

Upcoming Events and Information

DECEMBER/EARLY JAN BIRTHDAYS

FLINT HILL: 5 Shelby Welch, 30 Stefanie Johnson,
2 Anne-Ashleigh Lamma

SPERRYVILLE: 12 Camron Wayland, Carrington Wayland,
2 Richard Antony,

WILLIS CHAPEL: 12 James Costello, 17 Alyson Flint,
26 Bruce Monismith, 27 Richard Burke, 28 Judy Costello,
29 Alan Fox, 2 Glenda Fox, Mary Elizabeth Williams

CHRISTMAS

We are now close to the middle of the season of Christmas. 12 Days of Christmas celebrating the birth of Christ and the Epiphany of the coming of the Magi. Earliest celebrations from the Early Church worshipped 12 days in a row, starting on Christmas.

The Twelve Days of Christmas, also known as Twelvetide, is a festive Christian season celebrating the Birth of Jesus. In 567, the Council of Tours "proclaimed the twelve days from Christmas to Epiphany as a sacred and festive season, and established the duty of Advent fasting in preparation for the feast."

The Christmas carol The Twelve Days of Christmas was written as a testimony and witness to the Christian Faith. The 12 Days of Christmas is a Christian holiday tradition that starts on Christmas Day and continues until January 5th, also known as Twelfth Night. The song itself dates back to the 16th century, published in 1780, and has become a popular way to celebrate the holiday season. While the song may seem like a simple and fun tune, it actually has a deeper meaning that symbolizes the Christian faith and the values of faith, hope, and love.

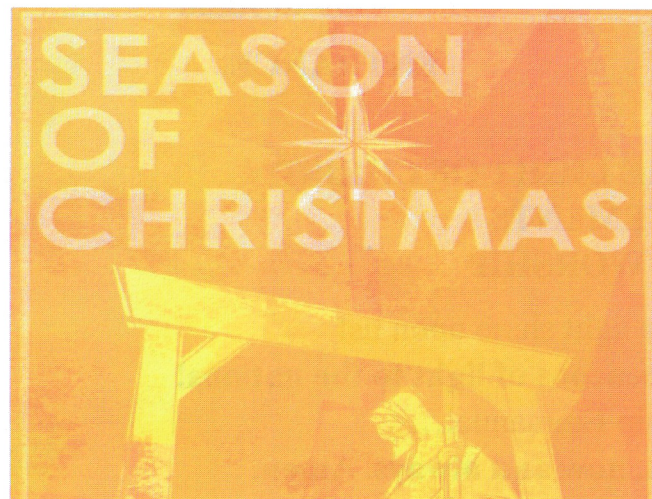
Each verse of the song represents a different gift that is given on each day of Christmas. These gifts are meant to represent various aspects of the Christian faith, such as the partridge in a pear tree representing Jesus Christ and the five golden rings representing the first five books of the Bible. For more information Google "meaning of 12 days of Christmas."

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Rappahannock
United Methodist Charge



December 29, 2024

1st Sunday After Christmas

Sunday Morning Worship

8:45 AM: Flint Hill

9:55 AM: Willis Chapel

11:15 AM: Sperryville



PO BOX 97

Flint Hill, VA 22627

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RAPPAHANNOCK CHARGE

December 29, 2024

1st Sunday after Christmas

***Invitation to stand**

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

ENTER THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

May Christ's light shine upon us!

We will be beacons of light to the nations!

Let us worship Emmanuel...

God with us, now and always. Amen.

***OPENING PRAYER** (*1 John 5:20*)

We know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. Let us open our hearts to worship him with adoration on this day and always. Amen.

***HYMN 234 O Come All Ye Faithful** (*vv 1,2,3*)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of love, open our hearts to hear this familiar story with new hope. Speak your wisdom of love and peace. Let your grace flow over us, as new life is born. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; 7:14

PSALTER: Psalm 96 P815-816

HYMN 211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (*vv 1,7*)

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 1:18-23

HYMN 245 The First Noel (*vv 1,2,3*)

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:1-7

HYMN 217 Away in a Manger

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:8-14

HYMN 240 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:15-18

HYMN 251 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:19-20

HYMN 249 There's a Song in the Air

SCRIPTURE: Titus 2:11-14

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH P7

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

***HYMN 95 Doxology**

OFFERING PRAYER

THANKSGIVING

PRAISES

HYMN 70 Glory Be to the Father

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN 246 Joy to the World**

***BENEDICTION**

***SHALOM**

***POSTLUDE**