

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
December 11, 2022**

PRELUDE/GATHERING  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST  
A TIME OF CENTERING  
CALL TO WORSHIP  
SPECIAL MUSIC, VERSES 1-3  
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES  
OPENING PRAYER  
\*HYMN OF PRAISE, 219  
\*SCRIPTURE READING  
SERMON  
\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 881  
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.

*Mary, Did You Know?*

*What Child Is This*

Matthew 3:1-8

The Apostles' Creed

Jerrie Sue Massengale  
Buddy Butler

Jerrie Sue Massengale

Buddy Butler  
Choir  
Buddy and April Butler

Buddy Butler

CHOIR CANTATA

Angel's Song  
His Name Shall Be Called Wonderful  
There Was No Room  
He Is Here  
While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks  
Glory to God  
Hush-a-bye, Sweet Baby  
We Have Found Him  
Lord, I Want to Serve You  
Our Christmas Prayer for You  
Angel's Song (Finale)

Joy Turner, Narrator

\*SENDING FORTH

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

\*POSTLUDE  
*O Come, O Come Emmanuel, reprise* Jerrie Sue Massengale

\*Congregation standing, as able

Everyone is invited to a **Christmas Concert** at the Epworth Auditorium today at 3 p.m. Performing will be the Epworth Community Band and the Tri-State Community Band. Admission is a donation for their Scholarship Fund.

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.

The United Women in Faith's Christmas Luncheon for Thursday, December 15, has been canceled. Please bring your donations for Life Care residents by next Sunday, December 18. Thank you to those that have already given.



United Women in Faith

The pecan halves have arrived and can be picked up after church. 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.)



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

**Christmas Food Bags Project**

Thanks to everyone who donated to help provide a Christmas meal for the needy in our community, The Christmas Food Bags will be assembled after church on December 18. You are invited to stay and help the Mission Group with this special project.

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

The Church Office will be closed December 23 to December 29. Bulletin deadline is Monday, December 19, at noon for the December 24 and 25 bulletins. The office will be open on Friday, December 30 - 10 a.m. deadline for the January 1 bulletin.

If you would like to make a donation for **Christmas Gifts** for our church staff, please place it in the designated box in the Narthex today or next Sunday. Please put "Staff Gift" on memo line of check.

### 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 (home from 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  
*We will begin a new prayer list in January—please call the church office if you would like someone to remain on list.*

\*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

16 Alex 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. 173 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 (Mixed Blessings)
	11:00 am Worship & Choir Cantata	<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00 pm Christmas Fellowship Supper
	6:00 pm Life Group Meeting	NO Choir Practice	

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