

Greenwood
United Methodist Church
DECEMBER 31, 2017
5TH SUNDAY COMBINED SERVICE

Order of Worship

**Indicates the congregation stand, as able, in praise of God.
Please turn off or mute all cell phones during worship.*

Prelude

Chiming of the Hour

Introit

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”
Sing along with the choir

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Welcome and Announcements

*Passing the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Linda Walker

Praise the living God!

Praise God from the heavens;

Sun and moon, and shining stars, praise the living God!

Praise the Holy Name,

Whose word speaks all things into being,

Who created the forces of the universe

And the laughter of children.

Praise the Holy Name!

Praise the Living God from the earth:

Clouds and storms and ocean currents,

Fish in the sea and creatures of the deep,

Animals and cattle, insects and birds,



Loving God
Connecting and Growing with God
Serving Others

Praise the living God!

People and rulers,

Powerless and power brokers

Young women, young men,

Children and elders together,

Praise the Holy Name!

Praise the living God,

Whose Name alone is exalted,

Our Rescuer and Deliverer

In all our distress.

Praise the living God!

Praise the Holy Name

Who did not rely only on angels and messengers

But came among us in person,

Whose living presence saves us!

Praise God's Holy Name!

*Opening Hymns	“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”	# 240
	“Angels from the Realms of Glory”	#220
Moment With Children		The Rev. Barbara Lewis
Joys and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer		
Anthem		Congregation's Choices
Scripture Lesson	Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148	Linda Walker
*Hymns of Meditation	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	# 230
	“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”	# 236
	“What Child Is This”	#219
New Testament and Gospel Lessons		The Rev. Barbara Lewis
	Luke 1:26-38; Luke 1:47-55	
Sermon		The Rev. Barbara Lewis
Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings		
	<i>“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:21</i>	
*Doxology		# 95
*Offertory Prayer		
*Hymn of Sending	“There's a Song in the Air”	# 249

*Benediction

*Choral Response

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain” (Refrain)

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Our Ministry of Prayer

John Duke, Roger Eckwright, Michelle Gibbs, Lori Lohr, Dixie Marquess,
 Rob Maxey, Jean Mowatt, Jackie Parker, Patty Prout, Roy Sheets,
 Gloria Slingerland, Dot Thomas, Susan Wachter

Weekly Notes and Reminders

- ✠ **Welcome** to members of our sister church, Laurel Park UMC for our **5th Sunday Combined Service**. There will be a pot luck luncheon in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the worship service.
 - ✠ Next Sunday, Jan. 7, is **Communion Sunday**. Our Communion offering will go to the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund. Don’t forget to bring food for the LAMB’s basket.
 - ✠ December is the month when **United Methodist Family Services (UMFS)** collect their annual offering to help foster children. You can designate your donation for them by writing “UMFS” on your check’s memo line.
 - ✠ Coming on Jan. 14: **Human Relations Day**. This special offering benefits neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services and work with at-risk teens through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program.
 - ✠ **United Methodist Day at the General Assembly**: Feb. 1. You can save \$10 on the registration fee if you register before Jan. 1 (tomorrow!). See the flyer in the narthex for more information or talk to Pastor Barbara.
 - ✠ The **2018 Flower Donation** Poster is now hanging in the back hall. Sign up for altar flowers in honor or, or memory of, someone. Flower arrangements are \$20; please have your payment in to the church office the week you reserve the flowers.
 - ✠ **Thank you** from the staff of **both churches** for the cards, gifts, and remembrances we have received.
 - ✠ **Food Donation Connection**: Wednesday, Jan. 3: Betty and Raymond Ritchie; Thursday, Jan. 4: Glenda and Steve Stalnaker; Friday, Jan. 5: Brenda and Harry Shuler.
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God’s Blessing on us all in the New Year!

Be Prepared!

Worship is more meaningful if we come prepared! These are the Bible readings for upcoming worship; you're invited to take a minute to review these verses during the week:

Jan. 7 Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Week of Jan. 1 Ministries and Meetings

Monday, Jan. 1 New Year's Day

Wednesday, Jan. 3 Ruth Circle Meets: 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 4 Choir Practice: 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 5 Donated Food Distribution: 6 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 6 Epiphany
Men's Breakfast: 8 a.m.

Sunday, Jan 7 Epiphany Sunday and Communion Sunday
Richmond District Training Event: 1:30 p.m.

Mark Your Calendars

Jan. 10 Willing Workers Circle Meets
Lay Leader Webinar

Feb. 1 UM Day at the Virginia General Assembly

Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday

Feb. 24 Chat & Chew with Bishop Lewis

March 10 5 Talent Academy

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