

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
December 4, 2022**

PRELUDE/GATHERING  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST  
A TIME OF CENTERING      *Love Came Down at Christmas*      Jerrie Sue Massengale  
CALL TO WORSHIP      Buddy Butler  
SPECIAL MUSIC, VERSES 1 & 2      *Candles of Advent*      Choir  
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES      Elaine Morgan and Shirley Starling  
OPENING PRAYER  
\*HYMN OF PRAISE, 211      *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION  
FIRST READING      Proverbs 22: 1-9      Garry Day  
PSALTER, 839      Psalm 118      Ben Sexton  
SECOND READING      I Corinthians 12:1-11      Linda Day  
\*GOSPEL READING      Matthew 25:31-46  
\*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      *Come and Feast*      Choir  
SERMON      “Committed to Christ: Ministry of Service”      Buddy Butler  
\*HYMN, 622 v. 1-3      *There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood*  
\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 886 The World Methodist Social Affirmation  
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
THE LORD’S PRAYER  
PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON, 8  
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 OF INVITATION, 204      *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*  
\*SENDING FORTH  
\*FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD, TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO OUR COMMUNITY  
\*POSTLUDE      *May the Road Rise to Meet You*      Jerrie Sue Massengale  
\*Congregation standing, as able



**Brasstown Ringers Handbell Concert  
Today at 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!

Everyone is invited to a **Christmas Concert** at the Epworth Auditorium on Sunday, December 11, at 3 p.m. Performing will be the Epworth Community Band and the Tri-State Community Band.

The United Women in Faith's Christmas Luncheon for Thursday, December 15, has been canceled. We will continue collecting items for Life Care until Sunday, December 18. Thank you to those that have already given items.



United Women in Faith

The pecan halves have arrived and can be picked up after church on Sunday. We have extra pecans that can be bought for \$11 per bag. Thank you to all that have purchased pecans.

You can “mail” your **Christmas Cards** to fellow church members in the boxes in the Narthex. Please check your box for cards on Sundays. (This is intended only for cards to regular attendees—not to out-of-town members or others. Cards will not be mailed via USPS.)

The **Appalachian String Strummers** will perform at our Christmas Fellowship Dinner on Thursday, December 15, 6 p.m. in Legacy Hall. Bring your favorite dish and join us for good food and fellowship.



*Saturday, December 24 at 5 p.m.  
Holy Communion will be observed.*

**Christmas Food Bags**

Thanks to everyone who donated to help provide a Christmas meal for the needy in our community.

*We thank each of you for your loving care for “the least of these.”*

### 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  
**Sound Techs** Randy Loudermilk, Ann Rymer  
**Webmaster** Marti Lane

### Our Prayer Concerns

**Our Congregation:** Jeanne Kalchik, Hannah Geren, Bill Simonds, Glenda Simonds, +Elaine Crowe, Louise Arp, Sheppie Dunn, Barb Bender

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

**Others in our prayers:** \*Bee Hicks (in hospital), 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.**

Cards for Elaine Crowe may be mailed to her home address: 440 Hamby Road, Murphy, NC 28906, Her mail is being picked up and delivered to her at rehab.

### Birthdays

9 John Mills 10 Haley Loudermilk

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

<b>Calendar</b>	<b>Today</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
	10:00 am Sunday School	4-6 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	6:00 pm Choir Practice	
	6:00 pm Life Group Meeting		

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