

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**January 23, 2022**

PRELUDE/GATHERING  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST  
A TIME OF CENTERING  
CALL TO WORSHIP  
PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON, 89 1  
SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
OPENING PRAYER  
\*HYMN OF PRAISE, 133  
\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 88 1  
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
THE LORD'S PRAYER  
\*HYMN, 419  
WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES  
\*DOXOLOGY, 95  
PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION  
OLD TESTAMENT READING  
PSALTER, 750  
EPISTLE READING  
\*GOSPEL READING  
\*GLORIA PATRI, 70  
ANTHEM, 365  
SERMON  
\*HYMN OF INVITATION, 393  
\*SENDING FORTH  
\*FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD, TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO OUR COMMUNITY  
\*POSTLUDE  
\*Congregation standing, as able

*Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus*

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

The Apostles' Creed

*I Am Thine, O Lord*

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalms 19

I Corinthians 12:12-31

Luke 4:14-21

*Grace Greater than Our Sin*

*Spirit of the Living God*

*Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

Arranged by Dino Kartsonakis

Jerrie Sue Massengale

Buddy Butler

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Evelyn Stemmann

Joy Turner

Choir

Buddy Butler

Jerrie Sue Massengale

The **Church Council** will meet on Tuesday, January 25, at 6:30 p.m. All Council members are asked to attend.

The Son Seekers adult Sunday School class have begun a new study. It's the United Methodist curriculum recommended by some of the church boards. If you'd like to join us, please come! The quarterly is \$14, and we have a couple of extra ones on hand.

The United Methodist Women's Leadership Team will meet Thursday, January 27, at 11:30 a.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 UMW will have their first meeting of 2022 on Wednesday, February 2, at 11 a.m. All are invited.

The United Methodist Women would like to thank all those who have already purchased pecans. Dark chocolate, medium and small pieces are still available—reduced to \$10.00 each.

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

**Contribution Statements for 2021** are available in the Narthex— please take yours home today!

Sunday School attendees are asked to make sure the heat is turned off at end of class.

**United Methodist Special Sunday Offering: Human Relations Day.** The Human Relations Day Offering supports neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy in the United States and Puerto Rico through United Methodist Voluntary Services, and work with at risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program.

Our **Fifth Sunday Offering for Holston Home for Children** will be received on January 30.



It's time for our Annual Financial Audit. All groups having checking accounts are asked to provide their 2021 bank statements and checkbooks to Sheppie Dunn by Sunday, January 30.



Choir Rehearsal held Wednesdays at 6 p.m. All are welcome!

Please donate nonperishable food items in the Narthex box - **jelly, peanut butter, 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** Elaine Morgan Ron Singleton\*  
 Joy Turner  
 \*Team captain  
**Sound Techs** Randy Loudermilk, Ann Rymer  
**Webmaster** Marti Lane



**Our Prayer Concerns**

**Our Congregation:** Lance and Sharon Luke (Covid), Donna Sexton, the family of Fay Norwood, Ed Massengale, Barb Bender, Hannah Geren

**Homebound/Assisted Living:** Emily Yaxley, ^Warrene Alexander

**Others in our prayers:** \*Jeff Bunch (uncle of April Butler), \*Michelle Nerney (multiple myeloma—friend of Ann Rymer, the family of Joanne McKibben, the family of Doris Abernathy, Richard Meyers (complications after lung surgery—brother of Elaine Minor), Kerry and Cindy Hicks, first responders, armed forces members

\*new to concerns +Hospital ^Assisted Living/Nursing Home ~ Hospice

**We have begun a new Prayer Concerns List for the New Year. If you would like to add or reinstate someone to the list, please call the church office.**

**Birthdays**  
 24 Charles Stemmann

**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. 133 meals were served on January 10. If you would like to help, please contact Sheppie Dunn or Evelyn Stemmann. The Community Meal phone number is 423-241-2282.

<b>Calendar</b>	<b>Today</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
	10:00 am Sunday School	4:00 pm Community Meal "To Go"	6:00 pm Choir Practice
	11:00 am Worship	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
	Youth are attending Resurrection online	6:30 pm Church Council Meeting	6:00 pm AA Meeting (Legacy Hall)

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