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Five lit candles are arranged in a row. From left to right, the colors are pink, pink, white, pink, and pink. Each candle has a bright yellow flame. The background is dark purple with soft, out-of-focus circular light patterns in shades of purple and blue.

ADVENT

PREPARE for CHRIST

Welcome to Cheltenham United Methodist Church

Upcoming Events

Monday, December 6, 2021

Monday Methodists 9am
Knitting Circle 10am

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

Bible Study 7pm

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Prayer on Facebook Live at 12noon
Pastor's Office Hours 2-4pm

Thursday, December 9, 2021

Pastor's Office Hours 10am-12noon

Advent Bible Study on A Christmas Carol

November 30 – December 21
at 7pm

*December 21 will be online only

Cookie Exchange

December 11, 2021 at 11am

Candlelight Service

December 19 at 7pm

Look for daily readings for the Advent season
on our Facebook page at
www.facebook.com/CheltenhamUMC starting
TODAY!

Church Annual Planning

January 15, 2022
9-11am

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Mark 1:4

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Lighting the First Candle

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope, May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way of salvation.

O Come, O come, Emmanuel.



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Lighting the Second Candle

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ the Way. May the Word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation.

O Come, O come, Emmanuel.



PRAYER

Book of Worship 276

O God our Father, you have brought us again to the glad season when we celebrate the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that his Spirit may be born anew in our hearts this day and that we may be born anew in our hearts this day and that we may joyfully welcome him to reign over us.



PRAYER

Book of Worship 276

**Open our ears that we may hear again
the angelic chorus of old. Open our lips
that we, too, may sing with uplifted
hearts. Glory to God in the highest, and
on earth, peace, goodwill toward all;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



What Child is This

UMH 219

Words: William C. Dix, 1865 (Luke 2: 6-20, Mt. 2:1-12)

Music: 16th cent. English melody

Tune: GREENSLEEVES

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What child is this who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems
sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?

*This, this is Christ the King, whom
shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the
babe, the son of Mary.*



Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians fear, for sinners here
the silent word is pleading.

*This, this is Christ the King, whom
shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the
babe, the son of Mary.*



So bring him incense, gold, and
myrrh,
come peasant, king, to won him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.

*This, this is Christ the King, whom
shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the
babe, the son of Mary.*





+PASSING OF THE PEACE

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.**

Silent Night, Holy Night

UMH 239

*Words: Joseph Mohr, 1818, alt; sts. 1, 2, 3 trans. By John F. Young; st. 4 trans.
Anon (Lk. 2:6-20)*

Music: Franz Gruber, 1818

Tune: STILLE NACHT

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Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.



Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!



Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light;
radiant beams from thy holy face
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.



Silent night, holy night,
wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!



NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

Luke 15:11-20

¹¹ Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them.



NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

Luke 15:11-20

¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need.



NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

Luke 15:11-20

¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything.



NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

Luke 15:11-20

¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you;



NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

Luke 15:11-20

¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”” ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.



NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

John 3:19-21

¹⁹ And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed.



NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

John 3:19-21

²¹ But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”





*A Christmas Carol: The Ghost of Christmas
Past*

Rev. Rachel B. Livingston

OFFERTORY “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

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DOXOLOGY

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674

Music: attr. to Louis Bourgeois

UMH 95, Tune: OLD 100th

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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. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

ALTAR CALL



CELEBRATION OF OUR LORD'S SUPPER

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.



CELEBRATION OF OUR LORD'S SUPPER

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks
to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven
and earth.



CELEBRATION OF OUR LORD'S SUPPER

... And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven we
praise your name and join their
unending hymn:



CELEBRATION OF OUR LORD'S SUPPER

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.



CELEBRATION OF OUR LORD'S SUPPER

... 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.**



CELEBRATION OF OUR LORD'S SUPPER

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in
ministry to all the world, until Christ
comes in final victory, and we feast at
his heavenly banquet. 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.**



The First Noel

UMH 245

Words: Trad. English carol (Lk. 2:8-14; Mt. 2:1-12)

Music: Trad. English carol; harm. from Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871

Tune: THE FIRST NOEL

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The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherd in
fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping
their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so
deep

*Noel, Noel,
Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.*



They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them
far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and
night.

*Noel, Noel,
Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.*



And by the light of that same star
three Wise Men came from country
far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it
went.

*Noel, Noel,
Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.*



This star drew nigh to the
northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus
lay.

*Noel, Noel,
Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.*



Then entered in those Wise Men
three,
full reverently upon the knee,
and offered there, in his presence,
their gold, and myrrh and
frankincense

*Noel, Noel,
Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.*



+BENEDICTION



Have a Blessed Week!

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