

**4th Sunday of Advent
December 19, 2021**

PRELUDE/GATHERING

Jerrie Sue Massengale

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Buddy Butler

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

A TIME OF CENTERING

Jerrie Sue Massengale

Sussex Carol with It Came upon the Midnight Clear

CALL TO WORSHIP

Buddy Butler

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON, 890

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*HYMN, 2090 VERSES 1-4 *Light the Advent Candle*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE, 240 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 881 The Apostles' Creed

YOUTH PRESENTATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

II Samuel 7:1-11, 16

PSALTER, 807

Psalm 89

EPISTLE READING

Romans 16:25-27

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:26-38

*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.**

SERMON

Buddy Butler

*HYMN OF INVITATION, 204

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

*SENDING FORTH

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

*POSTLUDE

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Sussex Carol with It Came upon the Midnight Clear

*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.

The final Advent Bible Study will be held on Wednesday, at 11 a.m.

Copies of our updated church directory are 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. Copies of the Hiwassee District UMW newsletter—The Missionette- 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.



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: 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: *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.

Birthdays

23 Warrene Alexander

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. 160 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

11:00 am Advent Bible Study
 6:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday

6:00 pm AA Meeting (Legacy Hall)

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