

Second Sunday of Advent  
December 15, 2024

*And he shall be called ...*

**MIGHTY GOD**



# **CHARLTON CHURCH**

A United Methodist Community

*Where Faith Meets Life*

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## **Third Sunday of Advent**

\* Standing, as able.

We continue to light a Candle of Peace,  
praying for people around the world  
who live in the midst of violence, war, and unrest.

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME**

### **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

#### \* **RESPONSE**

Light a candle of joy,  
may it burn bright and clear,  
bringing light to the dark,  
for Christ's coming is near.  
May this candle remind us  
that all shall be well,  
for the Joy of the world  
is born in us to dwell.



## \* **UNISON PRAYER**

Loving God, we open ourselves to You, trusting that this is how You made us: You created us for joy-filled hearts and lives. Show us the creative power of **hope**. Teach us the **peace** that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of **joy** that cannot be contained, but must be shared. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by You that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

## **SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **TIME OF PRAYER**

### **LORD'S PRAYER IN SONG**

Our Father in heaven, blessed be Your name.  
Your reign and Your will shall be our life's work.  
Provide for our needs and pardon our sins.  
And lead us and guide us in Your holy ways.  
For Yours is the glory for ever. Amen.

### **CHILDREN'S PRESENTATION**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## \* **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

## \* **RESPONSE**

Now to the Lord sing praises all you within this place,  
and with true love and brotherhood  
each other now embrace;  
this holy tide of Christmas all other doth efface.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 9:6

## **MESSAGE**

Pastor Miguel

\* **CAROL** "Angels from the Realms of Glory" (#220)  
James Montgomery | Henry T. Smart

Angels from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
ye who sang creation's story  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the field abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing;  
yonder shines the infant light:

(continued on next page)

Sages, leave your contemplations,  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of nations;  
ye have seen his natal star:

Saints, before the altar bending,  
watching long in hope and fear;  
suddenly the Lord, descending,  
in his temple shall appear:

## **PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS**

THE INVITATION

OFFERTORY

### \* THE ADVENT DOXOLOGY

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.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

### \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(in unison)

Holy One, this Advent season we wait in joy, and we give with joy. Joy for all You have given us; Joy because of Your sacred promises. Receive these generous offerings, and use them to spread Your joy in our world. Amen.

\* **CAROL**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (#211)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,  
and order all things far and nigh;  
to us the path of knowledge show  
and cause us in her ways to go.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by Thy justice here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, Desire of nations bind  
all peoples in one heart and mind.  
From dust Thou brought us forth to life;  
deliver us from earthly strife.

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **RESPONSE**

\* **POSTLUDE**



# **CHARLTON CHURCH: *Where Faith Meets Life***

## **WELCOME**

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We're glad that you are with us for worship today. Whatever your circumstances, no matter where you've been or what's happened in your life, you are welcome here!

## **PROUD TO BE UMC**

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Charlton Church is a family of faith that values the diversity of thought that is an intrinsic part of The United Methodist Church. You can read our full statement on our website, at [www.charltonchurch.org/umc](http://www.charltonchurch.org/umc).

## **CONNECT WITH US**

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Be sure to fill out your Connection Card today and place it in the offering plate. This is the best way for our members and friends to stay connected with the ministry and mission of Charlton Church.

## **CHILDREN ARE WELCOME**

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Charlton Church is a 'Safe Sanctuary', with procedures in place for the safety of all children and youth. A nursery is available during the worship service and is located at the end of the hallway opposite the sanctuary. KIDs Club, for children age 3 thru grade 5, meets during the 9:00 am discipleship hour.

## **SHARING IS NOT ALWAYS CARING**

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We have learned much through the pandemic and should do our best not to get complacent in our actions! Please remember to observe social distancing whenever possible. If you do not feel well, please stay home. If you have health concerns, there is a designated area at the rear of the sanctuary, where you can be seated for our worship service. Please reserve this area for persons with health concerns. Thank you for your cooperation as we care for one another.

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE AT CHARLTON

Sun, Dec 15	9:00 am	Discipleship Hour
	10:00 am	Charlton Worship Service
	5:00 pm	Christmas Caroling
Thu, Dec 19	12:00 pm	Christmas at Noon Concert
	6:15 pm	Pickleball
Sun, Dec 22	9:00 am	Discipleship Hour
	10:00 am	Charlton Worship Service

## WORSHIP INFO

### SERMON SERIES

We continue the season of Advent with our sermon series that focuses on the names of Jesus found in Isaiah 9:6. Today, we consider how Jesus is our Mighty God.

### BULLETINS

Today's bulletins are in honor of Eric Miller's birthday by his wife, Sharon Snyder.

### CHARLTON CHRISTMAS CARD

We've extended the deadline to receive greetings for our Charlton Christmas Card to tomorrow. If you would like to include a greeting, please be sure to submit it by then!

### PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a prayer request to be shared in church, please be sure to write it in the prayer book, located outside the sanctuary. Please do not rely on someone else writing it for you. You can also email them to [prayer@charltonchurch.org](mailto:prayer@charltonchurch.org)

## GROWTH INFO

### BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR MIGUEL

Pastor Miguel's weekly Bible study will resume in January.



## **FELLOWSHIP INFO**

### **FELLOWSHIP THURSDAYS**

Join us this Thursday for our final "Christmas at Noon" with 'The Three Amigos' ... Pastor Miguel, Pastor Dann Caldwell, and Chuck Kaufmann. You're then invited to join us in the gym for a bowl of soup and fellowship.

## **MISSION INFO**

### **GIVING GRACE COLLECTION**

We are collecting shampoo for our monthly outreach distribution. We continue to collect 2 lb. bags of rice for Helping Hands.

### **MISSION OFFERING**

The mission offering for December supports Michael and Grace Al-Zoughbi, missionaries in the Middle East.

## **MISCELLANEOUS INFO**

### **HEAT FUND**

The Leadership Council has established a 'Heat Fund' to prepare us for the high utility bills we experience at the beginning of every year. If you would like to make a donation, please mark your gift as 'Heat Fund'.

### **UPDATED ADDRESSES**

Please note the following address changes from those that appeared in the recent newsletter:

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c/o Tracy Beachler  
6915 Blue Ridge Ave.  
Harrisburg, PA 17112

Dee Miller  
#207, Bridges at Bent Creek  
2100 Bent Creek Blvd.  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

## SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, Dec. 15	10 am	3rd Sunday of Advent Worship led by our children
Thursday, Dec. 19	12 pm	Noontime Concert: The 'Three Amigos' in song
Sunday, Dec. 22	10 am	4th Sunday of Advent Worship thru music and drama
Sunday, Dec. 22	6 pm	Charlton hosts Family Promise
<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>		
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 24</b>	<b>7 pm</b> <b>9 pm</b>	<b>Worship w/ children message</b> <b>Worship w/ holy communion</b>
Tuesday, Dec. 31	5 pm	New Year's Eve Covered Dish
Wednesday, Jan 1	12 pm	Pork and Sauerkraut Lunch



## **Last Week's Prayer Requests**

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PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Scott Miller, Skip Heimbaugh family, Jason Albert, Jane Ober, Tom W., family of Ray Young.

PREVIOUSLY:

John and Penny Arnold, Karen Bateman, Ed Horton, Carolyn Kircher, Deana Paul, Rob Stoner; Gabrielle Birely, Jim Cassell, Marlene Schraff, Sally Sprow, Jeff Wevodau; Carol Brown, Larry and Tina Caines, Dot Dunkle, Fran Mummert, Cheryl Rhodes, Jim Weaver.

WE CONTINUALLY PRAY FOR:

- Charlton Church, staff, and Leadership Council.
- The United Methodist Church.
- Bishop Hector A. Burgos-Nunez.
- Superintendent Rev. Dr. Gary Weaver.
- Our World Vision families:  
Dieulene in Haiti and Narek in Armenia.
- The people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Palestine.
- The leaders of all nations, that peace may be our common goal.

***“The prayer of the righteous  
is powerful and effective.”***

James 5:16



## Stewardship Report for December 8, 2024

Worship Attendance: 95

General Fund:	\$	6,553.16
Facility Maintenance:	\$	213.77
Heat Fund	\$	100.00
Missions:	\$	54.48
Family Promise:	\$	170.00



### ONLINE GIVING

We highly encourage persons to sign up for secure online giving through our website. Online giving allows you to support the general fund as well as our missions and debt reduction. Online giving also ensures that your offerings are made ... even when you can't make it to church. Sign up today at [www.CharltonChurch.org/give](http://www.CharltonChurch.org/give)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow!*

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