

“With the Revelation of ‘He Who Comes’”

Part 4. Hold On to What You Have until He Comes

Revelation 2:18-29

1. Know the Son of God \_\_\_\_\_ hearts and minds of each member of all the churches.

2. Those who overcome and do the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord to the end, the Lord will give authority over the nations.

3. Take authority from God and serve the Lord and \_\_\_\_\_ disciples.

Keys: 1. searches; 2. will; 3. lead

**Make Companions in Christ!**

Jesus ... called 12 disciples ... [two-by-two] (Matthew 10:1-5)

- Pray for your CIC
- Encounter your CIC
- Define God’s Call with your CIC
- Celebrate and commission CIC for the Kingdom of God!

**Announcements/ Reminders**

1. Welcome all. “We serve Jesus Christ our Lord to the glory of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.”

2. Liturgists—thanks!

- + January 25: Doris Swaim
- + February 1: Kayla Laws

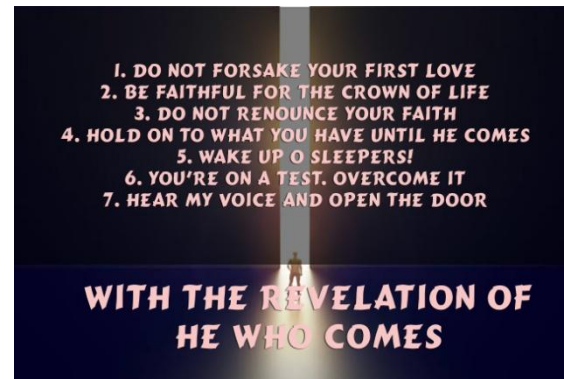
3. Please join Small Groups

- + Youth Hangout - Sunday at 7 p.m. through zoom.
- + Storytelling with Children - Sunday at 8 p.m. thru zoom.
- + The Holy Club (Young Adults) - Mon at 9 p.m. thru Zoom.

4. “Joyful” Music Ministry (Kathryn Herman, Music Director)

- + Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

**With the Revelation of He Who Comes**



Blessed is the one who read the words of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. Blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is revealed to them; for the time is near. As the seven churches in the province of Asia were called to attention, today’s churches are

invited to pay attention to the revelation of Jesus Christ. Begin the first year of the second quarter of the 21<sup>st</sup> century with the good news of Jesus Christ through John at Patmos.

**❖ Liturgical Highlights during Advent**

+ Sun., Jan., 25, Third Sunday after the Epiphany;

**Ecumenical Sunday**

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# Celebration of Worship

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## Welcome, the Peace, Ministry Opportunities

**Prelude** "His Eye Is on the Sparrow/ Kathryn Herman  
Pathetique Sonata Opus 13 m. 2"  
Charles Gariel-Cevilla Martin & Ludwig von Beethoven

## \*Call to Worship – Psalm 25

Liturgist: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**People: O my God, in you I trust, let me not be put to shame.**

L: Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

**P: teach me your paths.**

L: Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

**P: for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long. Alleluia!**

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## Personal Prayer

Offered in Silence

We pray for the people of the State of Georgia, the Peach State, joined our union on January 2, 1788 (settled in 1733). Long before Georgia's statehood, the land was home to vibrant indigenous cultures with sophisticated social and political systems. The three primary groups that inhabited the region were the Muscogee [Musco-ghee] (a.k.a. Creek) Confederacy, the Cherokee Nation, and the Yamacraw. The Muscogee (Creek) were forcibly removed from Georgia followed by the removal of the Cherokees in what is known as the "Trail of Tears" where thousands of tribal members

died from disease, cold, and starvation in the march to Oklahoma where both tribes are primarily located today. While remnants of the original tribes remain in Georgia, there are no federally recognized tribes in Georgia today. Also pray for those who live in Cyprus, Greece, and Türkiye.

## Pastoral Prayer

Prior to the prayer, congregation may share joys and concerns.

## Offering of Our Time, Talents, and Treasures

**Offertory** "The Blessings" Chancel Choir  
by Heather Sorenson

\***Doxology - UMH No. 94** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

\***Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer**

**Epistle Lesson** "Revelation 2:18-29" New International Version

**Witness to the Word** Rev. Dr. DaeHwa Park

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## Response to the Word

Recognition and Commission of Leaders  
[see insert]

Leadership roster found in Messengers  
on pages 14-15

## Acknowledgements and Faith Sharing

Welcome visitors.

\***UMH No. 584** "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" ABBOT'S LEIGH

\***Benediction** Rev. Dr. DaeHwa Park

**Postlude** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Kathryn Herman  
arranged by Gail Smith

**UMH - United Methodist Hymnal**

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**Pastor:** Will you devote yourself to the service of God in the world.

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**Pastor:** Will you so live that you enable this church to be a people of love and peace?

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**Pastor:** Will you do all in your power to be responsible to the task for which you have been chosen?

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**Pastor:** Let us pray. Almighty God, pour out your blessings upon these your servants who have been given particular ministries in your church. Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly in your service. Keep before them the example of our Lord, who did not think first of himself, but gave himself for us all. Let them share his ministry and consecration, that they may enter into his joy. Guide them in their work. Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge that through them your purposes are accomplished; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

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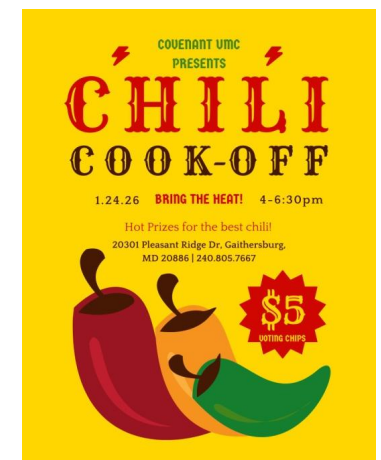
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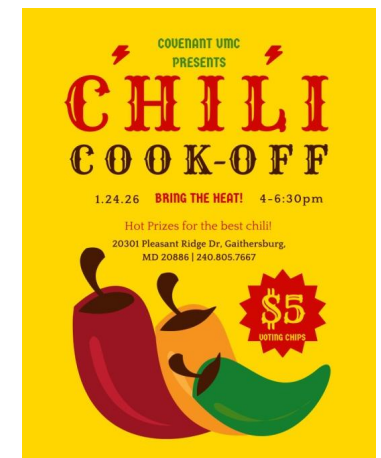
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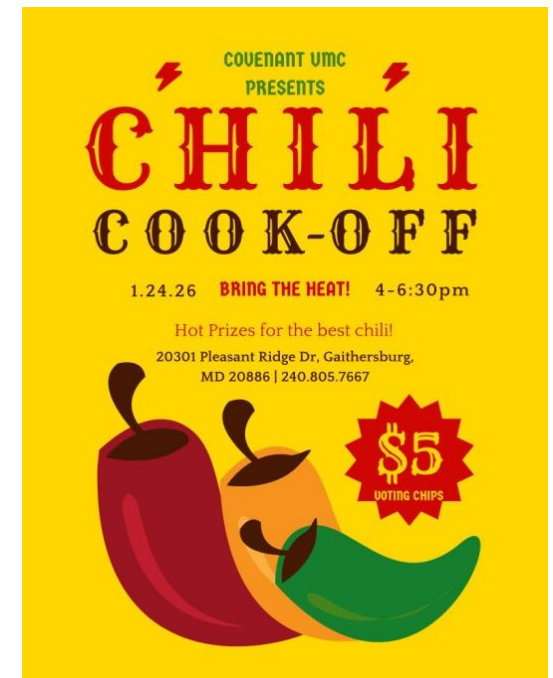
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