

### **Galatians 4:4-7**

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.



#### **Galatians 4:6-7 (NIV)**

*Because you are his sons,  
God sent the Spirit of his  
Son into our hearts, the  
Spirit who calls out,  
"Abba, Father."  
So you are no longer a  
slave, but God's child;  
and since you are  
his child, God has  
made you also an heir.*

*If you are visiting our church service today, we want you to know that we are glad you are here!*

*We invite everyone to join us down stairs after worship for a time of fellowship.*



### **CHELTENHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**First Sunday after Christmas  
December 31, 2017**

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## PRELUDE AND CANDLE LIGHTING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Darkness descended over the land.

**PEOPLE:** The people lived in fear.

Leader: Then something so unexpected happened.

**PEOPLE:** Something that surprised the people.

Leader: A star burned brightly in the heavens!

**PEOPLE:** A star beyond imagining!

Leader: Our darkness is gone!

**PEOPLE:** Though the night be dark and times are difficult, a new light shines for us!

Leader: Fears are banished; failures are forgiven!

**PEOPLE:** God has heard our cries and has given us hope!

Leader: Come, let us celebrate God's light given to us!

**PEOPLE:** Let us praise the God of hope and promise!

Leader: Let us begin our praises as we offer this prayer shared by Pope John XXIII

**ALL:** O sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. Put into the hearts of men and women this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them. Help them to know one another better, and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness and purity. Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Join them all together in your love. And give us your heavenly peace. Amen.

\*HYMN - "He Is Born" #228 UMH

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

**SUNG RESPONSE:** "On Eagle's Wings" #143 UMH

## OFFERING

\***DOXOLOGY-** "Do You Hear What I Hear" refrain:

"Said the Shepard boy to the Mighty King

-Do you know what I know

In your palace wall mighty king -Do you know what I know

A child, a child, Shivers in the cold

Let us bring him silver and gold; Let us bring him silver and gold

## ANTHEM

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Galatians 4:4-7

**MESSAGE** – Christmas Leftovers with Songs

## SCENE 1

**HYMN** – "What Child Is This" #219 vs 1 & 3 UMH

## SCENE 2

**HYMN** – "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #230 vs 1 & 4 UMH

## SCENE 3

**HYMN** – "Go, Tell It On the Mountain" #251 v 3 UMH

## SCENE 4

**HYMN** – "Angels from the Realms of Glory" #220 vs 3 & 4

## SCENE 5

**HYMN** – "We Three Kings" #254 vs 1 & 2

## SCENE 6

\***HYMN** – "Joy to the World" #246

**BENEDICTION** – "Angels We Have Heard on High" #238 UMH v3

## POSTLUDE

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Hymns can be found in the *TFWS – The Faith We Sing* and *UMH-United Methodist Hymnal*

\*Please stand as you are able.