

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 24, 2023 ♦ 4th Sunday of Advent

Prelude	<i>“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”</i>	Mary Ann Fieffer & C. Harnish
Welcome		Pastor Richard Blount
Lighting of the Advent Wreath		Rodrigue Family: Jason, Stephanie, Katherine, Grace
Opening Hymn	<i>“Angels We Have Heard on High”</i>	UMH#238 (All verses)
Affirmation of Faith	<i>Apostles’ Creed</i>	UMH #881
Offering Prayer		
Offertory/Doxology	<i>“I Wonder As I Wander”</i>	Chancel Choir
Children’s Message Hymn	<i>“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”</i>	Sophie Banks UMH#240 (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>Luke 1:26-38</i>	
Sermon	<i>Step Into Faith</i>	Pastor Richard Blount
Welcome Children Back		
Communion	<i>Service of Word and Table II</i>	UMH pp.12-14
Hymn	<i>“Away In A Manger”</i>	UMH#217 (Verses 1, 3)
Benediction		Pastor Richard Blount
Postlude		C. Harnish

PRAISES:

Jaime Stowe National Board Certified Math Teacher!
Lauren Corbin, Thomas Stade

PRAISES/CONCERNS:

All Kids playing sports, Ed Blount, Rev. Jim McCoy, Sheldon Rice, Ray Rodrigue, Jack Seay, Chris Whorshom

CONCERNS:

2024 General Conference, Dave Barnell, Pat Beatty, Joseph Beilman, Marie Bertini, Charlie Bilcher, Maryann Binder, Cameron Blevins, Salina Bracy, Gary Carr, Jim Champion, David Coffey, Steve Cook, Lorraine and Bob Cipriano, Lisa Dennison, Pat Duncan, Sandra Dyson, Lincoln Dyson, Cindy Farthing, Joe Framburger, Laura Franklin, Cole Finch, Beth Finlay, Jamie Gash, Michael Gomon, Doug Green, Gary Greenfield, Linda Hall, 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, Susan Penland, 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 placed in memory of Mary Lois Hilliard and Rev. Worth Emory. These are given with love by Jennifer, Roney, Maryworth and Hinton Hilliard.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ◆ Please pass the pew pads.
- ◆ **Join us** this afternoon at 3pm for the Children’s Christmas Eve Service and at 7pm for the Candlelight Christmas Eve Service.
- ◆ **Christmas Offering:** The Finance Committee would like to begin a new tradition of taking up a collection that will be split between a local community outreach and an in-house mission. This year, our Christmas Eve collection will be split between ABCCM North and the BEAR Closet. The 11am offering will continue to go to the general budget.

- ◆ **No Community Prayer Meeting** on Wednesday, December 27. We will resume on January 3, 2024 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
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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
- ◆ **Red Cross Blood Drive:** Mark your calendar for Monday, January 22 from 3pm-8pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ **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.

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.



The pantry shopping list: oatmeal and grits packets, canned chicken, soups, adult cereal, laundry and dish detergent (these get broken down so large sizes are the most cost effective).

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



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