

Order of Worship

December 18, 2016 4th Sunday in Advent 10:30 a.m.

Gathering of God's Children
 Welcome and Announcements
 Prelude "Angel Blessings" Adult Handbell Choir
 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 David and Jackie Williams and Family
 Sung Response "Star-Child" (Verses 1, 2, 3, 4) FWS 2095

Opening Prayer (Unison)
O God of Elizabeth and Mary, you visited your servants with news of the world's redemption in the coming of the Savior. Make our hearts leap with joy, and fill our mouths with glad tidings of peace, and welcome the Christ in our midst. Amen.

*Hymn "Angels from the Realms of Glory" UMH 220

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Receiving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings
 Offertory "Born in Bethlehem" Randy Vader
 *Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95

Scripture Isaiah 7:10-16 and Matthew 1:18-25

CHANCEL CHOIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA
 "MORNING STAR"
Celebrating the Everlasting Light of Christmas

<i>Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>
<i>Moring Star</i>	<i>He Come from the Glory</i>
<i>Chosen by God</i>	<i>Why Do the Shepherds Sing?</i>
	<i>Morning Star (Finale)</i>

*Invitation to Discipleship
 *Hymn "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" UMH 229
 *Dismissal with Blessing
 *Choral Benediction "A Christmas Blessing" Chancel Choir
 *Taking out the Light of Christ Acolyte
 *Postlude "Fanfare for a Festival" J. J. Mouret

*People Stand as Able

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 **Bohaby**, Suzanna **Bovenizer**, Susie Foster **Cooper**, Sarah **Crews**, Mitty Coles **Crymes**, Velea **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**, Carter **Graves**, (Ervin/Charlotte Rich's Great-Grandson), Stephanie **Gressett**, Amanda **Griffith**, Bill **Harless**, Gus **Hartsock**, Millie **Hartsock**, Susan **Hastings**, Erinn **Hollo**, Jim **Houchins**, Debbie Rosenthal **Humes**, 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**, Louise **McVey**, Richard **Morsan**, Ethan **Oliver** Steve **Prout**, Don **Puckett**, 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**, Dave **Trippett** (Shirley Saunders' Nephew), Betty **White**, Don **White**, Edith **Wilkinson**, Michael & Susan **Williams** (Mary Ruth Scott's nephew)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

OUR MILITARY

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

LONG TERM ILLNESS

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**,

The Chancel Choir has given a gift to the Music Ministry in honor of Jack Goins, Choir Director.

The Chancel Choir has given a gift to the Music Ministry in honor of the cantata musicians: William Elliott, Sharon Ziegler and Tom Horne.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of William Elliott. (By: Don and Sarah Bowling)

CHANCEL CHOIR MEMBERS

SOPRANOS

JoAnn Davis
 Margaret Elam
 Jennifer Mahood
 Peg Scott
 Diane Shott
 Sharon Ziegler

ALTOS

Ruth Brewster
 Kim Constantino
 Pat Green
 Melba McGlamary
 Bronwyn Owen
 Pam Rose
 Debbie Spencer
 Karen Woody

TENORS

Wade Dillon
 Danny Frost
 Brad Scott

BASS

Jim Brewster
 Don Scott
 Rodger Woodrum

CHOIR DIRECTOR: Jack Goins

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/HANDBELL CHOIR/ACCOMPANIST: William Elliott

PIANO ACCOMPANIST: Sharon Ziegler

PERCUSSIONIST: Tom Horne

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 18	Worship Service	8:30 a.m.
	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Family Night	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 20	TOPS	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 21	Men's Breakfast	7:00 a.m.
	Prayer Time at the Altar	9:00 a.m.
	Advent Study	6:00 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 24	Christmas Eve Service	7:00 p.m.

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS DECEMBER 2016	
2016 Monthly Budget	\$23,417.00
Monthly Tithes & Offerings to Date	\$ 13,299.00
Monthly Unbudgeted Receipts to Date	\$ 4,706.75
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES YTD	\$10,210.00
ATTENDANCE: December 11	
8:30 a.m. Worship	15
10:30 a.m. Worship	171
TOTAL WORSHIP	186
Sunday School	46

FAMILY NIGHT — Come out with your family and bring a covered dish to join us for Family Night on tonight 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:

- 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**

The church has received a free-standing Advent Wreath given in honor of Ethel Earls' 95th birthday by her children.

As we look to the future, many opportunities for ministry lay ahead. Please consider a year-end gift of financial partnership to **partner with the World Methodist Evangelism**.

- A gift of \$500 sends a young leader to our annual *Order of the Flame* conference.
- A gift of \$1,200 provides theological training for a certificate in evangelism for a young African pastor.
- A gift of \$1,500 brings a young person from outside the United States to *Metanoia* (transformation), our international evangelism gathering for young people.
- A gift of \$2,000 supports the publication of new and updated faith sharing resources.

Kim Edwards and Jackie Brown would like to thank Amy Horne for helping make the children's Christmas play a great success!



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