

**6th Sunday after the Epiphany
February 12, 2023**

PRELUDE/GATHERING
ANNOUNCEMENTS

What Wondrous Love

Marti Lane
Buddy Butler

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST
CALL TO WORSHIP

Buddy Butler

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON, 891

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

He Came Down

Marti Lane

*Congregation standing, as able

*HYMN OF PRAISE, 57

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 881

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

Go Ye Into All the World!

Nancy Price & Don Besig
Orchestrated by Larry Mayfield

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY

Freely, Freely

Marti Lane

*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, 840

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalms 119: 1-8

Garry Day
April Butler

SECOND READING

I Corinthians 3: 1-9

Linda Day

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5: 21-37

*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.**

SERMON

Buddy Butler

*HYMN OF INVITATION, 365

Grace Greater than Our Sin

*SENDING FORTH

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

*POSTLUDE



United
Women
in Faith

The February Meeting of United Women in Faith will be a Potluck Valentine's Lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 14. Please bring your spouse, or significant other, or invite a friend! This will also be our Pledge Service.

Remaining pecan pieces, glazed and cinnamon glazed pecans have been reduced to \$10 per bag. Thanks for supporting our charitable projects with your pecan purchases.

Our **Ash Wednesday Service**
will be held on February 22 at 6 p.m.



A new 13-week session of GriefShare, a special weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the death of someone close, will begin on Monday, March 13, 6-8 p.m. Call Lonney McDonald at 706-455-8249 for more information.



Volunteers are needed to organize an Easter Egg Hunt after worship on April 9. Please sign up in the Narthex if you would like to help!

UMCOR responds to deadly earthquake in Turkey, Syria

As the death tolls pass 19,000 and hundreds of thousands are left homeless across Syria and neighboring Turkey, UMCOR is working with partners in the region to provide tents, heaters, blankets, warm clothes, ready-to-eat meals and basic first-aid kits. Advance #982450.

All news and calendar items for the March issue of *The Copperhill Courier* are due in the church office by **Thursday, February 16.**

Newsletter
DEADLINE

Church Leadership
Pastor Gilbert "Buddy" Butler
Secretary Heidi Rule
Custodian Christine Dowlin

Sunday Servants
Ushers Shirley Starling, Charlie Stemmann
 Joy Turner
Sound Techs Randy Loudermilk, Ann Rymer
Webmaster Marti Lane

Our Prayer Concerns

Our Congregation: Tom Canady, Cathryn McCarter, +Sheppie Dunn, Jeanne Kalchik, Hannah Geren, Bill Simonds, Glenda Simonds, Elaine Crowe, Louise Arp, Barb Bender
Homebound/Assisted Living: Emily Yaxley, +^Warrene Alexander

Others in our prayers: the family of Garry Collis (late brother of Larry Collis), Bee Hicks, 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.

Birthdays

12 Catherine Lange 13 Buddy Butler 14 Daniel Loudermilk, Lily 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 to 6 p.m. 168 free "to go" meals were served last week. If you would like to help, contact Community meal volunteers at 423-241-2282.

Upper Rooms for March—April are available in the Narthex today.

Calendar

Today	Monday	Wednesday
10:00 am Sunday School	4-6 pm Community Meal "To Go"	6:00 pm Choir Practice
11:00 am Worship	Tuesday	Thursday
6:00 pm Life Group Meeting	11:30 am UWF Valentine Luncheon	6:00 pm AA Meeting

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Everyone Welcome!