

**1st Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022**

PRELUDE/GATHERING ANNOUNCEMENTS LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST		Jerrie Sue Massengale Buddy Butler
A TIME OF CENTERING	<i>What Child Is This</i>	Jerrie Sue Massengale
CALL TO WORSHIP PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON, 891 SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST		Buddy Butler
SPECIAL MUSIC, VERSE 1	<i>Light the Advent Candle</i>	Choir
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE		Marti Lane and Donna Ratzlaff
OPENING PRAYER *HYMN OF PRAISE, 196	<i>Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus</i>	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 885 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE THE LORD'S PRAYER, 895 HYMN, 206	A Modern Affirmation <i>I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</i>	
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 FIRST READING PSALTER, 74 1 SECOND READING	Proverbs 3 Psalm 4 II Corinthians 8:1-5	April Butler Ben Sexton Dura Montgomery
*GOSPEL READING *GLORIA PATRI, 70 ANTHEM	Luke 21:1-4 <i>We Are Waiting</i>	Choir
SERMON	"Committed to Christ: Money & Purpose"	Buddy Butler
*HYMN OF INVITATION, 204 *SENDING FORTH *FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD, TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO OUR COMMUNITY	<i>Emmanuel, Emmanuel</i>	
*POSTLUDE	<i>May the Road Rise to Meet You</i>	Jerrie Sue Massengale

*Congregation standing, as able

For more than 100 years, congregations have been supporting students' education needs through the **United Methodist Student Day Offering**. The funds received today go into the United Methodist Student Loan Fund to underwrite scholarships awarded to deserving United Methodist students.



United
Women
in Faith

The United Women in Faith would like to thank you for all the items donated for the residents at Life Care. We will deliver them to Life Care in December.

Most of the pecans have arrived. Pecans may be picked up after church on Sundays. Thank you to all of you that ordered pecans and support the UWF mission work.

The United Women in Faith will have a Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 12:00 p.m. at Dellon Ash's restaurant, 5830 Old Hwy. 76, Blue Ridge. He will prepare two meats, salad, 3-4 different vegetables and dessert. It will be served family style and you can eat all you want. The cost plus tax and tip will be \$22.50. Instead of exchanging gifts we will bring a wrapped gift for a resident at Life Care. Please tag your gift with what it is and if it is for a woman or man. Please sign up in the Narthex if you plan to attend our Christmas luncheon or call Flora Grindstaff at 706-632-5979.

Operation Christmas Child: thanks to your generosity 32 children will receive a shoebox!

Christmas Food Bags

The Missions Work Area of FUMC Copperhill, plus other churches who partner with us in local mission outreach, are spearheading this project to provide food bags to needy families in our area. You can help by purchasing the following items and bringing them to First UMC by **Thursday, December 1**.



- **Week of Nov. 28:** package of *Idahoan* mashed potatoes and a can or package mix of gravy
CASH donations will go towards IGA gift certificates, so families can buy meat or a special dessert.
Make checks out to FUMC & put Missions-Christmas in the memo line.

We thank each of you for your loving care for "the least of these."

The **Missions Committee** will be meeting with Louise Bain from the Chattanooga Area Regional Food Bank on Tuesday, November 29, at 4 pm in the parlor. Any others interested in finding out what is needed for setting up a food pantry are invited to attend this information session.

The **Church Council** will meet on Tuesday, November 29, at 6:30 p.m.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church Concert Series: **Carols by Candlelight** will be held today at 5 p.m. Joyful Ringers Handbells, Misty Mountain Singers, pianists, and a recorder ensemble will perform. Free admission—a love offering will be received.

Brasstown Ringers Handbell Concert: Sunday, December 4, 5 p.m. in Legacy Hall
Invite your friends and neighbors to this festive beginning of the Advent season. Free admission, a love offering will be received to help with the expenses of the group.

Our Choir Cantata "Angel's Song" will be presented on Sunday, December 11, at 11 a.m.
Please invite your friends and neighbors!

Church Leadership

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

Sunday Servants

Ushers Randy Loudermilk Adam Turner
Sound Techs Randy Loudermilk, Ann Rymer
Webmaster Marti Lane

Our Prayer Concerns

Our Congregation: Hannah Geren, Bill Simonds, Glenda Simonds, The family of Jerry Dunton, The family of Carolyn Weese, +Elaine Crowe, Louise Arp, Sheppie Dunn, Barb Bender

Homebound/Assisted Living: Emily Yaxley, ^Warrene Alexander

Others in our prayers: +Byron Sexton (brother of Ben), Junior Gwynn (home from hospital after long stay—friend of the Massengales), Bill Luke (father of Lance Luke), Jennifer Robertson (sister of Sharon Luke), Jackie Flowers (attacked by dog), Ben Key (lung cancer), Judy Jones, ALS (friend of Cathy Turner), Samuel Jones –unit back in the US (nephew of Jerrie Sue Massengale), Jeff and Danielle Jones (parents of Samuel), Tom Reed, Kerry and Cindy Hicks, first responders, armed forces members, the people of Ukraine

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

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer Concerns, please call the church office.

Birthdays

28 Freda Abbott 30 Garry Day

Anniversaries

3 Larry and Bettye Collis 55th

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. 171 free "to go" meals were served last week. If you would like to help, contact Community Meal volunteers at 423-241-2282.

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Calendar	Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	10:00 am Sunday School	4-6 pm Community Meal "To Go"	4:00 pm Missions Committee	6:00 pm Choir Practice	6:00 pm AA Meeting (Legacy Hall)
	11:00 am Worship	6:30 pm Church Council Meeting			
	6:00 pm Life Group Meeting				

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Hope

Walk by the
 LORD's light.

- Isaiah 2:5

