

# 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

Mozart

Jim Dye, organ

\*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

**\*Gospel Lesson                    John 1:1-14                    (NT, pg. 91)**

# Sermon "God With Us" Rev. Adam Blagg

## Announcements

## We Give Our Thanks

Invitation, Confession, Pardon, & Peace No. 12, UMH

\*Hymn                    Good Christian Friends, Rejoice    No. 224, UMH

\*Doxology No. 95, UMH

## Prayer of Dedication

## Celebration of Holy Communion No. 13, UMH

## Pastoral Prayer

## We Go Forth Renewed

\*Closing Hymn    *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*    No. 89, UMH

## Benediction

## 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:

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### 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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