

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 10, 2023 ♦ 2nd Sunday of Advent

Prelude	<i>“Once in Royal David’s City”</i>	Bell Choir
Welcome		Pastor Richard Blount
Lighting of the Advent Wreath		Banks Family: Zack, Jennifer, Sophie, Luke, Ellen
Opening Hymn	<i>“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”</i>	UMH#224 (v. 1-3)
Affirmation of Faith	<i>Apostles’ Creed</i>	UMH #881
Offering Prayer		
Offertory/Doxology	<i>“O How Joyfully”</i>	Bell Choir
Children’s Message		Angela Moser
Hymn	<i>“Go, Tell It On the Mountain”</i>	UMH# 251 (v. 1-3)
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 1:1-8</i>	
Sermon	<i>“What It’s About”</i>	Pastor Richard Blount
Welcome Children Back		
Hymn	<i>“O Little Town of Bethlehem”</i>	UMH#230 (v. 1-4)
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

FAMILY OF DESCEASED:

Family of Shelby Shelton, Family of Sheryl Melton

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, Joe and Teresa Cipriano, 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, Carrol Lawrence, Amanda Linstrom, Mary Frances McAbee Alex McBride, Nancy McCrink, Jan McNamara-Houck, 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.

SANCTURAY FLOWERS:

The poinsettias are donated in honor of our parents, children, and grandchildren by Phyllis and Billy Stowe.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ◆ Please pass the pew pads.
- ◆ PPRC will ask for a love offering through December 17, that will be distributed to the staff.
- ◆ Confirmation and Youth Class meets Sundays from 4:30pm-6pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ Family Christmas Party is planned for December 17 during the youth/confirmation class time beginning at 4:30pm. We’ll have pizza and a cookie swap. Let’s plan on singing Christmas songs and playing games.

◆ **Christmas Eve Services:** This year we will be having Communion at the 11:00am, 3:00p,m and 7:00pm Christmas Eve services. We need **four** communion servers for each service. If you are willing to serve communion at any of these services, please contact Mary Ann Feiffer at mabramsey@aol.com or Kim Morelock at klmorelock@yahoo.com.

◆ **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.

◆ **Community Candlelight Walk** today beginning at 6pm. Plan to spend time here at WUMC, as well as our neighboring churches for a meaningful beginning to this Christmas Season.

◆ **A big THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in the Nurture Committee’s Christmas Card Project. Thank you for the card donations and everyone who took a packet of cards home to mail. It’s not too late if you still want to participate. Contact Barb McElroy at davidorbarb@gmail.com for the list of those receiving cards. We also still have cards.

◆ **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

◆ **Minevia Brittain Circle** of the UWif will meet Wednesday, 12/13 at 6:30pm at Holly Leavitt’s home. RSVP by text 828.280.1116.

◆ **Matilda Dryman Circle** of the UWif will meet on Thursday, 12/14 at 10am in the Love Conference Room. Bring a gently used blanket. Call Joanie Strohm at 828.707.8928 or email ssjstars@charter.net

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: Skirt/Pant Hangers, Infant car seats, strollers, bassinets, high chairs, Winter clothes for preemie & newborn boys and girls. Any non-expired car seats or boosters for car. Gently used/outgrown clothing & equipment always appreciated. See the Amazon Wishlist 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.



- ◆ No Sunday School or Nursery on December 24 or December 31. All children are welcome in the sanctuary. **Children's Christmas Eve Service 3pm and Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 7pm**
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Community Prayer Meeting** on Wednesdays from 8am-9am in the Love Conference Room, or join us in spirit.
- ◆ **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.



We are collecting gently used blankets for the Transformation Village at ABCCM that will be distributed on Code Purple Days. You can drop them off at the office.

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

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