

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 3 2023 ♦ Frist Sunday of Advent

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| Prelude | | C. Harnish |
| Welcome | | Pastor Richard Blount |
| Lighting of the Advent Wreath | | |
| Opening Hymn | <i>"O Come, All Ye Faithful"</i> | UMH#234(all verses) |
| Affirmation of Faith | <i>Apostles' Creed</i> | UMH #881 |
| Offering Prayer | | |
| Offertory/Doxology | <i>"Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus"</i> | Chancel Choir |
| Children's Message | | Sophie Banks |
| Hymn | <i>"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"</i> | UMH#203(all verses) |
| Praises & Concerns | | |
| The Lord's Prayer | 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 forever. Amen. | |
| Scripture Reading | <i>"Mark 13:24-37"</i> | |
| Sermon | <i>"Stay Awake"</i> | Pastor Richard Blount |
| Welcome Children Back | | |
| Hymn | <i>"There's a Song in the Air"</i> | UMH#249(all verses) |
| Benediction | | Pastor Richard Blount |
| Postlude | | C. Harnish |

PRAISES/CONCERNS:

All Kids playing sports, Joe and Teresa Cipriano, Rev. Jim McCoy, Sheldon Rice, Ray Rodrigue, Chris Whorshom

CONCERNS:

The disaffiliation within the Methodist Church, Wildfires in the region, Dave Barnell, Pat Beatty, Joseph Beilman, Marie Bertini, Charlie Bilcher, Cameron Blevins, Ed Blount, Salina Bracy, Jim Champion, David Coffey, Steve Cook, Lauren Corbin, Lisa Dennison, Pat Duncan, Sandra Dyson, Lincoln Dyson, Joe Framburger, Laura Franklin, Cole Finch, Beth Finlay, Jamie Gash, Michael Gomon, Doug Green, Gary Greenfield, Gwen Harris, Martha and Jack Harris, Vickie Harris, Lynn and Cliff Harvey, Shawn Henderson, Matt and Sarah Hoover, Emma Hughey, Becky Humphrey, Allen Johnson, Rebecca Johnson, Shirley Jones, Lois Jost, Carrol Lawrence, Amanda Linstrom, Mary Frances McAbee Alex McBride, Nancy McCrink, Jan McNamara-Houck, Frank Meadows, Sheryl Melton, Robin Murray, Dan Nester, Gabe Perez, Hailey Petit and friend, Jennifer Phillips, Rick and Julie Phillips, Pearl Phillips, John Ramsey, Bill Rede, Venus Roberts, Larry Schultz, Emily Sewell, Thomas Stade, Joan Stafford, Stan Strohm, Greg Strohm, Robert Teller, Holence Topkin, Robin Tresco, Robin Truscott, Michael Watkins, Faye Williams, Jean Williams, Claire Williamson, Wars in Ukraine and Israel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ◆ Please pass the pew pads.
- ◆ **T-Shirts and Hoodies** are here! Please stop by the office during regular hours to get yours. If you didn't get one, you have a 2nd chance. Just fill out an order form located in the narthex and we will get more.
- ◆ **PPRC** will ask for a love offering through December 17, that will be distributed to the staff.
- ◆ **Confirmation Classes** are starting today at 4:30pm-6pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ **Explorer Class** is studying *Who is This Man? The Unpredictable Impact of the Inescapable Jesus* by Jon Ortberg. We meet on Sundays in the Love Conference Room at 10 am.
- ◆ **Women's Bible Study** is taking a break to celebrate the upcoming holidays. On January 7th and 9th, we will start a new Bible study called *When You Pray*: A study

of 6 prayers in the Bible.

- ◆ **Community Prayer Meeting** on Wednesdays from 8am-9am in the Love Conference Room, or join us in spirit.
- ◆ **Children's Christmas Program.** All children kindergarten through middle school are invited to present a telling of the birth of Jesus and Christmas songs. Practice during Children's Worship time downstairs. The performance will be on Sunday, December 17 during the morning service. Contact Phoebe Rogers at mcsmusic1@gmail.com or just come to Sunday worship.
- ◆ **Christmas Cards:** Thank you for your generosity. We have now plenty of cards to send to our homebound members.
- ◆ **Weaverville Candlelight Stroll** Friday, December 8. The church will be open from 6-9pm. Hot Apple Cider will be provided.
- ◆ **Community Candlelight Walk** Sunday, December 10, beginning at 6pm. Plan to spend time here at WUMC, as well as our neighboring churches for a meaningful beginning to this Christmas Season.
- ◆ **M&M Luncheon** Thursday, December 14. The WUMC preschool children will bless us with Christmas songs beginning at 11:45am in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch of lasagna, salad, bread and dessert will follow. Please RSVP to Lorraine at raincip@charter.net or call 828.707.2724
- ◆ **Matilda Dryman Circle** will meet on Thursday, December 14 at 10am in the Love Conference



CHURCH INFORMATION: You can learn more about WUMC by pointing your smart phone (in camera mode) to this QR code. It will give you a link which takes you to our web site, where you can sign up to receive our weekly newsletters and view past editions. We also have printed copies of our latest newsletter available in the Narthex for you to take with you. This service will be live-streamed and video recorded. Please notify an usher if you would prefer to remain off-camera.



FIRST, we thank church members for all the regular donations that are helping our ministry to grow by leaps and bounds! Currently our needs are for the following: Paper Grocery Bags, Infant car seats, strollers, bassinets, high chairs, Winter



clothes for preemie & newborn girls. Any non-expired car seats or boosters for car. Gently used/outgrown clothing & equipment always appreciated. See the Amazon Wish-list on the church website: <https://www.weavervilleumc.org> **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Help with 1st Mondays of the month for afternoon pickups from 5-7pm and 2nd & 4th & 5th from 10am-Noon.



Pantry Needs: Holiday meal items. Canned ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, corn, mashed potatoes,Soups, mac'n cheese, oatmeal, bags of fresh fruits and vegetables, individually wrapped toothbrushes.

Please make out checks to WUMC and mark **ABCCM North**.

No Sunday School or Nursery on December 24 or December 31. All children are welcome in the sanctuary.

Children's Christmas Eve Service 3pm

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 7pm

Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday: 9am-12 Noon

Tuesday: 12 Noon—3pm



The Nurture Committee wants to support our College Students away from home with words of encouragements and some --+ funds for dinner and a little fun. Please provide your student's name and address to the office or Joe Cipriano at jrcipria@msn.com.

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