

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

### ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIP

Today's altar flowers are sponsored  
IN HONOR & GLORY OF GOD



### SHARE-A-CHRISTMAS

Share-a-Christmas order forms are available in the Narthex. These donations give the opportunity to dedicate the special gift in honor or memory of a designated person(s). The donations collected are used to help to provide financial gifts to members of our church community this Christmas. **Donation deadline: December 8th.**



- DONATIONS NEEDED -

The Thrift Store is collecting slightly used coats and jackets.

### BLESSING BOX

Please donate non-perishable food items to the Blessing Box.

\*Items can be left in the box marked "Blessing Box" in the Narthex.



### **Philadelphia Bronze Concert**

"30% Chance of Snow,"

Today

At

4:30 p.m.

*(See insert)*



### THIS WEEK AT EMILIE

Dec. 2nd, Women's Crafting Circle

Dec. 4th—Thrift Store, 5:30- 6:30 p.m.

Disciple class, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 5th—Bell Choir Practice, 7 p.m.

Dec. 7th—Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8 a.m.

Thrift Store, 10 a.m.

### SAVE THE DATE!

Dec. 15th—Christmas Cantata during worship at 10 a.m.

Dec. 19th—Blue Christmas Service at 7 p.m.

Dec. 24th—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7 p.m.

## EMILIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CELEBRATING 161 YEARS OF WORSHIP,  
PRAYER, & SERVICE



December 1st, 2024



BRINGING PEOPLE TO CHRIST,  
GROWING PEOPLE IN CHRIST,  
SERVING PEOPLE FOR CHRIST.

Take action items for this week are printed in RED.  
Contact the church office if you have any questions.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
DECEMBER 1ST, 2024  
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

\*You are invited to stand in body or spirit, as you are able.

**Pre-Service Music**

Please take this time to write any prayer requests you may have on the prayer cards in the pews. They will be received during the offering and shared during prayers of the people.

**Greeting** The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**

**\*Call to Worship** Liturgist, Gary Tice

L: The days are shorter and darkness comes early to our lives.

**P: Lord, hear our prayers through the darkness.**

L: Come, seek the Lord. Place your hope in God's mercy and love.

**P: Lord, we seek your presence among us.**

L: Look closely! God is making us ready.

**P: Brighten our Spirits this day, and help us to receive your Good News. AMEN.**

**\*Opening Hymn** *My Lord, What a Morning* UMH #719

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession** Liturgist, Gary Tice

We can hardly believe it, Lord. The Advent season is upon us. We usually translate that into the buying season in preparation for THE BIG DAY. But when we place our hope in the tinsel, wrappings, tape and boxes, we forget the most glorious gift of all, the gift of God's absolute love. Open our eyes, our hearts, our spirits today to behold God's gracious love for us in the fulfillment of all God's promises. For we ask this in the name of Jesus. AMEN

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** Madison Wilcox  
Emmanuel and Danielle Bropleh

**Reader:** From deep in the past, Jeremiah calls to us, "The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah" (Jeremiah 33:14). Beloved, the days are surely coming when the yearning of the land; the longing of the sun, moon, and stars; the desperate need of the people of earth for flourishing and peace will receive their fulfillment.

**Congregation:** While fear, anxiety, misinformation, and suspicion surround us on every side, we choose to watch and

wait in hope, preparing our hearts to notice and cooperate with God's grace already at work in our midst.

**Reader:** We light this candle of **hope** as a sign of our commitment to pay attention and prepare for the days that are surely coming and are already here—the days when God's kingdom of love, justice, and mercy will reign.

**Passing of the Peace**

**Community Connections**

**Children's Message**

**Receiving God's Tithes and Prayers**

**Offertory Music** "Stand By Me" UMH #512

**\*Doxology** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* #95

**\*Offertory Dedication and Prayer**

Gracious God, in this season of anticipation, we offer our gifts with hopeful hearts. As we prepare for the fullness of your kingdom, may these offerings be a sign of our readiness and desire to live attentively. Use them to bring justice, righteousness, and joy to our world. Surprise us with your presence and help us to look up, to pay attention, and to embrace the hope you bring. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**Hymn of Reflection** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" UMH #452

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

**Scripture Reading** Luke 21:-25-36 NRSV

**Sermon** HOPE Pastor Lori

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**\*Closing Hymn** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* UMH#196

**\*Mission Statement** (screen)

Leader: We are a community called to worship and glorify God by

**People: Bringing People to Christ,  
Growing People in Christ,  
And Serving People for Christ.**

Leader: This is our mission.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**\*Benediction and Sending Forth  
Postlude**

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**Pastor-On-Call:** Please call 215-945-5503

The pastor-on-call is available outside of regular office hours for those experiencing true emergencies, such as a critical hospitalization or urgent physical, emotional or spiritual need.

*To inquire about services that the church offers, such as joining the church, transferring membership, confirmation, baptism or any other questions or information, please call the church office during business hours.*

**Church Office Hours**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 am - 2 pm