



Kernstown United Methodist Church, Winchester VA
Rev. Gary Heaton

Grace United Methodist Church, Middletown VA
Rev. Mary Lock

December 13, 2023
Service Noon
Lunch 12:30 pm

Greeting

JJ Gibbs

*Call to Worship

Rev. Gary Heaton

Our souls magnify the Lord, and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

God has looked with favor on the lowliness of God's servant.

God's mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

God has shown strength with God's arm.

God has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

God has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted the lowly;

God has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

Come, for God is doing a new thing! Come, let us worship God!

*Hymn

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

UMH 234

Old Testament Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

Prayers of the People

Rev. Gary Heaton

Prayer of Confession

O Holy God of Promise, we so often place our trust in the things we can see, and touch, and easily believe. But you did not ask us to believe what is easy, you have asked us to believe what is true! Forgive us, Holy One, when we doubt the ways you work. Forgive us when we find it hard to believe an ancient story. Forgive us, we question how you chose to enter the world, born as one of us. Forgive our lack of faith and belief in ways which seem so impossible to believe. Help us to look in faith, open our belief, and set aside our doubts that you sent your Son, born of a virgin –the one who has come to set us all free. We offer these prayers in the name of your Son, Emmanuel, God with us. Amen.

Special Music

Christmas Offering by Paul Baloche

Homily

Rev. Mary Lock

*Hymn

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

UMH 221

*Benediction

Rev. Mary Lock

Please join us for a light lunch in the fellowship hall. If you need to leave early please feel free to jump to the front of the line

Advent Lunchtime Worship Services