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<p><i>The Mission of Choptank United Methodist Charge is to worship, welcome, nurture, and serve in the name of Jesus.</i></p>		
<p>Spedden UMC 881 Hudson Road Cambridge, MD 21613 Worship: 8:45 am Mailing Address for All:</p>	<p>Antioch UMC 1742 Town Point Road Cambridge, MD 21613 Worship: 10:00 am 204 Johnson Street</p>	<p>Beckwith UMC 1328 Hudson Road Cambridge, MD 21613 Worship: 11:15 am Cambridge, MD 21613</p>



First Sunday of
Advent
 December 1, 2024



**Choptank
 Charge**

JOURNEYING WITH JESUS THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF LUKE: SEASONS OF ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, AND EPIPHANY

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TO GATHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

The night is far gone.

The day is near.

And so we wait.

We wait with hope,

for the brokenhearted to be healed,

for the downtrodden to be lifted up.

We wait for the coming of the Christ child.

In this meantime,

We will sing into the silence.

We will light a candle against the darkness.

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: HOPE

READER: From deep in the past ...receive their fulfillment.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: **While fear, anxiety, misinformation, and suspicion surround us on every side, we choose to watch and wait in hope, preparing our hearts to notice and cooperate with God's grace already at work in our midst.**

READER: We light this candle of hope ...mercy will reign.

LIGHT THE PURPLE CANDLE OF HOPE.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," vs 1 (UMH #211)

***PRAY: (After hearing requests, offer silent prayer for those on our list and in your heart.)

Advent God, we journey with you ,to Bethlehem's stable and a new-born King, ears attuned to the song of angels, eyes alert for Bethlehem's star. Forgive us if on our journey we are distracted by the tempting offers of this world. Keep our hearts aflame with the hope of Christmas, and the promise of a Savior. Amen

SING A HYMN: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (UMH #196) (CCLI 20203297)

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

2. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

READ SCRIPTURE: Luke 21:25-36

SING A HYMN: {Church Choice— 1st and last verse)

READ OR LISTEN: The Coming of the Son of Man (See Insert) Pastor Nan

HOLY COMMUNION: Christ is Coming..... (See Insert) Pastor Nan

******OFFERING PRAYER...PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS...DOXOLOGY (#95)**

Holy One, this Advent season we wait in hope. and we give in hope. Hope for your coming reign; hope because of your presence with us even now. Receive these generous offerings, and use them for your work of healing . Amen.

INSTRUMENTAL OR VOCAL MUSIC

*******BENEDICTION:** (Please remain quietly in your pew until the candles are extinguished.)

Be people of hope. Let hope live in your heart and share the hope of Christ with all you meet.

Share hope by noticing someone else's humanity. Share hope by listening to someone's story.

Share hope by praying for our world. In this Advent season, we need to see, feel, and share hope.

As you go out into the wonder of God's creations, share hope with those you meet. **Amen.**

REFLECT AT HOME ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

How are you preparing for the coming of the Lord?

OFFER YOURSELF DURING THE WEEK:

What can you do to make someone else's Christmas more meaningful?

Thanks for your continuing support. Your help is needed to keep our bills paid in full and on time.

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To start a prayer chain, please call one of the following:

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*<https://spaciousfaith.com/2013/11/26/worship-piece-advent-1-call-and-candle-lighting/>

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