

**2nd Sunday after the Epiphany
January 15, 2023**

PRELUDE/GATHERING
ANNOUNCEMENTS
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST
A TIME OF CENTERING
Jerrie Sue Massengale
Buddy Butler
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CALL TO WORSHIP
PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON, 891
Buddy Butler

Almighty and most merciful God, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful God, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of thy holy name. Amen. *All pray in silence.* If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **Thanks be to God.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE, 368
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 881
My Hope Is Built
The Apostles' Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER, 895

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen

HYMN, 451
WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES
Be Thou My Vision

*DOXOLOGY, 95
heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING
PSALTER, 774
SECOND READING
*GOSPEL READING
*GLORIA PATRI, 70
Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40: 1-11
I Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42
Dura Montgomery
Ben Sexton
Joy Turner

ANTHEM
It Is Well with My Soul
Choir

SERMON
Buddy Butler

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Tom Canady, Charles Ferguson, Elaine Minor

*HYMN OF INVITATION, 467
Trust and Obey

*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

United Methodist Special Sunday Offering: 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.

The **Missions Committee** will meet on Thursday, January 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor. All members are asked to attend.

The **SPR Committee** will meet on Monday, January 23, at 6 p.m.

A **Church Council** meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 24, at 6:30 p.m. in Legacy Hall.

The **Worship Committee** will meet on Wednesday, February 1, at 5 p.m.

It's time for our **Annual Financial Audit**. All groups having checking accounts are asked to provide their 2022 bank statements and checkbooks to Sheppie Dunn by Sunday, January 29.

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

Our **Fifth Sunday Offering for Holston Home for Children** will be received on January 29.



United
Women
in Faith

Remaining pieces, glazed and cinnamon glazed pecans have been reduced to \$10 per bag. Thanks for your support!

Please check “your” box in the Narthex for Christmas Cards!

All news and calendar items for February issue of *The Copperhill Courier* are due in the church office by **Thursday, January 19.**

**Newsletter
DEADLINE**



The beautiful flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God, in honor of the birthday of Cathy Turner, by her children.

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
 Bill Simonds
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), ^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. Elaine is now at home after rehab.

If your birthday or anniversary has not appeared in our listings please call the church office.



Please donate nonperishable food items in the Narthex box - **canned meat, tuna, jelly, peanut butter, breakfast cereal, oatmeal, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, rice, soup, chili, canned vegetables**, etc. We have plenty of macaroni and cheese at this time. *Thanks to all who contribute - the families are always grateful.*

The Community Meal is held on Mondays, 4 to 6 p.m. 187 free "to go" meals were served last week. If you would like to help, contact Community meal volunteers at 423-241-2282.

Calendar

Today
 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship
 6:00 pm Life Group Meeting

Monday
 4-6 pm Community Meal "To Go"
Wednesday
 6:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday
 6:00 pm AA Meeting
 6:30 pm Missions Meeting (Parlor)

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*I waited patiently for the LORD; He
 turned to me and heard my cry.
 Psalm 40:1*

Everyone Welcome!