

Christmas Eve
December 24, 2021
Away in a Manger

PRELUDE/GATHERING

Jerrie Sue Massengale

OPENING PRAYER

Buddy Butler

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST

*HYMN, 234

O Come, All Ye Faithful

*HYMN, 2090 VERSES 1-5

Light the Advent Candle

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES AND LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The season for watching and waiting is over. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. This is the light of the world, and the darkness cannot extinguish it.

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The offering will be given to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to be used to assist tornado victims.

*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.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-3

*CAROL 230

O Little Town of Bethlehem

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:4-7

*CAROL, 219

What Child Is This

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2: 8-14

*CAROL 218

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:15-20

*SPECIAL MUSIC

O Holy Night

Choir

SERMON

Buddy Butler

*CAROL BY CANDLELIGHT, 239

Silent Night, Holy Night

*CHRISTMAS BLESSING & BENEDICTION

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

*POSTLUDE

Away in a Manger

Jerrie Sue Massengale

Arranged by Dan Coates

*Congregation standing, as able



The Staff-Parish Relations Committee invites you to help make the Christmas holidays merry for our Pastor and staff. You may place your donation toward staff Christmas bonuses in the designated box in the Narthex.

Copies of our updated church directory are available in the Narthex.

Upper Rooms for January-February are available in the Narthex today.



The United Methodist Women would like to thank all those who have already purchased pecans. Still available are caramel pecan clusters, dark chocolate pecans as well as medium pieces, and small pieces of plain pecans at \$11.00 each.

The church office is closed through the end of the year. Normal office hours resume on January 3.



We will be taking down the Christmas decorations after worship on January 9. Everyone is invited to help.

The **United Methodist Women's Leadership Team** will meet Monday, January 3 at 1 p.m. in the Older Elementary Classroom. This will be the first meeting with our new officers, Flora Grindstaff, Marti Lane, Evelyn Stemmann, Linda Haney, Cathryn McCarter and Cathy Turner. If you are unable to attend, please call Flora.

The United Methodist Women will have a meeting on Wednesday, January 5, at 11 a.m. This will be our **Pledge and Call to Prayer Service**. We will have a soup and sandwich lunch following the meeting. All UMW members are invited and we welcome any other women who would like to come and join us.

Please donate nonperishable food items in the Narthex box - peanut butter, **jelly, breakfast cereal, oatmeal, canned meat, tuna**, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, **rice, soup, chili**, canned vegetables, etc. *Thanks to all who contribute - the families are always grateful.*



Church Leadership

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

Sunday Servants

Ushers Smokey Brooks Larry Collis
 Shirley Russell*
 *Team captain
Sound Techs Randy Loudermilk, Ann Rymer
Webmaster Marti Lane

Our Prayer Concerns

Our Congregation: *The family of Fay Norwood, Carolyn Weese, Hannah Geren (Covid), Beth Geren (Covid), Ed Massengale, Barb Bender, Dellon Ash

Homebound/Assisted Living: Emily Yaxley, ^Warrene Alexander

Others in our prayers: *The family of Fay Norwood, Richard Meyers (complications after lung surgery—brother of Elaine Minor), Roy and Joanne McKibben (Covid), Terry Scott (in ICU), Jerry Panchyshyn, Carrie Collis, 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 Welch, the family of 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.

**On January 9 we will begin a new Prayer Concerns List for the New Year.
 If you would like to add someone or reinstate someone please call
 the church office the week of January 3-7.**

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. The UMM are cooking tomorrow so we want to invite our men to come and help. If you would like to help, please contact Sheppie Dunn or Evelyn Stemmann. The Community Meal phone number is 423-241-2282.

Calendar

Sunday
 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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