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# Vale United Methodist Church

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## THE MANGER: A PLACE OF CARE (CHRISTMAS)

### **“The Manger: A Place of Care”**

December 24, 2024

11528 Vale Road • Oakton, Virginia 22124

[www.ValeChurch.org](http://www.ValeChurch.org)

In Person Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Virtual Worship at 8:30 a.m.

[Facebook.com/groups/valechurch](https://www.facebook.com/groups/valechurch)



**United in faith, we seek to...**

*Align our lives with the way of Jesus Christ.*

*Invite others to journey with us.*

*Move beyond our walls to create a more just and loving world.*

**GATHERING**

*We gather as the people of God to be formed by God's grace.*

**Prelude**

**“A New Noel”**

Vale Chancel Choir

**Welcome**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

One: The journey of life requires the light of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love shining out into the world.

Many: On our way to Bethlehem, we search for the star that lights the path.

One: The road can be difficult, and the search for home can be elusive.

Many: We are a people who look for Good News for all people.

One: There are milestones—signs and markers—that can guide us to a better day.

Many: God's light goes before us, we are not alone.

**Hymn “Advent Candlelight Carol”**

**Opening Prayer**

**The Peace**

*From your seat, please offer your neighbors the peace of Jesus Christ.*

*The lay reader will call out “Peace be with you!”*

*Please respond with, “And also with you!”*

**Hymn “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”      UMH 240**

**PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE**

*We hear God’s word proclaimed. We act in response.*

**Gospel Reading**

**Luke 2:1-20**

*The reading will end with “A word of God that is still speaking.”*

*Please respond with “Thanks be to God.”*

**Anthem**

**“Comfort and Joy”**

Vale Chancel Choir

**Sermon “The Manger: A Place of Care”**

**Rev. Jeff Haugh**

**Hymn “O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

**UMH 230**

**Call for Joys and Concerns**

**Call to Prayer**

**UMH 204**

**“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”**

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
His name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us,  
His name is called Emmanuel.*

## Prayers of the People

You may send prayer requests to [PrayerRequests@ValeChurch.org](mailto:PrayerRequests@ValeChurch.org).

After each petition, there will be a moment of silence closed by

*“Lord, in your mercy,” Please respond with,*

*“Hear our prayer.”*

## The Lord’s Prayer

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.

## God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

### Anthem

**“Joy to the World”**

Chancel Choir

### \*Doxology

*To the tune of “Away in a Manger”*

*Praise God for these gifts that we offer today*

*And bless them for good in the world, we pray.*

*Praise Jesus, the Christ-Child, our Hope and our Stay,*

*The Spirit, our Keeper, our Guide on the Way. Amen.*

## Blessing of the Offerings

## **\*Spreading the Light**

*We pass the light of the Christ Candle. Please hold lit candles upright to avoid spilling wax, while unlit ones are tilted to meet them.*

## **Hymn “Silent Night”**

**UMH 239**

### **SENDING FORTH**

*Transformed by God’s presence, we go into the world to serve.*

## **\* Blessing and Charge**

## **\* Postlude**

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*\*Please stand in spirit or in posture.*

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal (Blue)

TFWS - The Faith We Sing (Black)

W&S - Worship and Song (Green)

Lay Reader:

9:00                      Bob Lacy

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# ADVENT CANDLELIGHT CAROL

Verses 4

Choir and Congregation

Ad - vent can - dle burn - ing bright through the night, shine your  
light of love tell - ing peo - ple ev - 'ry - where: soon the Sav-ior  
comes, soon He will be here! Peo - ple gath - er and pre -  
pare in the night with the light, light of Christ!

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This Week at Vale: Dec 22 – 29, 2024

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Wed, Dec 25

Merry Christmas!

Sun, Dec 29

10:00 am Pajamas and Stories Service (In-Person)

*The church office will be closed Mon, Dec 23  
through Thurs, Jan 2*

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