

Order of Worship

December 4, 2016 2nd 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		Margaret Elam
Sung Response	"Star-Child" (Verse 2)	FWS 2095
Opening Prayer (Unison)		
<i>God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation. Make us ready for the message that prepares the way, That with uprightness of heart and holy joy We may eagerly await the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ, Who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.</i>		
*Hymn	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Verses 1-4)	UMH 211
Children's Time (<i>Children will be dismissed to Children's Church</i>)		
Prayer		
Receiving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings		
Offertory		William Elliott
*Doxology	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"	UMH 95
Anthem	"Almost There"	Smith/Grant
	Chancel Choir	
Scripture Lesson	Isaiah 11:1-10, Matthew 3:1-12	
Sermon	"When Justice Shall Reign"	Pastor Brad
Response to the Word		
*Affirmation of Faith	"A Modern Affirmation"	UMH 885
*Invitation to Discipleship		
*Hymn	"O Little Town of Bethlehem"	UMH 230
*Dismissal with Blessing		
*Choral Benediction	"A Christmas Blessing"	Chancel Choir
*Taking out the Light of Christ		Acolyte
*Postlude		William Elliott
*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 **Bohaboy**, Suzanna **Bovenizer**, Doug **Coon**, 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**, 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**

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to **Nancy Trenton** and family in the death of her son, Robert.

Children's Bulletins are available in the Narthex. One for ages 3-6 and one for ages 7-12.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 4	Worship Service	8:30 a.m.
	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday, December 5	OCC Proc. Center	6:30 a.m.
	Staff Parish Relations	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 6	TOPS	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 30	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.
Saturday, December 10	UMW Christmas Brunch	10:00 a.m.
	Home of Jack and Pam Brewster	

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS	
DECEMBER 2016	
2016 Monthly Budget	\$23,417.00
Monthly Tithes & Offerings to Date	\$15,817.73
Monthly Unbudgeted Receipts to Date	\$ 7,025.00
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES YTD	\$10,170.00
ATTENDANCE: November 27	
8:30 a.m. Worship	21
10:30 a.m. Worship	117
TOTAL WORSHIP	138
Sunday School	44



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The Worship Team has provided at no cost to you an **ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET** for special devotions during the Advent season. These have been placed at each entrance.

UMCOR is working with the people in Tennessee who have been devastated by the forest fires and also those devastated by tornadoes. If you would like to make a donation, please mark your check for "wildfires" or "tornadoes".

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 office. 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



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