



FOURTH SUNDAY
OF
Advent

CHARLTON UMC and ENOLA EMMANUEL UMC

Sunday, December 21, 2025

* Standing, as able.

WELCOME and INTROIT

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Holy God, on this Fourth Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of love, giving thanks for Your great love for us. May it transform us to be a people whose words and actions are grounded in that love. And may all who encounter us know that we are Christians by our love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*** CAROL**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (#234, vs. 1, 3, 4)

John Wade

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

REFRAIN

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

Sing, choir of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born that happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

*** 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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2: 1-7

INVITATION TO HOLD SPACE FOR OTHERS

ANTHEM

"All Is Well"

Michael W. Smith | arr. Kaufmann

*All is well, all is well; angels and men rejoice for tonight darkness fell into the dawn of love's light.
Sing Alle, sing Alleluia.*

*All is well, all is well; let there be peace on earth. Christ is come, go and tell that He is in the manger.
Sing Alle, sing Alleluia.*

*All is well, all is well; lift up your voice and sing. Born is now Emmanuel, born is our Lord and Savior.
Sing Alleluia, sing Alleluia, all is well.*

REFLECTION

Pastor Miguel Arenas

Charlton UMC

REPRISE

"All Is Well"

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2: 8-12, 20

REFLECTION

Pastor Bobby Jones, Jr.

Enola Emmanuel UMC

ANTHEM

"O Come, All Ye Unfaithful"

Bob Kauflin, Lisa Clow | arr. Sorensen

*O come, all you unfaithful; come, weak and unstable; come, know you are not alone.
O come, barren and waiting ones, weary of praying, come, see what your God has done.
Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you.*

*O come, bitter and broken, come with fears unspoken; come, taste of His perfect love.
O come, guilty and hiding ones, there is no need to run; see what your God has done.
Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you.*

*He's the Lamb who was given, slain for our pardon, His promise is peace for those who believe.
He's the Lamb who was given, slain for our pardon, His promise is peace for those who believe.*

*So come, though you have nothing, come, He is the offering; come, see what your God has done.
Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you.
Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you.*

BLESSING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

We come before You, Holy God, as we acknowledge all of the blessings You shower upon us. Accept the offerings we bring to You this day, and we pray that You will use all that we have and all that we are to share Your love and joy with all Your children everywhere. Stir within us a passion for helping those in need and to be an expression of Your joy, love, hope and peace in today's world. Amen.

ANTHEM

"O Holy Night"
Adolph Adams

*O holy night, the stars are brightly shining; it is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! O night divine! O night when Christ was born!
O night divine! O night, O night divine!*

*Truly He taught us to love one another; His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother, and in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, let all within us praise His holy name.
Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever! His power and glory evermore proclaim!
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* CAROL

"Joy to the World" (#246, vs. 1, 2, 4)
Issac Watts | Arr. G. G. Handel

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

* BENEDICTION

* RESPONSE

O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Sun, Dec 21	9:00 am	Discipleship Hour
	10:15 am	Worship Service
Mon, Dec 22	10:30 am	Chair Yoga
	11:00 am	Preschool program
Tue, Dec 23	11:00 am	Preschool program
Wed, Dec 24	7:00 pm	Candlelight Service
	9:00 pm	Communion Service
Sun, Dec 28	9:00 am	Discipleship Hour
	10:00 am	Worship Service
Wed, Dec 31	5:00 pm	NYE Covered Dish
Thu, Jan 1	12:00 pm	Pork Luncheon

WORSHIP INFO

WORSHIP TODAY

Thank for joining us today as the pastors and choirs of Charlton UMC and Enola Emmanuel UMC lead our worship.

BULLETINS

The bulletins are sponsored by Steve and Alice Enterline in honor of Aurora's 4th Birthday.

GROWTH INFO

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is taking a break during Advent and will resume in January

MISSION INFO

GIVING GRACE COLLECTION

We are collecting toilet paper for our monthly outreach distribution. We continue to collect 2 lb. bags of rice.

MISSION OFFERING

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

NOISE OFFERING

This month's Noise Offering will be collected next week, Sunday, December 28.

FELLOWSHIP INFO

FELLOWSHIP THURSDAYS

Our regular Fellowship Thursday events resume in January.

NEW YEARS EVE COVERED DISH

We will once again hold a covered dish dinner at 5:00 pm on New Year's Eve. Bring a side dish or dessert to share, and enjoy the fellowship of your church family as we prepare for the new year. You can sign up on next Sunday's Connection Card, as there is no card today.

PORK 'n' SAUERKRAUT LUNCHEON

Our first Charlton Family Table gathering in January will be a Pork 'n' Sauerkraut Lunch. Please contact the church office if you would like to bring some pork, mashed potatoes, or a vegetable. Otherwise, you can bring a dessert to share. Or ... if you're not kitchen-friendly, just come and enjoy the meal and fellowship. You can sign up on next Sunday's Connection Card, as there is no card today.

MISCELLANEOUS INFO

EGGMAKING

We may not have opened our Christmas gifts yet, but it's almost time to start making Easter Eggs. This year's project will begin on January 19 and will be held each Monday beginning at 8:00 am. There's a job for everyone. If you have any questions about the egg project, please see Sharon Snyder.

PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The preschool children will perform a Christmas program on Monday and Tuesday at 11 am in the Sanctuary. All are welcome.

Christmas Eve Worship

Services at 7pm and 9 pm

Holy Communion at 9 pm



CHARLTON PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Charles Murphy, family of Bob Gallagher;

ONGOING:

John Arnold, Larry and Tina Caines, Dot Dunkle, Joy Morris, Cheryl Rhodes, Sig Sunday;

WEEK 2:

Carol Brown, Bill Kepler, Heidi Acre, Susan Knaub, family of William Morgan, Jack Ulsh, Bev, Bob, Denise, Jeremy;

WEEK 3:

Sharon Snyder/Eric Miller, Dossie/George Minges, Nancy Hoover, Rita Vorkapich, Alexis;

WEEK 4:

Annamarie Engle, Darlene Larson, Tim Walker, Linda.

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

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO USE OUR FACILITY:

- Charlton Preschool
- The SoupGuy, Adam and Nina Weaver
- Little Star Chinese School
- WB Music Therapy
- Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
- Sports and exercise groups



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

James 5:16

2025 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

IN MEMORY OF

Our loved ones *by John and Penny Arnold*
Betty and Don Kiner *by Joan and Jack Bolton*
Walter Chmiola, Jr. *by Gloria Chmiola*
Lee & Betty Enterline *by Steve and Alice Enterline*
Ruth Waizenegger *by Steve and Alice Enterline*
Husband, David & Parents *by Marlene Jenkins*
My Sister *by Marlene Jenkins*
Loved ones *by Bill and Ginny Kepler*
Cliff Kreiser *by Bernadette Kreiser*
Husband, Ben *by Diny Mantz*
Our Parents *by Paul and Heidi Stanalonis*

IN MEMORY OF (continued)

Mom, Dad and Van Tingley Jr. *by Debbi Tingley*
Clarence Town *by Sue, Emily and Simon Town*
Our Parents *by Mary and John Umberger*
Loved Ones *by Stan and Karen Zellers*

IN HONOR OF

Amber, Jonathan, Emilia *by Gloria Chmiola*
Children, Grandchildren *by Mary & John Umberger*
Our church family *by Stan and Karen Zellers*

To the Glory of God

by Marcy Miller

A STEWARSHIP MOMENT

The seasons of Advent and Christmas are a time of profound reflection, expectant waiting, and glorious celebration. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we are reminded of the greatest gift ever given — God's boundless love manifested in a child. This divine act of ultimate generosity should inspire us to reflect on our own blessings and the way we use the gifts God has entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our financial resources. Stewardship is not just about paying the bills; it's about seeing all that we have as a sacred trust, a means by which we can participate in God's ongoing work in the world.

As we light the candles of Advent, let us prepare our hearts not just for Christmas, but also for a deeper commitment to Christ's mission. Consider how your regular, faithful giving sustains the ministries and mission of our church throughout the year. As the year draws to a close and you plan your holiday giving, we encourage you to prayerfully consider making an extra end-of-year gift to our church. Please remember the work of our church—the hands and feet of Christ in our community and beyond. Your stewardship, whether through regular tithes or an extra year-end gift, is a direct investment in sharing the love, hope, and peace of Christ this season and into the new year. Thank you for your faithful and generous spirit!

Stewardship Report for December 14, 2025

Worship Attendance: 69	General Fund:	\$	4,053.30
	Facility Maintenance:	\$	85.00



THERE ARE 3 WAYS TO GIVE AT CHARLTON CHURCH

1. SUNDAY MORNING OFFERING

If you would like a statement at the end of the year, use your church envelopes or use the "My Offering" envelopes.

2. GIVE ONLINE (www.CharltonChurch.org/give)

Online giving ensures that your offerings are made ... even when you can't make it to church.

3. TEXT 2 GIVE

Text your gift to 844-952-2041. For detailed information, go to www.CharltonChurch.org/text

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastors: Rev. Miguel H. Arenas (CUMC) and Rev. Bobby Jones, Jr. (EEUMC)

Director of Music: Charles J. Kaufmann

Liturgist: Thomas Schreiber (CUMC) and Janice Brougher Roos (EEUMC)

Charlton Choir: Martha Brown, Tom Furlong, Judy McMillen, Marcy Miller, Lauren Steele-Murphy, Sarah Tingley

Emmanuel Choir: Barb Baltosser, Steve Bitner, Nancy Bohr, Shirley Cluck, Arlene Gerlach, Margie Goodling, Caroline Grove, Sharon Heiner, Kathy Heisley, Wes Heisley, Carol Huling, Missy Morey, Vance Morey, Jason Petrovich, Renata Roos, Lori Rumberger, Tracy Shank

Instrumentalists: Trumpet: Scott Pribanich (CUMC)
Bells: Bethann Edwards, Marlene Grove, Rich/Wanda Reinsburrow (EEUMC)
Bells: Martha Brown, Tom Furlong, Marcy Miller, Lauren Steele Murphy (CUMC)

A/V Tech: Marianne and Jim Eagle (CUMC)
Rich Reinsburrow (EEUMC)

*May the song of the angels
fill your heart this Christmas season
and carry you throughout the new year:
Gloria in Excelsis Deo!*

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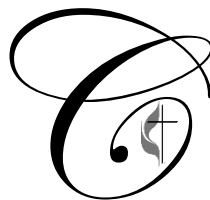
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