

**2nd Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2021**

PRELUDE/GATHERING
ANNOUNCEMENTS
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST
A TIME OF CENTERING
CALL TO WORSHIP

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*HYMN, 2090 VERSES 1 & 2 *Light the Advent Candle*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE
OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE, 220 *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Malachi 3:1-4

RESPONSIVE READING, 208 Luke 1:68-79

SECOND READING Philippians 3:1-11

*GOSPEL READING Luke 3:1-6

*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 *Let Us Break Bread Together* Choir

SERMON "Prepare the Way" Buddy Butler

*HYMN OF INVITATION, 230 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 889 Affirmation from I Timothy

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, for ever. Amen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON, 892

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, 628 *Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup*

*SENDING FORTH

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

*POSTLUDE *What Child Is This?* Jerrie Sue Massengale

*Congregation standing, as able

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The Son Seekers Sunday School class are 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.

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. The small pieces have had delayed shipping but should be available soon.

The **UMW Program Books** Reading Certificate Deadline is today. Please leave your list in the library.



An Advent Study, led by Pastor Buddy, is being held on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. concluding on December 22.



Join us on Sunday, December 12, for a **Potluck Lunch!** We'll get together in Legacy Hall after our Choir Cantata. Bring your favorite dish and stay to enjoy good food and great fellowship.

**Today we will receive our United Methodist Student Day Offering,** For more than 100 years, United Methodists have been supporting their students' educational needs through a special offering. The funds received go into the United Methodist Student Loan Fund to underwrite scholarships which are awarded annually to deserving United Methodist students. Right now, there are United Methodist young people who might not have the resources to attend a school of their choice, or, for some, any school at all. But because of people like you, they will be sent into the world God loves with gifts made through United Methodist Student Day. Your contribution is an acknowledgment that the church has confidence in them and in their abilities. Please help deserving, young adults continue their education and their faith journeys.

Copies of our updated church directory are in the Narthex to assist in sending out Christmas cards.

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

The church office will be closed December 24—31. The deadline for December 24, 26, and January 2 bulletin information is **9 a.m. on Thursday, December 23.** Normal office hours resume on January 3.



**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:** 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:** \*Roy and Joanne McKibben (Covid), \*Terry Scott (in ICU), \*The family of Courtney Kendall Turner (friend of Janis Martin), The family of Rev. Carl Ware, Jr., The family of Fredda Panter Black (niece of Lila Taylor), 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 Stemann), 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.**

**Birthdays**

9 John Mills 10 Haley Loudermilk 11 Lynn Lee

**If your birthday or anniversary has not appeared in our listings please call the church office.**

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 Stemann. 143 meals were served on Monday. The Community Meal phone number is 423-241-2282.

**Calendar**

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| <b>Today</b>                      | <b>Monday</b>                  | <b>Thursday</b>                  |
| 10:00 am Sunday School            | 4:00 pm Community Meal "To Go" | 6:00 pm AA Meeting (Legacy Hall) |
| 11:00 am Worship                  | <b>Wednesday</b>               |                                  |
| 5:00 pm Brasstown Ringers Concert | 11:00 am Advent Bible Study    |                                  |
|                                   | 6:00 pm Choir Practice         |                                  |

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**Secretary's Office Hours: Monday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

