



SECOND SUNDAY
OF
Advent

CHARLTON CHURCH
A United Methodist Community

Sunday, December 7, 2025

LOVE BOLDLY. SERVE JOYFULLY. LEAD COURAGEOUSLY.

VISION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

* Standing, as able.

PRELUDE and WELCOME

TIME OF CENTERING

* CAROL

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" (#218)

Edmund H. Sears | Richard Storrs Willis

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth,
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;

(continued)

above its sad and lowly plains,
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow,
look now! for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road,
and hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song
which now the angels sing.

* **UNISON PRAYER**

Holy God of Peace, as we begin this Advent journey together, we seek Your peace in these darkening days. We seek a calm within and an absence of conflict between people and nations. But more deeply, we seek Your shalom – the deep and abiding peace that will come only through the justice of Your kingdom. Guide us in these days ahead, that we will come to live in the peace You give. Amen.

SHARING OF OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

TIME OF PRAYER

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 MESSAGE

*** SHARING OF THE PEACE and RESPONSE**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 11: 1-10

MESSAGE

Pastor Miguel

ANTHEM

THE OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

THE INVITATION

OFFERTORY

* THE DOXOLOGY

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

* THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

in unison

We rejoice, God of peace, in the privilege of giving without fear. You come to us daily with blessings too numerous to count. You are the Holy One whose presence relieves our anxieties, feeds our hungers, and stirs our compassion. Through our offerings, we express our gratitude. As we give of ourselves, we respond to Your call to bear fruit and to make Your name known among the nations. Thank You for accepting all that we offer. Amen.

* **CAROL** "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" (#236) Nahum Tate | G.F. Handel

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around, and glory shone around.

"Fear not!" said he, for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind.
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to all of humankind, to all of humankind.

(continued)

"To you, in David's town, this day is born of David's line
a Savior, who is Christ the Lord,
and this shall be the sign, and this shall be the sign:

"The heavenly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
and in a manger laid, and in a manger laid."

Thus spake the seraph and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God on high,
who thus addressed their song,
who thus addressed their song:

"All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven to earth
begin and never cease, begin and never cease!"

* **BENEDICTION**

* **RESPONSE**

○ come, let us adore Him;
○ come, let us adore Him;
○ come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord



CHARLTON CHURCH: *Where Faith Meets Life*

WELCOME

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

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.

CONNECT WITH US

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

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

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 in the parlor, 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 7	9:00 am	Discipleship Hour
	10:00 am	Charlton Worship Service
	6:00 pm	Family Promise
Wed, Dec 10	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast at Perkins
	6:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Thu, Dec 11	12:00 pm	Christmas at Noon Concert
Sun, Dec 14	9:00 am	Discipleship Hour
	10:00 am	Charlton Worship Service

WORSHIP INFO

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Please note that our worship service next Sunday will begin at 10:15 am. The combined choirs of Charlton UMC and Enola Emmanuel UMC will be leading worship. They will be singing at Enola at 8:45 am and at Charlton at 10:15 am.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Envelopes are again available on the bulletin table, for you to place your orders for Christmas poinsettias. Orders are due in the office Tuesday.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Invite your family and friends to join you for worship on Christmas Eve. Services are at 7 pm and 9 pm. Holy communion will be served at the 9 pm service.

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 deodorant 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.

FELLOWSHIP INFO

FELLOWSHIP THURSDAYS

There will be NO Fellowship Thursday events during the month of December. In its place, we invite you to join us for our "Christmas at Noon" concert series. Each week, a short 30 to 40 minute Christmas concert will be presented in the sanctuary. You're then invited to join us in the gym for a bowl of soup and fellowship.

December 11 – Christmas with the Trumpet and Organ

December 18 – Christmas Decades with Jeannette Keezel

** Please note these two concerts swapped dates.*

MISSION INFO

CHARLTON CHRISTMAS CARD

If you would like to include a greeting on the Charlton Christmas Card, please be sure to submit it by Wednesday of this week. You can email (office@charltonchurch.org) or text it (717-545-2000). Or, for your convenience, you can write it on today's Connection Card.

A STEWARSHIP NOTE

As Christians, we are called to be good stewards of our time, talents and treasure. Here are three suggestions to help you make the most of this Advent season:

Stewards of our TIME: Instead of sitting down to sign your name on a bunch of Christmas cards, take the time to personalize two or three cards a day, sharing kind words with the persons reading those cards.

Stewards of our TALENTS: Consider how you can use your talent to benefit another person. Are you a good cook or baker? Make a meal or dessert and deliver it to someone who needs encouragement. Are you a wood-worker? Make a small gift for a neighbor. Do you excel at cleaning? Offer your services for an elder in your family ... or put those skills to work at church. There's always a way to use your talents to serve others!

Stewards of our TREASURE: In this season of gift-giving, consider what financial gift you can make to support the mission and ministry of Charlton Church as the year draws to an end. Join your Charlton family as we GIVE hope, love, joy and peace in these holy days.

And beyond our time, talents and treasure, we should also be good stewards of our PRAYERS! As you drive over icy streets or navigate through a crowded store, take time to pray for those around you and for those who struggle with much less. Become aware of people around you and lift them in prayer.

GIVE
HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

Last Week's Prayer Requests

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

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

ONGOING:

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

WEEK 2:

Bill Kepler, Annamarie Engle, Darlene Larson, Tim Walker, Linda;

WEEK 3:

Sue Ebert, Amanda Eshenour, Wayne Jacobs, Dave Sites, Carl, Louis, family of Jim Fair;

WEEK 4:

Mark and Cheryl Pribanich, Nikki, Matt and Addilyn Jane Trimble, Eva, Fran, Gail, Sharon.

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

Stewardship Report for November 30, 2025

Worship Attendance: 58

General Fund:	\$	2,554.00
Facility Maintenance:	\$	225.75
Missions:	\$	85.00
Egg Sales	\$	375.00



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 in the pews.

2. GIVE ONLINE

Online giving ensures that your offerings are made ... even when you can't make it to church. Go to www.CharltonChurch.org/give

3. TEXT 2 GIVE

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

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