



*We are called by Jesus Christ
to worship, make disciples, and serve.*

February 8, 2026 Traditional 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome

Rev. Carol L. Pazdersky

Centering our Hearts on God (Matthew 5:13a)

What does it mean to *you* when Jesus says, “You are the salt of the earth?”

Prelude

Gary Lushbaugh – Music Director

*Call to Worship

Rita Talley

Come, worship the Lord!

I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

Enter God’s house with thanksgiving and praise.

**For the Lord is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever. God’s
faithfulness continues to all generations.**

*Hymn of Praise

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

UMH 101

Prayer of Honesty and Hope

Lord, you know the truth. **We may be able to hide from others. We may be able to hide from ourselves. We cannot hide from you. Give us courage to examine our lives with your eyes. Reveal to us the ways in which we have failed to live as your obedient people. (All confess in silence.) Forgive us, Lord. Make us into your salt for the world and your light for the city.**

Our honesty before God gives us hope. As we repent of sin and determine to walk in right paths, God welcomes us again. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Glory be to God for the Good News!

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail.

Anthem

"Down to the River to Pray"
Chancel Choir

arr. M. McDonald

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 5:13-20

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Message

*Hymn of Response

“Bring Forth the Kingdom”

TFWS 2190

Offering our Best to God

Offertory

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 95

*Prayer of Dedication

Let us pray: **Lord, we humbly offer the best we have in time, talent, and treasure. May all that we give glorify you and make a difference in the lives of your children. Turn our gifts into meals for the hungry, beds for the unhoused, healing to the broken, and help for the hurting. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Sharing our Lives

Frank Long

“I know that when I pray, something wonderful happens. Not just to the person or persons for whom I’m praying, but also something wonderful happens to me. I’m grateful that I’m heard.” — Maya Angelou

Community Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

UMH 895

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.

Sung Amen

“Amen, Amen”

Traditional

*Hymn of Confidence

“Lift Every Voice and Sing” +

UMH 519

*Blessing

Postlude

Also serving the community in worship:

Ushers – Ed & Gail Mathus

Acolytes – Josh Klemm & Ella Burgess

Tech Support – Jacob Smith (XP), Winston Bain & Hannah Warren (11:00), Cheryl Kempler (ZOOM)

Counting Team – Cheryl Kempler, Joyce Kraft, Anita Obinger

Children’s Sunday School Facilitator – Karen Warren

Adult Studies Facilitator – Sue Garrison



+ The history of “Lift Every Voice and Sing,”

by James Weldon Johnson:

A group of young men in Jacksonville, Florida, arranged to celebrate Lincoln’s birthday in 1900. My brother, J. Rosamond Johnson, and I decided to write a song to be sung at the exercises. I wrote the words and he wrote the music. Our New York publisher, Edward B. Marks, made mimeographed copies for us, and the song was taught to and sung by a chorus of five hundred colored schoolchildren.

Shortly afterwards my brother and I moved away from Jacksonville to New York, and the song passed out of our minds. But the school children of Jacksonville kept singing it; they went off to other schools and sang it; they became teachers and taught it to other children. Within twenty years it was being sung over the South and in some other parts of the country.

Today the song, popularly known as the Negro National Hymn, is quite generally used. The lines of this song repay me in an elation, almost of exquisite anguish, whenever I hear them sung by Negro children.



Known Prayer Concerns Within The Congregation

<i>Insiders</i>	<i>Special Concerns</i>	<i>Recently Bereaved</i>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Shirley Curtain Dottie DeCarlo Helen Fringo Robert Lentz Jackie Potter Mary Foster Betty Conrad Florence Littleton</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Marvin Gyr Edna Halcott Cheryl Welsh Sue Wallace Gary Lushbaugh</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Lentz Family upon the death of Mary Lynn Lentz.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Whitson Family upon the death of Dave Whitson.</i></p>

We want to know about the gift of your presence with us today. Please take a moment to sign the friendship pad found in each pew.

Visiting today? We are so happy that you chose to worship with us. If you have any questions about our missions, ministries, or outreach opportunities, any of our members would be glad to answer them! If you did not receive a Welcome Packet when you came in, please ask for one as you leave today to learn more about our church.

Interested in membership? If the Spirit is moving you to make a commitment to Camp Chapel with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness, please contact the church office: 410-256-5561 or office@campchapel.org.



PILLOW MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Our Pillow Ministry is looking for volunteers to help sew heart-shaped & rectangular pillows from home, on your own schedule. We are also seeking a volunteer to deliver pillows to Union Memorial Hospital during **March & April**. Deliveries take place the **first week of each month**, and pillows can be dropped off to you at your home, church, or another convenient location. *Thank you for considering this caring ministry!*

If you're interested or have questions, please contact:

Joyce Williams – 410-218-5690 | joyce.a.williams0125@gmail.com

Debbie Kalendek – 410-746-9731 | djkalendek@gmail.com

**LAST DAY TO DONATE FOR
"SOUPER BOWL OF CARING"**



The Perry Hall Community Food Pantry continues to distribute food on a weekly basis to local families in need. The Pantry food inventory & Camp Chapel UMC's food pantry funds are running out. Monetary donations and food items (see list below) are welcome and appreciated at any time. **February 8th** is the last day for this particular collection event. Item list is below or a monetary donation in any amount by cash or check. The collection area is in front of the sanctuary. Donations may also be brought into the church office Monday through Thursday. Monetary donations and food items *are welcome* and appreciated at any time on an ongoing basis.



FOOD ITEMS REQUESTED:

- Saltine crackers
- Canned pasta (ravioli, spaghetti, etc)
- Peanut butter
- Diced tomatoes
- Canned beef chili with beans
- Canned black beans or kidney beans
- Canned vegetables (carrots, potatoes, mixed)

Thank you for supporting this important ministry. ~Mike & Pat Ryan

REMINDER - CIRCLE OF SISTERS – SCHEDULE CHANGE:

Effective February 3rd, 2026, *Circle of Sisters* will meet on the
1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 PM.

On occasion, this may overlap with Trustees or Windsor meetings; advance notice will be given ahead of time to accommodate all groups.

CORRECTION TO FEBRUARY'S ACORN

ASH WEDNESDAY IS ON FEBRUARY 18TH (not March 5th)

BACH'S ST. MATTHEW PASSION
Cathedral of Mary Our Queen

Friday, March 27 | 7:00 PM

Join us for a powerful Lenten performance of Bach's *St. Matthew Passion*, led by Basilica Music Director Samuel Rowe. This special collaboration brings together musicians from the Basilica Schola Cantorum, Three Notch'd Road Baroque Ensemble, and Catholic University's Women's Choir in the stunning Cathedral of Mary Our Queen.



Experience one of sacred music's greatest masterpieces in an unforgettable evening of beauty, drama, and reflection. **Tickets are limited!!** <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/st-matthew-passion-at-cathedral-of-mary-our-queen>.

Contact Frank Long for additional details. frank.h.long88@gmail.com or 443-463-7929.

36TH ANNUAL TALENT AUCTION



Saturday, March 7
4:30 - 7:30 pm
Dinner 4:30 – 5:30, \$5/person
The Auction Begins at 5:30 pm



Suggested Donations Include:

Car Detailing
Gift Baskets
Homemade Crafts
Rides to/from

Sporting Event Tickets
Computer/Tech Support
Baked Goods
Dinner & Movie

House Cleaning
Lawn Care
Homemade Food Items

Only new/unused items accepted. This is NOT a white elephant event nor an opportunity to clean house and get rid of used items.

Donations Deadline: Sunday, February 22. Register donations online at campchapel.org/event/36th-annual-talent-auction/ or scan the QR code ►



The auction is always a fun evening of fellowship. All church members and their guests are invited, and we'd love to see new faces!

Contact Elizabeth McDonold at 301-704-0893 or
elizabeth.mcdonold@gmail.com for additional information



Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday March 28, 10 am - 12 pm



This is a free event for children and families, including crafts, games, prizes, and, of course, the Easter Egg Hunt.

Register online at

<https://campchapel.org/event/easter-egg-hunt/>

Or scan the QR code ►



Easter Candy and Donations Needed

Donations of individually wrapped candy, stickers, toys, (small enough to fit in eggs) are welcome as well as drinks and snacks. Please leave all donations in the box inside the side entrance to the church, and thank you.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help fill eggs, hide the eggs, manage crafts, serve the food, etc. If you can help, please contact **Kellie Smith, 443-691-2677** or kellie.smith99@gmail.com

THIS WEEK AT CCUMC

Sunday 2/8	Monday 2/9	Tuesday 2/10	Wednesday 2/11	Thursday 2/12	Friday 2/13	Saturday 2/14	Sunday 2/15
9:15a Sunday Hospitality	11:00a Bible study						9:15a Sunday Hospitality
9:30a Sunday School	7:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal	7p Finance (zoom)		730p Chancel Choir Rehearsal			9:30a Sunday School
9:30a Bible Study							9:30a Bible Study



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