

**1st Sunday after Christmas Day
December 26, 2021**

PRELUDE/GATHERING
ANNOUNCEMENTS
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST
A TIME OF CENTERING
CALL TO WORSHIP, 217
OPENING PRAYER
*HYMN OF PRAISE, 249
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 881
PASTORAL PRAYER
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
*HYMN, 238, v. 1-3
WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES
*DOXOLOGY, 95
OLD TESTAMENT READING
PSALTER, 86 1
EPISTLE READING
*GOSPEL READING
*GLORIA PATRI, 7 1
ANTHEM
SERMON
*CHRISTMAS CAROLS
*SENDING FORTH
*FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD, TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO OUR COMMUNITY
*POSTLUDE

Jerrie Sue Massengale
Garry Day
Love Came Down at Christmas
Jerrie Sue Massengale
Away in the Manger
There's a Song in the Air
The Apostles' Creed
John Mills
Angels We Have Heard on High
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.
I Samuel 2:18-20,26
Psalm 148
Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:41-52
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.
Christmas Grace
Choir
Garry Day
220, 1-2 Angels From the Realms of Glory
224, 1-3 Good Christian Friends Rejoice
245 The First Noel
250, 1-2 Once in Royal David's City
246 Joy to the World
Love Came Down at Christmas
Jerrie Sue Massengale
Arranged by Larry Shackley

*Congregation standing, as able

Love and sympathy is expressed to the family of Fay Norwood, who passed to the new life on December 18. Please keep her family in your prayers.



The Church Staff would like to express their appreciation for the Christmas bonuses received. Thank you!

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 will be 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 Sunday, January 9. All are invited to help! Lunch will be provided for volunteers.

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: 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

We will begin a new Prayer Concerns List for the New Year on January 9. If you would like to add or reinstate someone to the list, please call the church office.

Birthdays

28 Shirley Singleton 1 Denny Mixon

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

Calendar

Sunday
 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship

Monday—Church Office Closed
 4:00 pm Community Meal "To Go"
Wednesday
 6:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday—Church Office Closed
 6:00 pm AA Meeting (Legacy Hall)
Friday—Church Office Closed

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