

Welcome to Otterbein United Methodist Church

December 28, 2025

10:30 am

First Sunday after Christmas Day

*Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.*

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

We Gather to Worship the Lord

Welcome

Prelude

Ave Verum Corpus
Jim Dye, organ

Mozart

***Greeting**

L: We gather to worship the Word made flesh, who fled from the wrath of human powers into Egypt.

P: The God we worship was a refugee.

L: We remember the children, from the time of Christ to today, caught in the cross-fires of fear and greed.

P: The God we worship was a refugee.

L: We gather to dream and build a better world where all children grow up, all exiles return home.

P: The God we worship was a refugee.

***Opening Prayer**

*Opening Hymn

Away in a Manger

No. 217, UMH

Children's Time in Worship

Vicki Gaines

We Proclaim the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Anthem	<i>Advent Noel</i>	arr. Page, Shafferman Micah Blagg, marimba
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*Gospel Lesson	John 1:1-14	(NT, pg. 91)
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Sermon	“GOD WITH US”	Rev. Adam Blagg
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Announcements

We Give Our Thanks

Invitation, Confession, Pardon, & Peace	No. 12, UMH
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*Hymn	<i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice</i>	No. 224, UMH
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*Doxology	No. 95, UMH
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Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of Holy Communion	No. 13, UMH
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Pastoral Prayer

We Go Forth Renewed

*Closing Hymn	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>	No. 89, UMH
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Benediction

*Postlude	<i>Carol of the Bells</i>	arr. Astralius
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This Week's Opportunities

Sunday, December 28

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

Monday, December 29

4:30 pm Soup Kitchen

No Clothes Closet

Tuesday, December 30

Wednesday, December 31

Office Closed—New Year's Eve

Thursday, January 1

Office Closed—Happy New Year!

Friday, January 2

Saturday, January 3

Sunday, January 4

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship



Otterbein in Prayer

David Angier

Rosalie Bailey

Gary Billingsley

Marilyn Blagg

Whitney Bradley

Millie Bruce

Earl Cannon

Rev. Louis Carson

Nissa D'Andrea

Cliff Davis

Diane Cline Davis

Jo Ellen Dickenson

Tammy Duxbury

Mike Earman

Samuel & Judi Espinoza

Ed Gaines

Ray Griffith

Fred Hopkins

Emily Joiner

Tina Jolly

Danita Kreeger

Steve Lily

Chuck Macklin

Peggy Miller

Mary Jo Mitchell

Maxine Perry

Judy Pruett

Dot Swartz

Carolyn Stroop

Juanita Taylor

Michelle VanPelt

John Walsh

Hazel Willi

Baby Charlie Woods

Gina Wyse

Lay Reader:

Ron Cartee

Attendance Last Sunday:

99

Next Week's Nursery Volunteers:

Janet Gloeckner & Emma Rexrode

Announcements

- **2026 Offering Envelopes** are available for pick-up in the High Street vestibule. *Please be sure to pick up the correct box!* If you don't see a box with your name and would like to begin using envelopes for your 2026 giving, fill out your information on the yellow paper and a box will be assigned to you.
- **New OUMM Project**—Beginning the first Sunday in each month in 2026, the men will be collecting canned food for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank and any other needy area Food Pantries. Thank you in advance for your support of this monthly project of the OUMM which begins **next Sunday, January 4th, 2026**.
- **Clothes Closet** is **NOT accepting donations** at this time **EXCEPT for the following**: winter coats, hats, scarves, gloves, AND socks (especially white). Thanks and PLEASE tell your friends and neighbors that the Clothes Closet is OPEN with free clothes for all ages every Monday 4:30-6 pm.
- **Inclement Weather Policy**—In case of inclement weather, the church office will follow the status of Harrisonburg City Schools. When the schools close for bad weather, the office will be closed and activities will be cancelled. If the schools are delayed 1 or 2 hours, the office will open at 9 am and activities will proceed as planned. Check WHSV-TV and email for information about worship service cancellations.
- **Assisted Listening Devices** and **large print bulletins and hymnals** are **available**. Please see an usher for assistance.

**TLC Person
of the Week:**

Rosalie Joseph
340 Ohio Avenue
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

*Remember Rosalie this week
with a note or a card.
Let's show her Otterbein's
"tender, loving care"!*

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday: 8 am - 3 pm
Friday: Closed