

EMMANUEL (BAUST)

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Service of Word

February 8, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Pastor: Rev. Roger Wilmer, Jr.

"In Every Prayer, We Grow."

Colossians 1:9-10

L = Leader P = People

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist

***Opening Music**

I Come with Joy vs. 1

Green No. 706

I come with joy, a child of God,

for-giv-en, loved and free, the life of Je-sus to re-call,

in love, laid down for me, in love, laid down for me.

***Call to Worship:**

Liturgist

L: People of God, praise the Lord!

P: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, those who greatly delight in his commandments.

L: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

P: Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

L: We who gather are broken yet holy; sinners at heart, yet fully re-deemed. We are God's very own, called together here this day.

P: Let us sing. Let us pray. Let us join together in worship. Praise the Lord!

***Hymn**

Ask Me What Great Thing I know

Black No. 49

***Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, we confess that it is harder to do than we expected, this life of faith. You call us to be salt of the earth and to live lives of justice and righteousness and love. But our lives become busy. Following what others do is just easier. And sometimes the cost for doing what is right seems too high. One day, perhaps, we will commit more fully, but the status quo works better for us right now. Forgive us, we pray. Startle our senses and disrupt our routines. Renew in us the passion for doing what is right in your eyes, and inspire us to be sources of your light in the world. May we, like the prophets and the saints, act by faith no matter how high the cost.

***Words of Assurance**

Rev. Wilmer

***Song of Praise**

His Name is Wonderful

Green No. 102

His name is Won-der-ful, his name is Won-der-ful, His name is Won-der-ful,
Jesus, my Lord; he is the might-y King, Master of ev-ery-thing,
His name is Won-der-ful, Jesus, my Lord. He's the great Shep-herd,
The Rock of all a-ges, Al-might-y God is he; bow down be-fore him,
love and a-dore him, his name is Won-der-ful, Jesus my Lord.

Anthem

Scripture

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)
Psalm 112:1-9 (10)

Liturgist

***Gospel**

Matthew 5:13-20

Rev. Wilmer

Sermon Hymn

Renew Your Church
Vs. 1, 2, 4

Green No. 462

Sermon

Rev. Wilmer

Invitation to Join God's Family

Rev. Wilmer

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe: The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church

God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Wilmer

Our Lord's Prayer (using debts)

Invitation to Offering

Offering may be placed in the plates near the sanctuary entrances. Ushers will bring them to the altar during the offertory.

Offertory

***Doxology**

In A Bleak Midwinter

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise one, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him—give my heart.

***Prayer of Dedication**

L: Please join me in the prayer of dedication.

P: Accept these, our gifts, almighty God, as a statement of our faith. May our offering bring goodness and light wherever it is needed. May our communities of faith be bearers of Your light. And may we be sources of that same light to the world in all we say and do. Amen.

***Closing Hymn** You Are Salt for the Earth, O People Black No. 181

***Benediction**

Rev. Wilmer

Postlude

February 8, 2026

**"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. If you use email and would like to receive updated prayer concerns, Church information and announcements please send an email to: 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.

Let's Keep in Touch: If you learn of anyone in our Baust Church Family who needs a visit or phone calls, please let Pastor Wilmer know @ 301-639-6477 or Email: pastorwilmer@hotmail.com. Office hours every Wednesday, call Rev. Wilmer for appointment anytime.

Lenten and Easter Worship: Plan to join your Baust Family in these special worship services at our church during the Lenten and Easter Seasons. Everyone's welcome, so please spread these invitations throughout our community!

Ash Wednesday service - February 18, 2026, 7:00pm

We will begin the Lenten season with a traditional service beginning at 7PM and a drive-through option for receiving ashes.

Palm Sunday worship - March 29, 2026, 10:00am

Maundy Thursday Communion service - April 2, 2026, 7:00pm

Easter Sunrise service Cross-on-the-hill - April 5, 2026, 6:30am

Easter Communion service - April 5, 2026, 10:00am

A new Bible Study series will begin Feb. 19 at 6PM in the parsonage. The Lenten study will be based on Jim Bishop's book "The Day Christ Died". A copy of the book will be given to participants. Please contact Pastor Wilmer if you want a copy of the book. Bible Study is now online. To get the link go to our church website, go to Group tabs, then click on Bible Study and the link will be there.

Taneytown Caring and Sharing has requested Baust donate chili, soups, and stews for February and March. If possible, pop-top cans are referred. Donations may be brought to the back porch of the parsonage or to church. There is also a cabinet at Trinity's portico for donations.

Hymnals for use at home: We would like to see that Baust members and friends who regularly "zoom in" to our worship services can have one of our sanctuary hymnals to use at home. Please tell Susan Hardinger or Beth Brandenburg if you know of someone in our Baust Family who would like to "sing along" while on Zoom. We'll also ask you to check in with Beth, Susan or any member of the Worship Committee if you will be visiting with a Baust friend who is shut-in or otherwise unable to attend worship in person. We'd like to make these hymnals available as soon as possible for home use.

Altar Flowers: Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in loving celebration of the birthdays of Brian and Scott Edwards, February 7th and 9th, by Nancy, Lindsey, Shannon and Suzanne.

Reserving Altar Flowers: Here are the remaining open dates for altar flowers in 2026: April 5, April 12, May 31, June 14, August 23. If you would like to reserve a date to honor, remember and celebrate someone or something important to you or to our Baust Family, just let Susan Hardinger know or fill out the "Altar Flowers Order Form" attached to this newsletter.

Bible Study: Bible Study each Thursday at 6:00 pm in the parsonage. We are studying the Book of Revelation. Bible Study is open to all ages. Please register at Faithlife.com for more detail and resources. A link to join the study virtually is listed on the Church website under "Groups" and "Bible Study." We hope you can join us!

Homewood Auxiliary Membership Drive: Homewood Living Plum Creek is a continuing care retirement community in Hanover Pa. The auxiliary raises money through dues and fundraising events. These funds are then used for activities, enhancing care, and improving the overall living environment for the Homewood residents. The membership drive is going on now until February 1; membership dues are \$3.00 for an individual and \$ 5.00 for a joint membership. Your light can make a difference! Please take this opportunity to join the Homewood

Auxiliary. See Jan Corbin to join and with any questions, ill be Jan will be collecting till Feb 15. Thank you.

Consistory Meeting: Consistory will meet on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the parsonage.

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

Grief Share Group: Grief Share Group will meet in the Parsonage on Wednesdays' @ 5:30pm Dates: 2/18, 3/4, 3/18. A support group to help you move through the grief process. A Grief Share support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

Newsletter Items: Newsletter items for March 2026 are due today February 15, 2026 to Jane Rodkey.

Annual Reports: Our EBUCC By-Laws call for Consistory and all church organizations and committees to submit 2025 annual reports in writing to the church office. These reports shall consist of a summary of the past year's activities, a projected plan for 2026, and a financial report of the past year. Annual reports for 2025 shall be turned in to EBUCC Secretary Jane Rodkey before March 31, 2026.

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| Feb. 15th | Pastor: | Roger Wilmer |
| Feb. 15th | Scriptures: | Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 99 2 Peter 1:16-21 |
| Feb. 15th | Liturgist: | Sandy Stonesifer |
| Feb. 15th | Media Tech: | Mark Muscato |

The Weather Cancellation Policy Cancellations will be made by 6pm on Saturday for Sunday services. Members and friends will be informed by announcements on WTTR radio, by church wide emails, and by messages on the church phone answering service

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Church Members

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| Nancy Edwards | Joan Wantz |
| Duane Rodkey | Linda Goodwin |
| Linda Dennis | Bick and Lois Bickerton |
| Betty Gross | Peggy Warner |
| Skeeter Dull | Brent Grove |
| Sue Bloom | Bob Miller |
| Dan & Betty Heltibridle | Eddie Dutterer |
| Don Brower | |

Friends

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| Eric Helm | Mimi DeLore |
| Libby Fuss | Allen Robertson |
| Rev. Herb Ruby | Randy Brodbeck |
| Lainey Hood | Andrea Mathias Warren |
| Tom Hennin | Chris Johnson |
| Joann Stull | Sylvia Miller |
| Ken Morningstar | Shelley Simmont |
| Reese Burdette | Carol DeGroft |
| Sam Warner | |

IN GOD'S SERVICE

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| Pastor: | Rev. Roger Wilmer |
| Secretary: | Jane Rodkey |
| Secretary's email: | office@ebucc.com |
| Accompanist: | Jennifer Sullivan Brown |
| Consistory President: | Jim Stonesifer |
| Liturgist: | Cindy Osborne |
| Media Tech | Jane Rodkey |

2026 Altar flowers

It's time to reserve your dates for altar flowers for 2026! Our friends at The Cutting Garden will continue to provide fresh flower arrangements for our two altar vases, and they are very willing to work with us on specific colors and types of flowers, as well as other sizes and containers. Cutting Garden will deliver the fresh bouquets each week and will put them in place on the altar. The bouquets are yours, to take with you or give away after the service. Clear vases are provided by our friend Kathy Paxton. The vases are yours to keep if you wish. If you take your flowers home in the green vase inserts, please return the inserts to the back room later.

Please note that there has been a donation to our Altar Flower Fund which allows EBUCC to continue our longtime charge of \$40.00 for delivery of two fresh bouquets.

So, again, \$40.00 for altar flowers for all of 2026.

Reserve dates by indicating your choices on the order form below and return it along with payment to Susan Hardinger. Pay by cash or check; make your check payable to EBUCC and note "altar flowers." If you wish to provide your own flowers, that's fine too, and please complete the form, and return it to Susan, before making your own delivery and payment arrangements.

Susan Hardinger 1147 Humbert Schoolhouse Rd, Westminster MD 21158 or shardinger@aol.com or 443-789-0142

2026

[red] = date already reserved

| <u>JAN</u> | <u>FEB</u> | <u>MAR</u> | <u>APR</u> | <u>MAY</u> | <u>JUNE</u> | <u>JULY</u> | <u>AUG</u> | <u>SEPT</u> | <u>OCT</u> | <u>NOV</u> | <u>DEC</u> |
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2026 Dates for flowers to be placed in church:

Names of Donors: _____ Phone: _____

Bulletin listing and liturgist's announcement:

"Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God, in loving memory/honor/celebration/recognition, etc.

of _____

by _____"

_____ Please order flowers for me. _____ check or cash enclosed, OR

_____ I will provide my own flowers.



Hot & Ready to eat!
Homemade

Soup and Sandwich Sale Emmanuel Baust United Church of Christ



Fresh & Homemade

***Pre-Order Only *by March 15, 2025**

Pick up Date Saturday, March 22, 2025 12:00 - 3:00

To order call 410-857-0416 (please do not send order by text) or email sandys46@netscape.com
Church address: 2950 Old Taneytown Road, Westminster MD

All soup will be served hot in 1 quart containers.

All sandwiches will be served cold.

| SOUP | | | |
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| Description: Fresh hot and homemade served in 1 quart containers | Quantity | Price | Total |
| Beef Vegetable Soup (ground beef, mixed vegetables in a beef broth) - 1 quart container | | \$8.00 | |
| Chicken Corn Noodle Soup (Chicken, corn, noodles, carrots in a chicken broth) - 1 quart container | | \$8.00 | |
| Creamy Potato Soup (potato and carrots in a creamy milk base) - 1 quart container | | \$8.00 | |

| SANDWICH | | | |
|--|----------|--------|-------|
| Description: Cold Deli Sandwich (Homemade) | Quantity | Price | Total |
| Ham & Cheese - fresh ham with American Cheese on potato roll | | \$5.00 | |
| Chicken Salad - Baust Church fresh homemade chicken salad on potato roll | | \$5.50 | |
| Roast Beef & Cheese - fresh roast beef with Swiss Cheese on potato roll | | \$6.00 | |

Order Total

\$_____

Customer Name/phone number _____

****Pick-up Instructions:** All customers will enter the Parish Hall at the lower door to pick up their orders. Check in at the cashier's table to pay any amount due. Order will then be packaged and available to carry-out. If you do not get a confirmation for an emailed order please call 410-857-0416 to verify that we received your order, we don't want to miss any of our customers :)