

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 1, 2024—1st Sunday of Advent

Prelude		Charlie Harnish
Welcome and Announcements		
Lighting of Advent Candle		Men's Bible Study
Opening Hymn	<i>"Savior of the Nations, Come"</i>	UMH #214 (v.1,2&5)
Scripture	<i>Isaiah 53:2-3</i>	
Hymn	<i>"What Child is This"</i>	UMH #219(all verses)
Affirmation of Faith	<i>Apostles' Creed</i>	UMH #881
Offertory		
Doxology	<i>"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"</i>	UMH #95
Children's Message		Shawn Williamson
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>	
Sermon Scripture	<i>"Luke 1:46-48"</i>	
Sermon	<i>"Jesus is not Santa Claus"</i>	Pastor Richard Blount
Communion	<i>Service of Word and Table II</i>	UMH pages 12-14
Hymn	<i>"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"</i>	UMH #213(v.1,2&4)
Blessing		Pastor Richard Blount
Postlude		Charlie Harnish

### PRAISES:

Christmas Card by JeanAnn Taylor, Support from Congregation for hurricane support.

### FAMILIES OF DECEASED:

Family of Forest Melzer

### CONCERNS:

Families who lost their jobs due to Helene, ongoing hurricane recovery; Burnsville Schools, Marshall, Barnardsville, Hot Springs and all other communities; Artists and businesses in the RAD, Search for Youth and Children's Director, Jessica and Mason Austin, Pat Beatty, Dan Benhave, Betsy, Ed Blount, Evan Blount, Linda Cook, Debbie Duncan, Tad Edwards, Ben Farthing, Tonya Fotinos, Christina Freelan, Judy Gentry, Jim Greenhut, Joyce Ingle, Jace, Elizabeth and John Hambring, Lynn Harvey, Henderson Family, Jennifer Hilliard, John King, Katherine LaMonica, Nathaniel Litz, Ken Lovelace, Olivia Lowe, Karen Lugo, Mike, Jeanne Morgan, Jamie Olsen, Jennifer Phillips, Pond Family, Raymond Rodrigue, Beverly Royall, Ronnie Reese, Emily Sewel, Thomas Stade, Joan Stafford, Stan Strohm, Jeff Sudimak, Jonathan Sudimak, Sue Sudimak, Susan Sudimak, Jack Teague, Unspoken, Germanine Weaver. Terri Wilson, Jeff Wohlfarth, People in Ukraine, Gaza

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS:

Flowers this morning are given by Gary Greenfield in memory of Kathy who always tried to exemplify a Christlike life.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ◆ Please pass the pew pads.
- ◆ **Finance Committee Meeting** on Thursday, December 5, at 6pm in the Love Conference Room. This will be our year-end meeting to set the preliminary budget for 2025.
- ◆ **Christmas Cards.** Today is the last day to bring blank Christmas Cards. For donations of cards or stamps a box is in the back of the church.

- ◆ **Welcoming our new Neighbors.** A ministry sponsored by Lutheran Services Carolinas. For our Christmas support project we chose helping new refugees in our area. We were inspired by this month's M&M Luncheon speaker Joyce Endaya. She is the outreach coordinator for the New Americans Program. More information can be found in the flyer. Please give prayerful consideration to this opportunity to help our neighbors.
- ◆ **Women's Bible Study** will not meet through the holidays. We will resume on January 14, with the book *Abide* by Jen Wilkins
- ◆ **No Children Sunday School or Nursery** this Sunday. The children are welcome to join us in the service.
- ◆ **No Youth Group** this Sunday.
- ◆ **Ignite Class** will not meet this Sunday.
- ◆ **Explorer Class** meets each Sunday at 10am. Next Sunday begins the new study *"Encounters with Jesus"* by Timothy Keller.
- ◆ **Community Candlelight Walk** Sunday December 8, at 6pm. Make plans to join us on this special evening.



**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 prefer to remain off-camera.



**We have extended our hours to accommodate increased demand Mondays from 3-5pm**

**Wednesday and Friday from 10am -12 Noon**

Current needs are girl and boy sizes 3 to 5T winter clothing. 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> Click BEAR Closet for ideas.

**Want to help?** Contact Catherine Love at [catmlove@charter.net](mailto:catmlove@charter.net) or call the BEAR closet at 828.658.5373. **A couple of options are to wash slightly stained clothing and sorters for clothes.**

#### CHURCH STAFF

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Not just help for a day, but for life.

The focus for the next 2 months will be to add to the coffers of what can be given out for mortgage and rental assistance. ABCCM has raised the limit for the amount that can be applied for folks after hurricane related losses: property, cars, jobs, a place to live. Checks are written directly to the bank or landlord. The need is greater than before Helene. To donate, write a check to the church with the notation, **ABCCM NORTH Rent.**

**Pantry needs:** peanut butter, jelly, adult cereal, oatmeal and grits packets, 5lb. bags of potatoes, onions, apples and oranges.

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- ◆ **Community Prayer at the Weaverville Community Center** beginning on Monday, September 30, at 7pm in the smaller room. Everyone is invited.
- ◆ **WUMC Wednesday Morning Prayer** group will continue to meet at 8am in Education Building.



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