

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 17, 2023 ♦ 3rd Sunday of Advent

Prelude		C. Harnish
Welcome		Pastor Richard Blount
Lighting of the Advent Wreath		Porras Family
Opening Hymn	<i>"In the Bleak Midwinter"</i>	UMH#221 (v. 1, 2, 4)
Affirmation of Faith	<i>Apostles' Creed</i>	UMH #881
Offering Prayer		
Offertory/Doxology	<i>Children's Christmas Program</i>	C. Harnish
Hymn	<i>"Angels from the Realms of Glory"</i>	UMH# 220 (all verses)
Praises & Concerns		
The Lord's Prayer	<b>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.</b>	
Scripture Reading	<i>John 1:6-8; 19-28</i>	
Sermon	<i>"I am Nobody"</i>	Pastor Richard Blount
Welcome Children Back		
Hymn	<i>"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"</i>	UMH#229 (all verses)
Benediction		Pastor Richard Blount
Postlude		C. Harnish

### PRAISES:

Jaime Stowe National Board Certified Math Teacher!

Thomas Stade

### PRAISES/CONCERNS:

All Kids playing sports, Rev. Jim McCoy, Sheldon Rice, Ray Rodrigue, Chris Whorshom

### FAMILIES OF DECEASED:

Family of MC Edwards, Family of Sheryl Melton, Family of Arnie Nixon, Family of Shelby Shields

### CONCERNS:

2024 General Conference, Dave Barnell, Pat Beatty, Joseph Beilman, Marie Bertini, Charlie Bilcher, Cameron Blevins, Ed Blount, Salina Bracy, Jim Champion, David Coffey, Steve Cook, Lorraine and Bob Cipriano, Lauren Corbin, Lisa Dennison, Pat Duncan, Sandra Dyson, Lincoln Dyson, Ed, Cindy Farthing, 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, Emma Hughey, Becky Humphrey, Allen Johnson, Rebecca Johnson, Shirley Jones, Carrol Lawrence, Amanda Linstrom, Ted Mankin, 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, Joan Stafford, Stan Strohm, Greg Strohm, Robert Teller, Holence Topkin, Robin Tresco, Robin Truscott, Michael Watkins, Greg Weaver, Faye Williams, Jean Williams, Claire Williamson, Wars in Ukraine and Israel.

### SANCTURAY FLOWERS:

The flowers are dedicated in celebration of the birth of Christ by Les and Catherine Love

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ♦ Please pass the pew pads.
- ♦ **PPRC** will ask for a love offering through December 17, that will be distributed to the staff.

- ♦ **Family Christmas Party** today 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 all Christmas Eve services. We need **four** communion servers for each service. We still need servers for the **11am** and **7pm** service. If you are willing to serve communion at either of these services, please contact Mary Ann Feiffer at [mabramsey@aol.com](mailto:mabramsey@aol.com) or Kim Morelock at [klmorelock@yahoo.com](mailto:klmorelock@yahoo.com).
- ♦ **Children's Christmas Program** today during the morning service. All children kindergarten through middle school are invited to present a telling of the birth of Jesus and Christmas songs.
- ♦ **A big THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with the Candlelight stroll.
- ♦ **T-Shirts and Hoodies:** If you have not yet picked up yours, please check in the Brides Room. There are still several looking for their home.
- ♦ The **2024 Flower Calendar** is up in the narthex. Write your name on the date you may want to honor, remember or celebrate an occasion or person.
- ♦ **No Sunday School or Nursery** on December 24 or December 31. All children are welcome in the sanctuary.
- ♦ **December 24:** Regular Sunday worship at 11am, Children's Christmas Eve Service 3pm and Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 7pm
- ♦ **Red Cross Blood Drive:** Mark your calendar for Monday, January 22 from 3pm-8pm.

**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: Infant car seats, strollers, bassinets, high chairs, Winter clothes for

preemie boys and girls. Girl newborn clothes, tops and bottoms for 3, 4 and 5T 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.

 **ABCCM** Not just help for a day, but for life.

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**.

#### CHURCH STAFF

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- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Women's Bible Study:** Beginning Sunday, January 7th at 4:30pm, and on Tuesday January 9, at 10:30am in the Love Conference Room. The book is *When You Pray: A Study on 6 prayers in the Bible*. Contact Angela Moser with any questions at [Missangelf@outlook.com](mailto:Missangelf@outlook.com)
- ◆ **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](mailto:jrcipria@msn.com).
- ◆ **Pastor Richard** will be taking off the week between Christmas and New Year and return on Wednesday, January 3.
- ◆ **The church** office will be closed December 25 and 26 and reopen on Wednesday, December 27. We will also be closed January 1 and 2, We will be back on Wednesday, January 3



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