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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</p>	<p>Antioch UMC 1742 Town Point Road Cambridge, MD 21613 Worship: 10:00 am</p>	<p>Beckwith UMC 1328 Hudson Road Cambridge, MD 21613 Worship: 11:15 am</p>
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**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:

All creation holds its breath.

The time is almost here.

The heavenly choir of angels waits for its cue to sing.

Excitement is all around us.

Prepare your hearts—The grace of God takes on human form.

Good news! Emmanuel, God-with-Us, comes to us! Let us rejoice and be glad!

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH:

RELIGHT PURPLE CANDLES OF HOPE AND PEACE AND PINK CANDLE OF JOY.

READER: When the people were looking ...calling forth from us?

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: **God invites us to receive the promise of God's salvation and the sustenance of God's mercy and grace, enabling us to live the promise as God-bearers to the world. As Christ was born in Bethlehem, so too we answer God's invitation to have Christ born among us today and every day.**

READER: We light this candle of joy ...God's salvation together.

LIGHT THE PURPLE CANDLE OF LOVE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," vs 4 (UMH #211)

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

Merciful and Patient God, how we must try your patience. We rush through the seasons of our lives as though we had a mighty schedule to keep. We plot out our days, minute by minute, crowding each moment with tasks, stresses and pressures. And we begin to notice the growing darkness and anxiety in our lives. We proclaim boldly each year that we will not let ourselves get so caught up in the commercial pressures and demands and yet, here we are, back in the same old trap of "not enough time; not enough energy". The very plans we weave become bonds that imprison us.

Help us bind ourselves to you, loving God. Help us slow down and reflect on the many ways in which you bless us. Let us drink deeply of your peace. Remind us again of the most precious gift of all, the gift of loving relationship between you and your Creation. May we cherish the people and the peaceful moments you offer to us. As we have lifted before you our joys and concerns, so lift our spirits to remember that you are always with us, offering your healing touch and your compassionate care. Help us to place our trust in you, for we ask it the name of the one who taught us to pray, "Our Father..."

SING A HYMN: (Church Choice)

READ SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:39-55

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READ OR LISTEN: Mary Visits Elizabeth Pastor Nan

RECITE THE APOSTLES' CREED: (UMH #881) Pastor Nan

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

Holy One, this Advent season we wait with love, And we give with love. Love for you, our God; love for your beautiful people. Receive these generous offerings, and use them for your works of love in our world. Amen.

INSTRUMENTAL OR VOCAL MUSIC

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

Be people of love. Let love live in your heart and share the love of Christ with all you meet. Share love by loving those you see regularly. Start by loving your community. Share love by loving those you do not know. As you go out into the wonder of God's creations, share love, joy, peace, and hope with all those you meet. **Amen.**

REFLECT AT HOME ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

Imagine yourself as Mary. You've heard Elizabeth's joyous words of greeting. How would you respond?

OFFER YOURSELF DURING THE WEEK:

Do whatever you can to help a family that is struggling with financial issues or some other crisis. Let them know that you are taking action because you are Jesus' disciple.

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

Please mail your check to your financial secretary, OR place your gift in the plate.

Antioch: Becky Wilson 5215 Wilson Road Cambridge 21613

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Spedden: Mary Benjamin 779 Cook Point Road Cambridge 21613

You may wish to make a missions gift through your church to any of these organizations:

UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery— Advance 982450 (includes Ukraine)

UMCOR US Disaster Response and Recovery—Advance 901670

MidShore Meals til Monday PO Box 1193 Cambridge, MD 21613

Everstand (United Methodist Board of Child Care) 27993 Substation Road, Denton, MD 21629

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

- Pastor Nan—443-225-6720—Spedden
- Susan Long:— 410-228-5586—Beckwith
- Shelly Willey—410-330-0209—Antioch

*<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/11/advent-call-to-worship-almost-here.html>

**<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/come-let-us-adore-him-advent-candle-lighting-liturgy-2024>

***<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/1856/worship-connection-november-29-2020>

****<https://spaciousfaith.com/2017/12/01/offertory-prayers-for-advent/>

*****<https://www.liturgylink.net/2015/11/23/benedictions-for-advent/>