

Order of Worship

December 11, 2016	3rd Sunday in Advent	10:30 a.m.
Gathering of God's Children		
Welcome and Announcements		
Prelude		William Elliott
Bringing in the Light of Christ		Acolyte
Choral Call to Worship	"For Unto Us a Child Is Born"	Chancel Choir
Lighting of the Advent Candle		Terry & Bronwyn Owen and Family
Sung Response	"Star-Child" (Verses 1, 2, 3)	FWS 2095

Opening Prayer (Unison)

*God of Hope, you call us home from the exile of selfish oppression
To the freedom of justice, the balm of healing, and the joy of sharing.
Make us strong to join you in your holy work, as friends of strangers and victims,
Companions of those whom others shun, and as the happiness of those whose
Hearts are broken. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Hymn	"The First Noel" (Verses 1, 2)	UMH 245
*Hymn	"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" (Verses 1, 2, 3)	UMH 240

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Receiving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory		William Elliott
*Doxology	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"	UMH 95

Hymn	"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" (Verses 1, 3)	UMH 224
Hymn	"O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"	

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-10 and Luke 1:46B-55

"How Grinch Didn't Steal Christmas"

Hymn	"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (Verses 1, 3, 4)	UMH 234
Hymn	"O Holy Night"	
Hymn	"Away in a Manger"	UMH 216
Hymn	"Joy to the World"	UMH 246

Sermon Pastor Brad

*Invitation to Discipleship		
*Hymn	"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"	UMH 251
*Dismissal with Blessing		
*Choral Benediction	"A Christmas Blessing"	Chancel Choir
"Taking Out the Light of the World"		
Postlude		

PRAYER REQUESTS

IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Eddie **Abshire**, Fran **Alba**, Andy **Anderson**, Patsy **Arnold**, Jim **Ayers**, Janet **Barker**, Charlotte **Bass**, Catherine **Beamer**, Dennis **Bennett**, Phyllis **Blankenship**, Carol **Bohoboy**, Suzanna **Bovenizer**, Doug **Coon**, Sarah **Crews**, Veleda **Davidson**, Anna **Deitrich**, Blair **Deskins** (Jean Miller's Granddaughter), Richard and Patty **Dillon** (Wade's Parents), Darlene **Dolin**, Linda **Douthat**, Steve **Epperly**, Gertrude **Farmer**, Beth **Farrington**, Vicki **Furrow**, Michelle **Garcia**, Debbie **Gillespie**, Laura **Gooch**, Stephanie **Gressett**, Amanda **Griffith**, Bill **Harless**, Gus **Hartsock**, Millie **Hartsock**, Susan **Hastings**, Erinn **Hollo**, Jim **Houchins**, Tim **Jarrett** and his doctor (Dr. Brasfield), Amanda **Jessee**, Sharon **Johnson**, Jim **Justice**, Mary Virginia **Lester** (Linda Hash's Sister), Tammy **Little**, Howard "Moose" **Lovell**, Mary **Martin**, Owen **McGlamary**, Penny Sue **McKenzie** (Keith's Daughter-In-Law), Louise **McVey**, Richard **Morsan**, Ethan **Oliver**, Phil and Rebecca **Peterson**, Steve **Prout**, Johnny **Puckett**, Evelyn **Ragan**, Patty **Ramage**, Brian **Rose & Family**, Ruby **Roten**, Deb **Sarver**, Kenny **Sawyers**, Suzette **Sawyers**, Carol **Scott**, Mary Ruth **Scott**, Ruth **Shrader**, Marguerite **Smith**, Ellie **Spencer**, Ann Grim **Sparger**, Roger **Stacey**, Amanda **Stephenson**, Russell **Synan**, Will **Thompson**, Kim **Tinder**, Lee **Toliver**, Dave **Trippett** (Shirley Saunders' Nephew), Betty **White**, Edith **Wilkinson**, Michael & Susan **Williams** (Mary Ruth Scott's nephew)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

OUR MILITARY

Ryan **Shott**, Lucas **Graham**, Jeremy **Woody**, and those serving our country

LONG TERM ILLNESS

Joe **Akers**, Marie **Anderson**, Barbara **Bailey**, Bobbie **Bellamy** (Margaret Elam's Sister), Smokey **Blaylock**, Edna **Bone**, Joe **Davidson**, Leon **Devor**, Ethel **Earls**, Syd **Ellison**, Margaret **Farmer**, Russell **Garrett**, Shirley **Glover**, Dr. David **Kovach**, Charles **Miller** (Pam Rose's father), Gary **Pardue**, Gerrie **Porter**, Wilma **Shay**, Nancy **Trenton**, Irma **Webb**, Ted **Yost**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 11	Worship Service	8:30 a.m.
	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday, December 12	Finance Committee	6:30 p.m.
	Church Council	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 13	TOPS	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 14	Prayer Time at the Altar	9:00 a.m.
	Advent Study	6:00 p.m.
	Handbell Rehearsal	6:15 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Friday, December 16	Philosophers Christmas	6:00 p.m.

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS DECEMBER 2016	
2016 Monthly Budget	\$23,417.00
Monthly Tithes & Offerings to Date	\$ 8,921.00
Monthly Unbudgeted Receipts to Date	\$ 875.00
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES YTD	\$10,170.00
ATTENDANCE: December 4	
8:30 a.m. Worship	25
10:30 a.m. Worship	129
TOTAL WORSHIP	154
Sunday School	48



Bluefield First United Methodist Church

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YOUTH LUNCHEON immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service today.

Menu: Soup, Sandwich, Salad and Dessert. Please support the youth by coming and enjoying a delicious lunch and helping them with their expenses to Resurrection.

PHILOSOPHERS-SEEKERS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS would like to invite all members of other Sunday School classes to their annual Christmas Party. The party will be held in Palmer Hall on Friday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. Bring your favorite Christmas finger food and a small gift (\$15.00) to swap. Members of the class will provide transportation if requested.

FAMILY NIGHT — Come out with your family and bring a covered dish to join us for Family Night on Sunday, December 18 at 6:00 p.m. in Palmer Hall. We are expecting a visit from a very special person.

MEN'S CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST will be on Wednesday, December 21 at 7:00 a.m. Rev. Don Scott and Bill Elliott will lead the devotions. The First UMC Men's group will prepare the meal. Men and women are invited to attend and enjoy this great time of fellowship and a delicious breakfast.

The Men's group is sponsoring a **FOOD COLLECTION PROJECT IN SUPPORT OF THE BLUEFIELD UNION MISSION**. Non-perishable food items are needed and can be dropped off Monday through Thursday at the church. The project continues until year end. The food will be delivered to the Mission the first week of January.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata – December 18, 10: 30 a.m. Service

Adult Handbell Choir will perform Sunday, December 18

Family Night – December 18, 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve – 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day - No 8:30 a.m. Service

Special Christmas Brunch at 9:30 a.m. (No Sunday School)

10:30 a.m. combined Worship Service



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