

**25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 14, 2021**

PRELUDE/GATHERING
ANNOUNCEMENTS
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST
A TIME OF CENTERING
CALL TO WORSHIP
PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON, 890
SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
OPENING PRAYER
*HYMN OF PRAISE, 419
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 888
RECOGNITION OF VETERANS
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen
*HYMN, 717
WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES
*DOXOLOGY, 95
PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
OLD TESTAMENT READING
PSALTER, 840
EPISTLE READING
*GOSPEL READING
*GLORIA PATRI, 70
ANTHEM
SERMON
*HYMN OF INVITATION (TO BE ANNOUNCED)
*SENDING FORTH
*FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD, TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO OUR COMMUNITY
*POSTLUDE
*Congregation standing, as able

Patriotic Medley

I Am Thine, O Lord

The Battle Hymn of the Republic

Genesis 25:19-23

Psalm 119

Romans 8:5-11

Matthew 13:1-9

A Tribute to the Armed Services

"Life in the Spirit"

Patriotic Medley

Jerrie Sue Massengale
Buddy Butler
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Buddy Butler

Choir

Buddy Butler

Jerrie Sue Massengale

Love and sympathy is expressed to the family of Fredda Panter Black, niece of Lila Taylor. Fredda passed to the new life on November 4, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Please keep her family in your prayers.

The Son Seekers Sunday School class will be studying ***Awaiting the Already*** by Magrey R. deVega during Advent and YOU are invited!!! We have some print copies on hand for \$4.75 (recycled). Or you can get it as a Kindle book for just under \$10. We anticipate many blessings from this study, including uncovering "Advent's tension between the past and the future" within our individual lives.



Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes and \$9.00 for shipping are due tomorrow by noon. Please do not tape shoebox shut—they have to be inspected before international shipping. Thanks to all who packed a shoebox!

The United Methodist Women are selling pecans! Cinnamon, chocolate pecan clusters, milk and dark chocolate pecans as well as halves, medium pieces, and small pieces of plain pecans are \$11.00 each.



We'll be decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday, November 21, following worship. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers.

The **Church Council** will meet on Tuesday, November 30, at 6:30 p.m. in Legacy Hall.

An Advent Study, led by Pastor Buddy, will be held on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. beginning on December 1 and concluding on December 22.



All are invited to ***Sounds Like Christmas***, a Handbell Concert by the Brasstown Ringers on Sunday, December 5, at 5 p.m. in Legacy Hall. Invite your friends and neighbors to this festive beginning of the Advent season. Free admission—a love offering will be received. If you are unable to attend this performance, the Brasstown Ringers will also perform locally at Blue Ridge United Methodist Church on Saturday, December 11, at 7 p.m.

Our Choir Cantata, *What Christmas Really Means* by Russell Mauldin, will be held on Sunday, December 12, during 11 a.m. Worship. Please invite your friends and neighbors. The Choir is still seeking new members. If you're unable to join us before Christmas, you're welcome to join in January to prepare for the Easter Cantata. Choir practice is Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.



St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Blue Ridge invites everyone to attend "**Dickens Christmas by Candlelight**" on Saturday, November 20, at 5 p.m. Admission is free, a love offering will be received. St. Luke's **15th Annual Christmas Bazaar** will be held on Saturday, December 4, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Food items, handmade gifts, jewelry, wreaths, Christmas decorations, etc. will be for sale. A silent auction and two raffle items will be featured as well.

Church Leadership
Pastor Gilbert "Buddy" Butler
Choir Director Ben Sexton
Accompanist Jerrie Sue Massengale
Secretary Heidi Rule
Custodian Christine Dowlin

Sunday Servants
Ushers Randy Loudermilk Shirley Russell*
 Ron Singleton
 *Team captain
Sound Techs Randy Loudermilk, Ann Rymer
Webmaster Marti Lane



Our Prayer Concerns

Our Congregation: Carolyn Weese, Hannah Geren (Covid), Beth Geren (Covid), Ed Massengale, Barb Bender, Dellon Ash

Homebound/Assisted Living: Fay Norwood, Emily Yaxley, ^Warrene Alexander

Others in our prayers: *The family of Fredda Panter Black (niece of Lila Taylor), The family of Keith Brooks (brother of Smokey Brooks), The family of John Wesley Panter, +Jerry Panchyshyn, +Carrie Collis (Covid and pneumonia), Weldon Self, Jr., Katrina Griggs (Covid—daughter of Alan Abernathy), Cheryl Tipton, Mary Louise Landrum, Sandra Williams (sister-in-law of Joy Turner), Bill Grindstaff, Maria Ruark (mother of Evelyn Stemmann), Lacey Burnette and family, Sandy Graham, Judy Potter (cancer treatments), Phoebe Ann Smith (therapy after car accident), Bob and Sherry Welch, Wilma Sexton (mother of Ben Sexton), Marti Lane's cousin Bill Rider (in remission), David Queen (brain tumor), Jessie Lebo (grandmother of April Butler), Ricky Callihan, Kerry and Cindy Hicks, first responders, our armed forces

*new to concerns +Hospital ^Assisted Living/Nursing Home ~ Hospice

If you would like to add someone to our Prayer Concerns, please call the church office.

If your birthday or anniversary has not appeared in our listings please call the church office so we can update our records.

NewsLetter DEADLINE

All news and calendar items for the **December/January** issue of *The Copperhill Courier* are due in the church office by **tomorrow at 3 p.m.**

The Community Meal is held on Mondays, 4—6 p.m. Meals are "to go" only. There is no charge for meals but donations are accepted and appreciated. If you would like to help, please contact Sheppie Dunn or Evelyn Stemmann. 119 meals were served on Monday. The Community Meal phone number is 423-241-2282.

Calendar

Today
 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship
Monday
 4:00 pm Community Meal "To Go"

Wednesday
 6:00 pm Choir Practice
Thursday
 6:00 pm AA Meeting (Legacy Hall)

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