

Cranford United Methodist Church

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

11:00 AM

PRELUDE

TIME OF REFLECTION

WELCOME AND PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please take the opportunity to fill in the attendance pad distributed by the ushers. Thank You.

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

People: For in God's house we shall find hope and healing.

Leader: In God's house we shall find forgiveness and friendship.

People: May peace be within the walls of this house of God.

All: Come, let us sing our praises to God who loves and redeems us. AMEN.

****HYMN OF PRAISE** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* *UMH #196*

*BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader: Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again. Let us pray that we may always be ready to welcome him, that the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God's love, that the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin, that this wreath may constantly remind us to prepare for the coming of Christ, that the Christ season may fill us with peace and joy as we strive to follow the example of Jesus.

People: Loving God, your children joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, forever and ever. AMEN.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus.

People: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. AMEN.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verse 1)* *UMH #211*

***ACT OF PRAISE** *Psalm 122* *UMH #845*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostle's Creed* *UMH #881*

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SILENT PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 9:6-7

Pew Bible #600

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord.

Don Clapp

People: Thanks be to God.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*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.

SERMON

The Wonderful Counselor

Rev. Heewon Cho

****HYMN OF DEDICATION** *We've A Story to Tell to the Nations* *UMH #569*

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

**EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

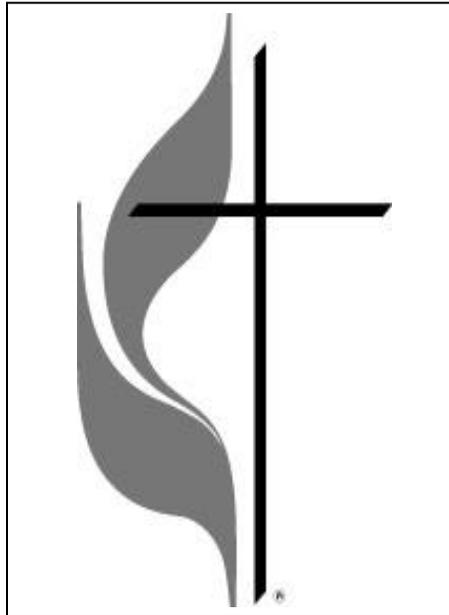
POSTLUDE

**Congregation please stand as you are able.*

**** If you or your child must get up during the service, please do so only during the hymns. Please do not get up during the affirmation of faith, prayer, scripture reading or the sermon out of respect for God's worship service.**

Ministers of Worship: Heewon Cho-Pastor; Linda Heller-Lay Leader
UMH #7 Laurie Koronowski-Director of Music; Pious Honny-Pianist/Organist

Sunday Mornings at Cranford
Celebration of Worship 11:00am
Sunday School 10:00am
Invite someone to share in the fellowship of Christ.



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HOPE

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Please Pray For

- *Laurie Koronowski – Continued healing for her ankle.*
- *Jeanne Clapp (Glaucoma)*
- *David late stages of MS (friend of Lisa Olson)*
- *Robert Heckert – Linda Heller’s brother is undergoing chemo again for bladder cancer.*
- *Barbara McDonald – She had a stroke and while she doesn’t have paralysis, she is dealing with speech difficulties.*

Our Homebound

Please reach out and call, send a card or even visit!

Peggy & Owen Johnson
8306 Dixon Street
Lorton, Virginia 22079

Bob Cummins
8350 Mountain Larkspur Dr. #224
Lorton, Virginia 22079

Marie Brantley
3238 N. 27th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19129

Dottie Gorman
6029 Chapman Road
Lorton, Virginia 22079

Ann Simms-Pearson
30 Kings Crest Drive
Stafford, Virginia 22554

Doris Benton
13100 Tazanari Way Apt.#101
Woodbridge, Virginia 22191

Alfredo (Papi) Ortiz
8307 Anderson Drive
Fairfax, Virginia 22031

Jeanne Pounds
6109 Gardenia Court
Alexandria, Virginia 22310

Barbara McDonald
8 Hampton Lake Drive #227
Bluffton, South Carolina 29910

WELCOME VISITORS! *We are delighted to have you here, whether you are visiting from out of town, are new to our area, or seeking a place for spiritual refreshment and enlightenment. We hope you enjoy your time with us and that you will come again often. Please fill out a visitor card located in the pew, as well as the black attendance book that will be coming around.*

- Our wreath making for the homebound is today!
- Please sign up for the Lighting of the Advent Wreath on the bulletin board outside Lewis Hall.
- You will notice our “Put A Sock in It” socks are on the communion rail. Our goal this year is to give \$400 of gift cards to LCAC for their clients. Please choose a sock and place in the offering plate with your donation of \$25.



Do you have any gently-used coats laying around that don't fit anymore? We can help with that! LCAC's Warm Coat Outreach will take place on **Sunday, December 4, 2022**. We are collecting clean, new or used coats, and new hats and gloves for all ages. On this day, please bring donations to the Lorton Community Center, 9520 Richmond Hwy, from 10am-12:30pm. Volunteers will sort coats based on gender and size. LCAC families and others in need from the community will come to the Lorton Community Center that afternoon to choose "new to them" coats for their whole family.

LCAC is especially in need of coats for size 10 youth through adult medium, fitting older elementary through high school. We also provide new hats and new gloves for folks to choose as well. The cold is upon us; time to get bundled up!



Wreaths for Our Homebound!

Please Join Us TODAY!

After church as we create wreaths for our homebound!

Linda Heller wreath maker extraordinaire will supply everything needed, along with her expertise! It is bound to be lots of fun! It is one small way that we can show our homebound that they are loved, missed, and thought of especially this time of year.



CHRISTMAS LOVE OFFERING 2022

It is the most wonderful time of the year! As we celebrate the Advent season, we can share the joy of the birth of our Messiah with one another and the love this special season offers, especially with those who have served Cranford so faithfully. As one way of showing our thanks and appreciation for all they do for us, the Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee (S/PPRC) is collecting a voluntary Christmas Love offering for our wonderful pastor and talented staff now through Wednesday, **December 14**. This is the congregation's Christmas gift to our pastor and staff who have served our church selflessly throughout the year to bring God's love and word to us.

If you would like to show your gratitude, please place your cash or check gift in the Love Offering envelope found in the bulletin or in a regular envelope with "Love Offering" written on it. If you are writing a check, please make it to payable to Ken Pack, S/PPRC Chairperson, and specify "Love Offering" on the memo line. You may designate the recipient of your gift by specifying the pastor or a staff member(s). Otherwise, your gift will be placed in a general fund and divided among the pastor and staff at the discretion of the S/PPRC Chairperson. Simply place your Love Offering in the collection plate, give it to Ken directly, or drop it off at the church no later than **December 14**. Collected gifts will be presented to Rev. Cho and staff at the December 18 church service.

Please give prayerful consideration to the tireless work and many fine contributions our pastor and staff routinely make to the Cranford community of faith. If you are moved and able to do so, consider blessing them as they have blessed us by making a voluntary gift to show your appreciation. We are fortunate and, indeed, blessed to have a terrific pastor and awesome staff serving our Cranford Church family. Merry Christmas and happy holidays!



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