

**Ezion-Mount Carmel United Methodist Church**  
800 North Walnut Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801

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*“Called by God, with prayer as our foundation, to be a link to the whole community, we are strengthening the spiritual life of the congregation and community through ministries of nurture; outreach and witness so all people may experience God’s grace and love.”*



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019**  
**10:00AM**

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

INTROIT

\*PROCESSIONAL

WORSHIP LEADER.....

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Unison) This is the fourth Sunday of Advent, a time to rejoice in the wondrous things that God is doing. Our hearts are filled with the love of God for the hope that is coming into the world. Come let us worship in love. Amen

INVOCATION .....

\*OPENING HYMN ..... “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” ..... UMH 211

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP.....Mrs. Carolyn Smalls

WELCOMING OF VISITORS/EXCHANGE SIGNS OF PEACE.....Rev. Dr. Shirlyn Brown

MINISTRY IN SONG.....Male Chorus

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE.....College Students

YOUNG DISCIPLES MOMENT.....Ms. Sandra Hawkes

PASTORAL PRAYER .....Rev. Dr. Shirlyn H. Brown

CHANT OF PRAISE..... “Shine On Me, Refrain” .....Songs of Zion 227

\*SCRIPTURE .....Matthew 1:18-25

SONG OF PREPARATION.....Male Chorus

MESSAGE OF HOPE .....Rev. Dr. Shirlyn Brown

\*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP.....Rev. Dr. Shirlyn Brown

GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS.....Instruments of Praise.....Ushers

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN .....“The First Noel” .....UMH 245

BENEDICTION

\*Please Stand if Able.

The Worship Team would like to thank everyone who participated in today’s worship service.

## **MIRACLES ARE HAPPENING HERE!**

Wi-Fi Ezion Guest: (emcumc2013)

### **NEW CHRISTMAS TRADITION**

***Beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>,  
Read one chapter of  
The Book of Luke in the Bible  
each evening.  
There are 24 chapters.  
On Christmas Eve you will have read  
an entire account of Jesus’s Life  
and wake up Christmas Morning  
Knowing WHO and WHY  
We Celebrate!!***

***Grace Abounds! Pastor B***

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Monday, December 23, 2019  | Thursday, December 26 2019  |
| 2:30P Intercessory Prayer (C)<br>6:30P Urban Promise 5/6<br>7:00P Ushers Sch. (FH/K) | CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED        |
| Tuesday, December 24, 2019   | Friday, December 27, 2019   |
| <b>12Noon – Christmas Eve Service (S)</b><br><br>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSSES AT 3:00 PM    | CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED        |
| Wednesday, December 25, 2019   | Saturday, December 28, 2019 |
| <b>Christmas Day</b><br>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED   |                             |

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHURCH-WIDE SCRIPTURE AND THEME FOR 2019:

**SCRIPTURE:** Luke 5:37 **THEME:** New Wine to New Skins!! A renewed heart..

***Reminder:*** We will host a Christmas Eve Worship Service at 12 noon, Tuesday, December 24, 2019. It will be for one hour, with Holy Communion by intinction.

***Blessings, Rev. Dr. Brown***

**Reminder :** Birthday Party for Jesus, immediately following the worship today in the Fellowship Hall.

**Attention Church:** We are excited about Ezion-Mount Carmel UMC Greeters Ministry! Please contact Charlie and Wanda Bankhead if you are interested in being a Greeter at (484-568-3929) by January 5, 2020. Join us in the New Year -All are welcome! Thank you, Greeters Coordinators.

**Special Notice:** Church Family the Tuesday Bible Study Classes will resume on January 7, 2020. Enjoy the Holiday Season and remember is the basis for daily living.

***Remember:*** New Christmas Tradition: Reading the one chapter of The Book of Luke each evening. On Christmas Eve you would have the entire account of Jesus's Life. There is still time to "catch up."

**Flowers on the pulpit** – Are in honor of Bill and Minnie Bazzelle's 51<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary, December 29<sup>th</sup> and their birthdays. We love you for the exemplary example you have set for us. The Bazzelle Children and Grandchildren. Be Blessed!

**Flowers** – If you would like to purchase flowers for the altar in celebration of a birthday, anniversary, in memory or in honor of a special someone. Please pick up a form in the bin outside the main office, complete it and turn the form into the Main Office. The cost per vase is \$15. Thank you, Sister Hilda Morris, Flower Committee

**Hear Ye! Hear Ye! - CHURCH FAMILY! THE OFFICE WILL CLOSE AT 3 O'CLOCK ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> ... CHRISTMAS EVE. ALL MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 2P.M. ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, THAT IS TOMORROW IN ORDER TO BE PLACED IN THE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> BULLETIN. THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON DECEMBER 25, 26 & 27, 2019 . Respectfully Submitted, Office and Bulletin Preparation Staff.**

**SERMON NOTES:**

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**FIRST AID MONITORS FOR TODAY:**

**Pearl Livingston**  
**Gwen Pierce**  
**Andrea Wise**

**Ezion-Mount Carmel Sick and Homebound**

Tina Bembry  
Arthur Boswell  
Marion Brister  
Frances Bates  
James Carter  
Jessie Carter  
Ethel Chancey  
Nellie Childs  
Mary Cornish  
Pamela Douglas  
Howard Gibson

Pearl Gore  
Eddie Mae Griffin  
Ruth Grimes  
Charlotte Johnson  
Myrtle Lewis  
Delmas (Ravon) Marshall  
Betty Mitchell  
Mary Mitchell  
Douglas Perkins  
Dorothy Roberts  
Estella White  
Darlene Webb

Ceanne Sewell  
Delores Smith  
Elizabeth Starkey  
Ethel Taliaferro  
Eunice Thomas  
Dorothy Watson  
Naomi Whittington  
Patricia Wilson  
Mildred Wright Jones  
Sharon Wright  
Betty Webb