

**MCKENDREE-SIMMS-BROOKLAND
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

WASHINGTON, DC

December 8, 2024



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Order of Worship

December 8, 2024 – 10:00AM

All members and guests are reminded to check their phones when entering the sanctuary to make sure they are turned off or in silent mode.

***Please Stand**

Prelude

Sis. Jadya Hackley

Welcome/Announcements/ Recognition of Guests

Kim Lewis, Liturgist

Invocation

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Karl Shepherd & Family

Reader #1

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." (Isaiah 40:3-5)

Reader #2

We light this candle of Peace 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.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Children of God, prepare the way! The Word of God is coming!

People: We come to listen and receive God's Word among us.

Leader: Children of God, the prophets call to us now and from generations past, urging us to refine our hearts for the coming of the Word of God. Are you listening?

People: We come to listen and prepare to receive God's Word among us.

Leader: Children of God, this is the mark of our preparation: that passion for God's Word would burn within us, cleansing us and renewing us to reflect God's love throughout the world.

People: May God ignite our passion for God's Word that has come among us as we listen, prepare, and receive all that God has for us today. Amen.

1 O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

2 For he alone is worthy,
For he alone is worthy,
For he alone is worthy,
Christ the Lord.

3 Let's praise his name together,
Let's praise his name together,
Let's praise his name together,
Christ the Lord.

4 We'll give him all the glory,
We'll give him all the glory,
We'll give him all the glory,
Christ the Lord.

Sign of the Week

Hands in Christian Service

Offertory Prayer

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all Creatures
here below; Praise Him above, Ye Heavenly Host; Praise Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost. AMEN.

Ministry in Music

“Just A Little Talk with Jesus”

Chancel Choir

***Exclamation of the Holy Word (read in UNISON)**

Luke 3:1-6

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

1 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, **2** during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. **3** He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, **4** as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.

5 Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth,
6 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ”

Ministry in Music

“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”

Chancel Choir

The Proclamation of the Holy Word

Min. Dashawn Jones

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn of Invitation

"Alpha and Omega"

Altar Call

Closing Hymn

“Let the Church Say Amen”

*Benediction

Postlude

Sis. Jadya Hackley

Sermon Notes

Color the Sermon



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 8, 2024

Have an announcement?

Please submit it to: msbannouncements@gmail.com

- Please join us for our Advent Bible Study Series on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Meeting ID: 863 7320 9008 | Call Number: 301-715-8592 | Password: 547396.
- Annual Shoe Box Project - It is time to prepare your Christmas Shoe Boxes for our Outreach House clients! Please drop off your wrapped boxes or gift bags of new items (toiletries, hats, gloves, scarves, etc.) to the church office by Tuesday, December 10, 2024. Gender neutral boxes are suggested but if not gender neutral, please label Male or Female. Please, no food or snacks. The gifts will be distributed from the Outreach House on Friday 12/13 and Friday 12/20. For more information contact Brenda Mosley or Judy Jones. Thank you in advance for your generosity!
- Sunday, December 22, 2024 (immediately following Worship) Lights of Love - United Women of Faith. This is a time to light a candle to show love for those family and friends around you or afar. Cost for each candle is \$5.00. If you wish to submit a name for a candle to be lit, names must be submitted by next Sunday, December 15 to msbannouncements@gmail.com or you may give names to Lynn Davenport or Mary Harris at the end of service today.
- MSBUMC invites you to our Adult & Children's Nativity Service on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2024, from 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM. All are welcomed to participate in the service. If you are participating in the Nativity Service, please make sure you stay for rehearsal immediately following morning worship. If you are not participating, we ask that you move all post-worship conversation and fellowship to the Narthex or the little chapel. Our last rehearsal will be on Sunday, December 15th, immediately following morning worship. Dress rehearsal will be on December 24, 2024, at 2:00 PM. If you any questions, please contact Pastor Brown.
- It's the second week of special Getting Ready for Christmas activities for our elementary age worshipers. Check the links in From the Pastor's Desk for new videos about the birth of Christ and other activities that parents and children can complete together. On Sunday, you'll receive another bag with special projects to take home that will help you learn about the true meaning of Christmas. Questions may be directed to Sis. Rosalind Harris.
- 2025 Calendar dates - It is time for ministry chairs to meet and discuss activities to be placed on the calendar for 2025. Please keep in mind that all submissions must be God centered and support our Mission and Vision Statements. Before submitting, please make sure your ministry members agree and indicate the purpose as it relates to the church. Special activities outside of regular meetings must be discussed and approved by the Pastor before final plans are implemented. All requested dates must be submitted to Sis. Artis Johnson via email at artis.johnson@comcast.net or a written request can be given directly to her. Dates are due by January 15, 2025.
- The MSB Family mourns the life of Sis. Kathryn Thornton, on Wednesday, November 27, 2024. A small memorial service will be held in the coming New Year. Additional details are forthcoming. Cards of expression may be sent to Ms. Sonia Allen (sister) at 6806 Middlefield Terrace Fort Washington, MD 20744. Please keep the Thornton family in prayer during this time and going forward.
- Bro. Alvon Lewis was recently hospitalized at Sinai Hospital, 2401 W. Belvedere Ave., Baltimore, MD 21215. Visitors are welcomed and appreciated. Please keep Bro. Lewis lifted in prayer during this time.
- Sis. Bertha Cobb (previously hospitalized) has been released and is now living with her daughter. Sis. Cobb welcomes your cards and calls. Let's show our love by showering her with love tokens and prayers.
- Dear McKendree-Simms-Brookland Family, words cannot adequately express the depth of my gratitude and heartfelt appreciation for your support extended to me following the death of my brother. Please know that my family and I will long remember your kindness and thoughtfulness. Sincerely, Sis. Diane Dallas.
- MSB thanks for your prayers and calls. Please continue praying for Bro. David Ratliff who is rehabilitating at Complete Care (formerly Cardia Care), 4922 Lasalle Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782. (301)-281-2888. He welcomes phone calls and visits from his MSB family. Please call before visiting to make sure it is a good visitation day. Sis. Lucille Ratliff.
- Let us continue to keep in prayer all members who are mourning the passing of loved ones and those on the sick and recovering list.

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Celebrate God, Serve God, and make disciples of Jesus Christ

VISION STATEMENT:

We seek to be a cornerstone of faith, hope, and healing.

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We appreciate your continued gifts of generosity of tithes and offerings given online, in worship, or by regular mail. It allows us to continue to advance the kingdom through ministry and to be good stewards of the House of Worship.