of her own. If anyone can take her and Ava temporarily let Mary Ellen Gannon (410-655-6397) or Robin Moran (410-549-3923).

## **Food Pantry**

The Food Pantry is pretty bare right now. Any donation of nonperishable goods such as pasta, canned food, cereal or also things like paper towels, toilet papers, and laundry detergent are greatly appreciated.

## **Youth Group**

Our Youth Directors are Phill and Kelly Thomas. Please contact them for more information at [office@libertychurchpca.org](mailto:office@libertychurchpca.org)

Youth Group normally meets every Sunday from 6:30-8:30 in the Block House but with the holidays youth group will resume on Sunday, January 7th.

## **FOCUS ON MISSIONS**

### **Chris Garriott**

### **RUF @ U of MD, Main Campus**

This week's campus ministries focus is on Chris Garriott's work at the University of MD, at their main campus, with RUF. Chris has served there 11 years as the RUF Campus Minister. As you have heard from his brother Chuck, he grew up at Liberty Church and was active in Young Life at Randallstown High School. After attending Geneva College he worked as a traffic engineer for 5 years. From there he felt God's call to ministry and attended Covenant Seminary. While there he learned about the Gospel of grace and racial reconciliation. After graduating, he was involved in teaching Bible at a Christian school and youth ministry at his brother's church before coming to RUF at the University of Maryland.

Reformed University Fellowship is a community of students that exist to love and serve God and the University of Maryland. Their goal is to help students come to understand, know, and follow Jesus Christ as they walk through their college years, and to help lay a foundation for a lifetime of following Jesus and serving him in all areas of life. RUF has been at UMD for over 15 years.

RUF-UMD has a number of ministries. Large Group meetings with free dinner with friends, music and worship, and Bible teaching

occur every Wednesday. There are Small Group Bible discussions that also meet weekly. RUF-MD joins other RUF Chapters in the Mid-Atlantic region for Fall and Summer conferences catered to apply the Gospel to all of life. They have taken mission trips both locally and internationally serving the church in places like D.C., New York City, New Orleans, Guanauto, Mexico and Lima, Peru.

### Pray for RUF at U of MD

- Pray for spiritual growth and wisdom for Chris Garriott as he leads his RUF team and ministers the Gospel to students at University of Maryland at College Park.
- Pray for students to come to know their Savior and grow in their faith through the RUF meeting opportunities and from one on one times together with Chris, staffers, and other Christians.
- Pray for continued healing of Chris' neck pain.
- Help Chris as he continues to nurture his musical gifts.





# Altar Flowers

## ***Given by...***

Phyllis Caldwell

Charles & Elaine Cullen

Chris, Elizabeth, Jack, Ben &  
Adam Davidson

Dick & Jan Duty

Mark & Jackie Fuhrer

Shawn & Amy Huey

Werner Kloetzli, Jr.

Emma, Kyle, & Camden McCabe

The Stetson Family

## ***In Memory of...***

Her dad, William R. Caldwell

Mr. & Mrs. Mason Willis  
Mr. & Mrs. C. Melvin Cullen

Gabriel Scott Davidson

Their parents

Their parents

John & Chris Weitzel  
Casey Spence

Bettye S. Kloetzli  
Werner & Hedwig Kloetzli  
Upton & Liza Sauter

"Dexter" Stem  
Owen Bennett

Margaret Newcomb





***Given by...***

***In honor of...***

Michael & Hilda Carpenter

Jesus Christ

Bill & Betty Cox

Liberty Church congregation who have  
been so kind to our family

Dick & Jan Duty

Their children

Anne Frampton

Lee Boyd  
Faith Frampton

Shawn & Amy Huey

Barry & Nancy Huey

**Please pick up your poinsettias after the  
Christmas Eve service.**

*The live poinsettias are on the platform around the Christmas  
trees and advent wreath stand and on the communion table.*





## THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

No Sunday School

Worship Service	10:45 am - 12:15 pm	<b>SAN</b>
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### MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

Men's Bible Study/Denny's (Isaiah)	6:00 am	<b>OC</b>
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Christmas Eve Service	6:45 pm	<b>SAN</b>
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### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

No Sunday School

Worship Service	10:45 am - 12:15 pm	<b>SAN</b>
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**FH**-Fellowship Hall • **P**-Parlor • **LCS**-School • **VP**-Various Places

**SAN**-Sanctuary • **OS**-Old Sanctuary • **OC**- Off Campus • **BH**- Block House

## SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS

	December 23	December 30
Nursery 9:30 a.m.	No Nursery	No Nursery
Combined Nursery 10:30 a.m. Noah's Ark Room	Robin Moran	Carol & Katie Byrd
Lock-up	Fred Walker, Don Wheatley	Fred Walker, Ben Weinreich
Sound	Joseph Kraus	
Greeters	Alan & Barbara Hunzeker	Jeff & Cindy Watkins
Usher Team Leader	Geof Smith	

## THE WEEK OF CHRISTMAS

### Sunday, December 23

No Youth Group

### Monday, December 24

Musical Prelude 6:45 pm

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm

Traditional Worship Service

of Lessons & Carols

### Sunday, December 30

No children's or adult Sunday School

Worship Service 10:45 am

No Youth Group

### The Office will be Closed

December 24 & 25

January 1









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