

*EMMANUEL (BAUST)*  
*UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST*

*Service of Word*

*November 24, 2024*

*10:00 a.m.*

*Twenty-Seventh Sunday After Pentecost*

**Speaker:** Rev. Andy Hood

*L = Leader      P = People*

*\*For those who are able, please stand.*

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Liturgist

**\*Call to Worship**

L: Say among the nations, The God reigns.

**P: Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!**

L: The Lord is coming to judge the earth.

**P: God will judge the world with righteousness and truth.**

L: So, let us worship God with praise and honour.

**P: We will offer God our gratitude for all that God has done.**

**\*Hymn**      Come, Ye Thankful People Come

Green No. 721

**\*Prayer for Our Humanity**

L: God whose power is love, in Jesus Christ, You tipped the world upside down. You revealed Your strength through compassion, and Your power through His surrender to the Cross. In Christ, we trust that no set back or hopeless situation can prevent Your glory from shining forth. This day we offer You our love and loyalty in His name. With Your Spirit of love, turn the world upside down again, so that mercy prevails over those who would rule by force, and truth triumphs over the world's deceptions. All honour and blessing be Yours, Holy One, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

**P: Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for the coming of Your kingdom week by week, but we confess we're not really clear on what that means. Will You come to set things straight in the world? Will You bring all things to an end or offer us a new beginning? Jesus, forgive us when we mix up our own desires with Your purposes for Your people. Teach us how to live out your truth.**

**\*Words of Assurance**

Liturgist

**\*Song of Praise**

Thou Art Worthy

Green No. 126

Thou art worthy, thou art worthy, thou art worthy, O Lord,  
to receive glory, glory and honor, glory and honor and power;  
for thou hast created, hast all things created, thou hast created all things,  
and for thy pleasure they are created; for thou art worthy O Lord!

**Anthem**

**Scripture**

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Psalm 132:1-12

Revelation 1:4b-8

Liturgist

**Sermon Hymn**

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

Green No. 724

**\*Gospel**

John 18:33-37

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**Sermon**

The Three T's

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**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**P: We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

## Prayers of the People

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### Our Lord's Prayer (using debts)

Offertory

#### \*Doxology      Doxology (with A-men)

Red No. 356

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### \*Prayer of Dedication

L: Please join me in the prayer of dedication.

**P: Lord Jesus, You rule in this world through Your love. Receive our gifts as tokens of our love for You. Bless and multiply them through the power of the Spirit, so that they will spread Your love in ways we have yet to imagine.**

#### \*Closing Hymn      For the Fruit of All Creation

Green No. 723

#### \*Benediction

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#### Postlude

### **Week of November 24, 2024**

**"Whoever you are and wherever you  
are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here!"**

We extend a warm welcome to each one in worship, whether a member, friend or guest with us today. If you are not currently on our church mailing list to receive the church newsletter and would like to be included, please let us know. Our church website is: [ebucc.com](http://ebucc.com). If you use email and would like to receive updated prayer concerns, Church information and announcements please send an email to: [office@ebucc.com](mailto:office@ebucc.com) noting that we may include you in our electronic mailings which include our church newsletter.

**EBUCC Offerings:** Baust members, friends, and visitors may put regular offerings and special donations in the offering plates placed just inside the front and rear entrances to the sanctuary. During the offertory, these plates will be brought to the altar by our ushers.

**Congregational Meeting:** Annual Congregational Meeting: This is official notification of the Emmanuel (Baust) United Church of Christ 2024 Congregational Meeting. The meeting will be held after our worship service on Sunday, December 8, 2024 in the sanctuary. The church budget for 2025 will be presented and voted on at this meeting, and four new Consistory members and the 2025 Nominating Committee will be elected.

**Help Needed!** Are you able to volunteer to be part of the audio-visual "Zoom" transmitting of our worship services? We're down to just three rotating volunteers now, and the burden would be more manageable if we had a few more folks in the rotation. The commitment would be for running the transmission and recording set-up in the Good Shepherd Room for about fifteen minutes before our worship services, monitoring the transmission during worship and closing it down when the service concludes. Our current "Techs, " Beth Raver, Ben Brandenburg and Kent Kallay, would train and help new volunteers. And we would all be grateful for your willingness to help. Please let Kent, Beth or Ben know if you'd consider joining the crew!

**Altar Flowers:** Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by George and Susan Hardinger in Honor and Celebration of all our Baust Family and Friends. Baust Church is doing good work - and we are thankful.

**Poinsettias:** Today, November 24th, is the deadline for poinsettia orders to be turned in. Please give order forms to Susan Hardinger or put them in the offering plate or call your order in to Susan at 443-789-0142.

**Let's Decorate!** Help prepare our church for the Christmas season. We'll put up the big Baust Christmas tree and decorate our beautiful sanctuary beginning on Friday, November 29th at 6:00pm. Please come out to help if you can! We'll be ready for December 1st, the first Sunday of Advent.

**Choir Rehearsal:** Choir will rehearse each Sunday in the sanctuary immediately following church. Also, the choir will warm up each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the choir room.

**Bible Study:** Bible Studies will be on Thursday evenings at 6:00 in the parsonage. We will be continuing the study based on Rev. Herb Ruby's book, *Memorizing Scripture, Why Bother?* There will be no Bible Study this Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. The tentative schedule for December is as follows in Part Three: December 5 – S,T,U,V; December 19 – W,X,Y,Z; No session on December 12 or 26. All ages and all levels of understanding are welcome. Contact Betty Stonesifer if there are questions.

**Baust Food Pantry:** Our food pantry at Baust will be closing at the end of December. If items are needed before the end of December, the pantry will be open from 8:30-11:00 on Sunday mornings; or, call 410-751-1999 to set up another time that is more convenient. If you have need of pantry items after December, they will be available at Trinity Lutheran Church in Taneytown as part of Carroll County Food Sunday. Baust regularly supports this pantry as part of our local mission efforts through Taneytown Caring and Sharing. Distribution from this location is on Thursday mornings.

**Carroll Food Sunday:** Baust Church has been asked to donate canned fruit for the months December. Donations can be brought to the Good Shepherd Room or the porch in the parsonage. Donations can also be brought to Trinity Lutheran on Tuesday or Thursday mornings or left in the cabinet under the portico throughout the week.

**Consistory Meeting:** Consistory will meet on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the parsonage.

**November Fundraiser:** Texas Roadhouse Gift Cards. Cards may be purchased in \$5.00 increments up to \$100.00. Checks payable to EBUC. We earn 15% for our total sales. These make a great Stocking Stuffer and can be used for friends who live away from our area because they can be used at any of the 750 locations nationwide. See Bob Miller for details (443-789-7035 or [whsowlalum64@yahoo.com](mailto:whsowlalum64@yahoo.com)). May purchase cards 11/01/24 through 12/01/24.

**December Fundraiser:** The cookie sale orders will be due December 5<sup>th</sup> and pickup will be December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please see insert in the bulletin.

**Christmas for Kids:** Caring and Sharing churches are collecting donations of new Socks, Blankets, Sweatshirt, Gloves, Hats, Toys, Books. Gifts will be gathered at Trinity Lutheran on Friday, December 13, 2024 and sorted for distribution by appointment on December 16<sup>th</sup>. I will have a box located in the Good Shepherd room for donations. Please do NOT wrap your donations, I will take the box up to Trinity the week of December 8<sup>th</sup>. Thanks Marge.

**Baust Literary (November):** Book club will meet at 6 pm on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. The book for November is "The Orphan Keeper" by Camron Wright. The story is based on a remarkable true story of Taj Rowland. Seven-year-old Chellamuthu's life is forever changed when he is kidnapped from his village in India, sold to a Christian orphanage, and then adopted by an unsuspecting couple in the United States. It takes months before the boy can speak enough English to tell his parents that he already has a family back in India. Horrified, they try their best to track down his Indian family, but all avenues lead to dead ends. Meanwhile, they simply love him, change his name to Taj, enroll him in school, make him part of their family.

**Prayer List:** Please take a moment to review the prayer lists for our members and friends in the bulletin. If there are names to be added or taken off, please contact the church office or Jane Rodkey.

**Newsletter Articles:** Newsletter Articles for January 2024 are due to Jane Rodkey by December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Stewardship Reflection:** Ever find yourself thinking, "too many nonprofits ask me for money!" Or, "why does the church have so many offerings?" The number of ways that we can make a difference in the world can feel overwhelming. Phil Buchanan, author of "Giving Done Right: Effective Philanthropy and Making Every Dollar Count," speaks to this situation, "Most givers start as charitable bankers – responding to requests without a lot of clarity about what they're trying to achieve." Instead of responding to whatever request comes across our desk, Buchanan suggests adopting a strategic approach. He realized many of the donors whose generosity inspired him gave strategically. Begin to articulate your philanthropic strategy. Build your plan around a

- Framework (what core values shape you?)
- Context (what issues and areas do you pay attention to?)
- Marks (what defines a faithful ministry or nonprofit to you?)

As you begin to think about your giving, create a list of all the organizations you gave to last year. Did you give everyone about the same amount? Did one organization stand out? Can you see a goal emerging from your pattern of giving? Does a particular scriptural story inspire your choices? Could your spouse or children explain your giving strategy?

For over one hundred years, **The Christmas Fund** has provided direct financial assistance to the healers in all our lives: retired and active UCC ministers, church workers, and their families. You are part of the community of **The Christmas Fund**, whether you donate at Christmastime, benefit directly from our grant or leadership programs, or simply believe in our mission to help secure the financial foundation of those engaged in the life of the church.

Please consider donating to ensure more healers receive the loving support of the Church in their moment of deepest need. Your gift is more than just a testament to your belief in the values of the United Church of Christ, it is a critical lifeline for those who depend on our grant programs for care and support.

**First Sunday of the Month Luncheon:**

Date: Sunday, December 1, 2024

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Place: Flick's Pub and Restaurant

Address: 100 Antrim Blvd., Taneytown, MD

Website: flickspub.com

Phone: 410-756-6400

RSVP by: Noon, Saturday, November 30, to Kathy Cromwell at 443-331-3160 (H) or 410-456-7672 (C) or [KathleenCromwell@comcast.net](mailto:KathleenCromwell@comcast.net)

**December 1<sup>st</sup> Speaker:** Rev. Andy Hood

**December 1st Scriptures:** Jeremiah 33:14-16  
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13  
Luke 21:25-36

**December 1st Liturgist:** Lois Bickerton

## **PRAYERS AND CONCERNS**

### **Church Members**

Nancy Edwards	Joan Wantz
Duane Rodkey	Linda Goodwin
Linda Dennis	Eddie Dutterer
Betty Gross	Bob Harrison
Skeeter Dull	Brent Grove
Calvin Bloom	Bob Miller
Dan & Betty Heltibridle	Bick and Lois Bickerton

### **Friends**

Eric Helm	Steve Stambaugh
Mimi DeLore	Joe Morningstar
Libby Fuss	Chic and Sandy Warehime
Allen Robertson	Janie Dell
Lainey Hood	Nancy Saari
Tom Henning	Bobby Yingling
Joann Stull	Carole Hill
Rudy Feuerschutz	Ken Morningstar
Randy Brodbeck	

## **IN GOD'S SERVICE**

Speaker:	Rev. Andy Hood
Secretary:	Jane Rodkey
Secretary's email:	office@ebucc.com
Accompanist:	Jen Sullivan Brown
Consistory President:	George Hardinger
Liturgist:	Sandy Stonesifer



## Poinsettias - 2024

Join your church family in a lovely Baust Christmas tradition . . .

**Order your Christmas poinsettias now!**

Poinsettias will be on display in our sanctuary on December 8<sup>th</sup> and throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. You may pick up your plants through December 25<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to pick up your poinsettias at in-person worship services on December 8, 15, 22, 24, or 29, we will be happy to schedule a midweek time to meet you at the church for pick up. We will make delivery arrangements if you are unable to come to the church at all.

**The last day to order is November 24, 2024.**

Please use the tear off order form below and place it in the offering plate on Sunday mornings or mail it to Susan Hardinger, 1147 Humbert Schoolhouse Road, Westminster, MD 21158 or email your order to [shardinger@aof.com](mailto:shardinger@aof.com) or text/phone your order to Susan 443-789-0142. Checks payable to EBUC.

**Colors: Red, White and Pink in all sizes.**

**4" pot, 3+ blooms - \$5.00**

**6" pot, 5+ blooms - \$9.00**

**8" pot, 12+ blooms - \$19.00**

**10" pot, 15+ blooms - \$24.00**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Size      Color      Quantity      Price      Total \_\_\_\_\_

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Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ check \_\_\_\_\_ cash \_\_\_\_\_



**Emmanuel (Baust) United Church of Christ**  
 2950 Old Taneytown Rd, Westminster, MD 21158  
**2024 Christmas Cookie Order**

**ORDERS DUE BY DECEMBER 5th**

(Sandy Stonesifer – 410-857-0416 or email sandys46@netscape.com)

- **PICKUP: DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

**Cookies: \$6.00/Dozen or \$3.00 a Half Dozen**

# dozen	Cookies \$6.00/dozen or \$3.00/half dozen	Total \$
	Black Walnut (crisp butter with black walnuts)	
	Chocolate Chip	
	Cranberry Orange (Orange and Cranberry layered)	
	Ginger	
	Oatmeal Raisin	
	Peanut Butter	
	Snickerdoodle (cookie rolled in cinnamon & sugar)	
	Spritz (press cookie in Christmas Shape) (24 cookies/ <u>doz</u> )	
	Sugar (drop rolled in red or green sugars)	
	White Chocolate Macadamia Nut	
# dozen	Special Dietary Needs \$6.00/dozen or \$3.00/half <u>doz</u>	
	Gluten Free Chocolate Chip	
	Gluten Free Oatmeal Raisin	
# <u>lbs</u>	Candy \$8.00/pound or \$4.00/ half pound	
	Chocolate Fudge	
	Peanut Butter Chocolate Fudge - contains nuts	
	Peanut Brittle- contains nuts	
Total items		
	Total due from customer	\$

Customer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email/Address \_\_\_\_\_