

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
November 7, 2021**

PRELUDE/GATHERING Jerrie Sue Massengale  
ANNOUNCEMENTS Buddy Butler  
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST  
A TIME OF CENTERING *Majesty* Jerrie Sue Massengale  
CALL TO WORSHIP Buddy Butler  
OPENING PRAYER  
\*HYMN OF PRAISE, 165 *Hallelujah! What a Savior*  
PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION  
  
OLD TESTAMENT READING II Kings 5:1-14  
PSALTER, 762 Psalm 30  
EPISTLE READING I Corinthians 9:24-27  
\*GOSPEL READING Mark 1:40-45  
\*GLORIA PATRI, 70 **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**  
  
ANTHEM *When You Break the Bread* Choir  
SERMON "God's Reality in Your Life" Buddy Butler  
\*HYMN OF INVITATION, 2149 *Living for Jesus* (see insert)  
\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 880 The Nicene Creed

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.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

\*DOXOLOGY, 95 **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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

(Offerings left on the communion rail will go to the Pastor's Benevolence Fund to help people in our community.)

\*HYMN, 2164 *Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary*  
*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you. Repeat twice.*

\*SENDING FORTH

\*FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD, TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO OUR COMMUNITY

\*POSTLUDE *Majesty, reprise* Jerrie Sue Massengale

\*Congregation standing, as able

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**Love and sympathy** is expressed to the family of Keith Brooks who passed to the new life last week. Keith was the brother of Wayne "Smokey" Brooks. Please keep his family in your prayers.

The **Son Seekers Sunday School Class** are studying the first few chapters of The Revelation. Then we probably will finish off the year with an Advent study. If you are not currently in an adult Bible study class, please join us.

GriefShare "Surviving the Holidays" will be held on Saturday, November 13, 3-5 p.m. Please call Lonney McDonald at 706-455-8249 for more information.



**Operation Christmas Child** shoeboxes and brochures with age/gender labels are available in the Narthex today. See the bulletin board for detailed packing suggestions for each age group. Please bring packed shoeboxes and \$9.00 for shipping back to First UMC by Sunday, November 14. Please do not tape shoebox shut—they have to be inspected before international shipping.

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 Stemann. 133 meals were served on Monday. The Community Meal phone number is 423-241-2282.

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 will be available next week. \$11 each.

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

All are invited to 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. The Choir is still seeking new members, especially after Christmas to prepare for the Easter Cantata. Join us at practice on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

**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 Keith Brooks (brother of Smokey Brooks), The family of John Wesley Panter, +Jerry Panchyshyn, +Carrie Collis (Covid and pneumonia), Weldon Self, Jr., Katrina Center (Covid—daughter of Alan Abernathy), Cheryl Tipton, Mary Louise Landrum, Sandra Williams (sister-in-law of Joy Turner), Tinsley Jones (nephew of Jerrie Sue Massengale), 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 Monday, Nov. 15.

**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)

**Saturday**  
 3:00 pm GriefShare workshop  
 "Surviving the Holidays"

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*Everyone Welcome!*