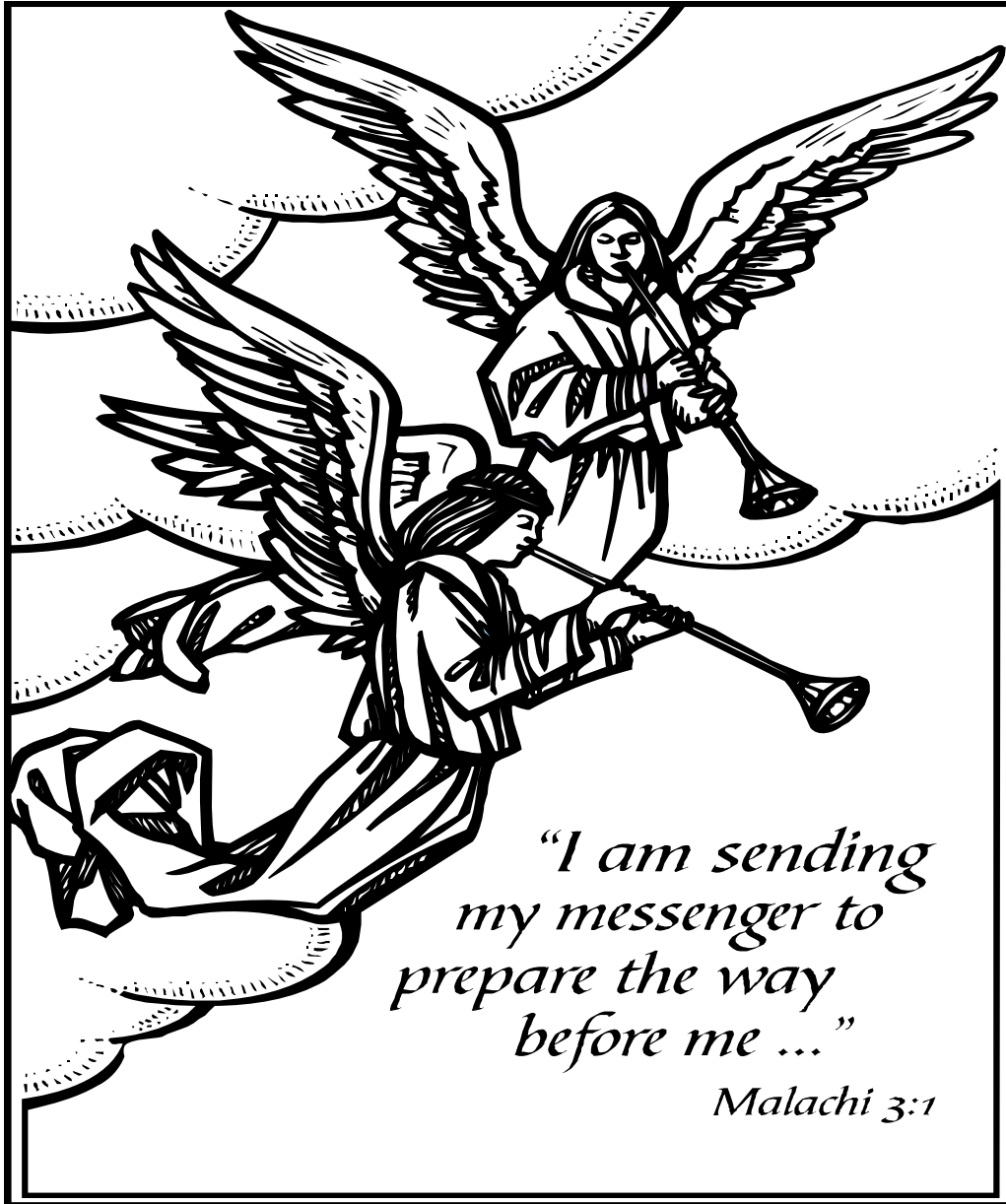


**Faxon-Kenmar
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Service of Worship

An Informal Time of Praise and Prayer

Welcome! We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us this morning.
Helping you grow in faith is our primary purpose.

Gathering Music	<i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear</i>	Willis/Rouse
Announcements and Celebrations		
Music for Meditation	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	Wade/Larson
* Opening Song	<i>Crown Him</i>	#38
Lighting the Advent Wreath		
Response	<i>Open Our Eyes</i>	(Hymn of the Month, insert in pew).
Scripture Lesson	Malachi 3: 1-7	(Pg 889 OT).
Songs of Praise	<i>Someone Special</i>	#200
	<i>Come to the Bread of Life</i>	#40
Silent Prayer ~ Spoken Prayer		
* Gospel Lesson	Luke 2: 25-38	(Pg. 59 NT).
Message	<i>The Gift Worth Waiting For</i>	
Gifts of Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	<i>The First Noel/The Holly & The Ivy</i>	Shackley
*Doxology	<i>As With Gladness Men of Old (to the tune of For the Beauty of the Earth)</i>	
	As they offered gifts most rare, at that manger rude and bare.	
	So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,	
	All our costliest treasures bring, Christ to Thee, our heavenly King. AMEN	
*Prayer of Dedication		
The Great Thanksgiving		#15-16 (red hymnal)
* The Lord's Prayer		
* Closing Song	<i>May the Feet of God Walk with You</i>	#156
* Friendship Circle		
* Prayer of Blessing		
* Greet Each Other		

Service of Worship

A Traditional Expression of Worshipping the Lord

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We Gather to Worship

Lighting the Altar Candles		
Gathering Music	1. <i>In Dulci Jubilo</i> Young	
	2. <i>The Promised Savior</i> Southbridge	3. <i>Lift Up Your Heads</i> Williams/Paxton
Greeting Each Other		
Announcements and Celebrations		
Meditation	<i>Canticle of Zechariah (for your own meditation use)</i>	#208
Music for Meditation	<i>Hark the Herald Angels Sing</i>	Mendelsson/Bach
	Shirley Woodruff & David Koskey, piano/organ duet	

***Call to Worship** (based on Luke 10:2)

L: It is God who has commanded the light to shine out of the darkness.

P: It is God the Creator who brought the light of the gospel to shine in our hearts.

L: The light of the gospel has given us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

P: The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.

*** Hymn** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* **#196**

(During this Hymn the Ushers will collect the prayer requests and give them to the Prayer Team Leader)

***Morning Prayer** (Unison)

God of grace and glory, you have set before us the great hope that your Kingdom shall come on earth. By your Holy Spirit teach us to prepare for its coming and by the same Spirit makes ready to praise with thanksgiving for the signs of your Kingdom having come like dawn to the night of our life. Now grant that we will wait and work with patient hope for that perfect day of the Lord's coming, and when Christ appears may we not be ashamed to stand before him. Amen.

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Response *Open Our Eyes* (Hymn of the Month, insert in pew).

We Pray and Hear God's Word

Scripture Lesson Malachi 3: 1-7 (Pg 889 OT).

Anthem *A Celtic Noel* - Barrett Inspirational Singers

A Time with the Children (Afterwards, children may attend Little Church)

***Gospel Lesson** Luke 2: 25-38 (Pg. 59 NT).

L: This is the Word of the Lord. The word has been made flesh and dwelt among us.

P: Thanks be to God

Message *The Gift Worth Waiting For*

Music for Inspiration *Let the Savior In* Excell/Weston

(During the music you are invited to come to the communion rail to pray)

Silent Prayer ~ Spoken Prayer

Prayer of Confession

We Come to the Table, We Go to Serve and Witness

Giving Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory *Coventry Carol* Smith

*Doxology *As With Gladness Men of Old*

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So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,

All our costliest treasures bring, Christ to Thee, our heavenly King. AMEN

*Prayer of Dedication

The Great Thanksgiving **# 15-16**

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

***Closing Hymn** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* **#213**

***Benediction**

***Music for Greeting Each Other in Peace & Love** *Rejoice, Rejoice Believers* Mansfield

***Please stand as you are able**

Greetings and welcome to all! Families, friends, visitors are welcomed in the name of Christ. Let us rejoice with hearts and voices and spirits as we worship God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Friend.

Joys, Concerns and Notices of our Church Family

◆ My dear family and I would like to thank all of the wonderful members for your many cards, phone calls, delicious food, prayers, and most of all for caring. The memorial service was beautiful. How fortunate we are to have such a kind and thoughtful minister. Our church is known for its friendliness ~ how true. With thanks to all, Millie Durrwachter and Family

◆ Poinsettia orders are due Today. There are order forms back by the ushers. Thank you.

◆ We start the parade of pianists today, we thank Shirley Woodruff for playing today!

- ◆ If you owe any money for nuts, we need to send the bill in, please pay Jack Seely ASAP, thank you! We have a few bags left in the Narthex, go see what you can do to buy them up!
- ◆ Pastor Dave is having a Bible Study on Tuesdays at 1pm in the Board Room in Becht Center. Everyone who is able is welcome to join him.
- ◆ 2010 Calendars are on the table in the narthex, they are provided by Kaufman Funeral Home. Be sure to thank Scott Kaufman!
- ◆ The Williamsport Music Club invites you to their annual Christmas Music by Candle Light service on Today at 4pm at First United Methodist Church.
- ◆ Sights, Sounds and Songs of the Season: Ann Kaufman, Scott's daughter, has organized a night of Christmas Music with over eight different musical ensembles performing including your very own Joyful Ringers, on Dec. 19th at 7pm in the Sanctuary. It looks to be a wonderful evening, please come, bring your neighbors, admission is free but they will be collecting items to send to service people or money to help with shipment.
- ◆ Our Christmas Cantata, "Comfort and Joy", will be performed on Sunday, Dec. 20th, at the 10:15 am service. Invite your family, friends, neighbors, and others to join you in worship that day as the story of the Christ Child comes alive in a very upbeat cantata.
- ◆ This Month's Food Drive –any kind of non-perishable food. Thank you for all of the food you have provided this year to those less fortunate.
- ◆ Thrift Store News: Toys, toys, toys! We are so low on this item! If you have friends or relatives that are getting rid of outgrown toys, consider asking them to donate to the store. Please make sure the toys do not have any broken parts and are complete. Also ongoing collection of box tops for education (make sure they do not have expired dates). We recently added \$50 to our account from the auction of these!

This Week at Faxon-Kenmar UMC

TODAY	8:00 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship
	11:30am	The King's Kids
	Noon	Teen Celebration
Monday		
Tuesday	1:00 pm	Bible Study/BR
	5:00pm	Karate/mpr
	6:30pm	Hospitality/SSR
Wednesday	9:00 am	Thrift Store Work Day
	6:00pm	Youth/Sycamore Manor/Bingo
	7:00pm	Trustees/BR
Thursday	1:00pm	Grief Support/Narthex
	6:00pm	Joyful Ringers
	6:45pm	Inspirational Singers
	7:15pm	Cantata
Friday	9:00 am-4:00 pm	Thrift Store Open
Saturday	9:00 am-12:30 pm	Thrift Store Open
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship
	11:30am	The King's Kids
	11:45am	Teen Celebration
	1:30-3:30pm	Cantata Dress Rehearsal

<u>Stewardship Report from Last Week</u> (11/29/09)	
Given for Current Expense	\$ 3,491
Total Amount of Bills paid last week	\$ 4,009
Balance available for Current Expense	\$ 2,373
Outstanding Unpaid Obligations Due	\$ 22,550
(includes shares of ministry)	
<u>Given for Designated Needs</u>	
Missions	\$ 225
Sanitation Fund (total needed)	\$ 5,500
(received to date)	3,365
Still need	\$ <u>2,135</u>
Given for Capital Funds	\$ 320
Memorial Gifts	\$ 100
Balance of Capital Funds	\$ 33,041.68
Balance of Loan	\$854,576.55

Key: BR-Becht Bd Rm; MPR-Becht Multi Purpose Rm ; SH-Stiner Hall; SSR-Upper Sunday School Room

Helping Us inWorshipToday

8:00 a.m. Service

Usher: John Lauchle

Our Staff

Director of Music Ministries: David Koskey

Custodians: Connie Hamilton, Chris Lauchle

Office Manager: Liz Broshkevitch

10:15 am Service

Ushers: (Captain) Scott Kaufman, Bob Bowers,

Tom Griffiths, Bruce Huffman, Joe Hunt

Greeters: Bill & Ruth Correll

Acolyte: Danielle Rice

Media Team: Bruce Huffman, Dwayne Rummings,
Scott Schramm

Pastor: Rev. David Brinker

Ministers and Servants of the Lord: All Members of the Congregation