

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 15, 2024—3rd Sunday of Advent

Prelude		Charlie Harnish
Welcome and Announcements		
Lighting of Advent Candle		United Methodist Men
Opening Hymn	<i>“O Little Town of Bethlehem”</i>	UMH #230 (v. 1-4)
Scripture	<i>“Hosea 3:1”</i>	
Hymn	<i>“There’s a Song in the Air”</i>	UMH #249(v. 1-4)
Affirmation of Faith	<i>Apostles’ Creed</i>	UMH #881
Offertory	<i>“Mary, Did You Know?”</i>	Matthew Rogers
Doxology	<i>“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”</i>	UMH #95
Children’s Message		Tom Koenig
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.	
Sermon Scripture	<i>“Matthew 25:37-40”</i>	
Sermon	<i>“Calling All Backsliders”</i>	Pastor Richard Blount
Hymn	<i>“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”</i>	UMH 218(v. 1, 2, 4)
Blessing		Pastor Richard Blount
Postlude		Charlie Harnish

PRAISES:

Joan Cateleto, Jennifer Hilliard

FAMILIES OF DECEASED:

Family of Forest Melzer, Family of Bob McLaughlin

PRAISES AND CONCERNS:

Evan Blount, Craig and Jenny Strausburg Mission Trip

CONCERNS:

Families who lost their jobs, homes or family due to Helene, ongoing hurricane recovery; Burnsville, 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, Dan Benhave, Ed Blount, Lena Brooker, Linda Cook, Aubrey Cooper, 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, Sue Jones, John King, Katherine LaMonica, Ken Lovelace, Olivia Lowe, Jeanne Morgan, Fred Pennell, Jennifer Phillips, Pond Family, Tyler Rockwood, Beverly Royall, Ronnie Reese, Emily Sewel, Thomas Stade, Joan Stafford, Stan Strohm, Susan Sudimak, Jack Teague, Unspoken, Sharon Waltman, Germanine Weaver, Terri Wilson, Jeff Wohlfarth, People in Ukraine, Gaza, Syria.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS:

Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Les and Catherine Love.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ◆ Please pass the pew pads.
- ◆ **Poinsettias** in the sanctuary are a gift to our church in honor of our children and grandchildren; a blessing from God; with love from Billy and Phyllis Stowe.
- ◆ **The Flower Calendar** for the coming year is in the narthex. Please put your name on an open Sunday to commemorate a special occasion or person.
- ◆ **AD Council Meeting** today following worship.
- ◆ **Communion Server** Sign-Up Sheet for the coming year is in the narthex.

- ◆ **Christmas Card Mailing Project.** The Nurture Committee is ready to distribute packets of Christmas cards to be sent to the Homebound and special church members. Barb McElroy will have them after church in the narthex. If you want to send a packet on your own Barb will be happy to supply you the list.
- ◆ **Welcoming our new Neighbors.** A ministry sponsored by Lutheran Services Carolinas. For our Christmas support project we chose helping new refugees in our area. Please bring your donation to the church by **next Sunday, December 22.**
- ◆ **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service** on Tuesday, December 24th at 7pm.
- ◆ **Christmas Eve Love Offering:** Last year, the Finance Committee started what we hoped would become a tradition here at WUMC with taking an offering during our Christmas Eve service and donating that offering to two ministries. One ministry will be a community ministry, and the other ministry will be an in-house ministry. Last year, we gifted ABCCM North and the BEAR Closet. This year’s recipients of the Christmas Eve offering will be Little Mount Zion Church in Weaverville as our community ministry, and General Disaster Recovery as our in-house ministry. For questions feel free to speak with Kim Morelock, Renee Weaver or Pastor Richard.
- ◆ **Children Sunday School** is meeting at 9:45am in the Education Building.
- ◆ **Youth Group** is meeting this afternoon at 4:30pm. Bring a friend and your bible.
- ◆ **Ignite Class** is meeting at 9:45am this morning.
- ◆ **Explorer Class** meets each Sunday at 10am. Currently we are studying *“Encounters with Jesus”* by Timothy Keller.

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 are resuming our normal business hours:

1st and 3rd Mondays from 5-7pm

2nd, 4th and 5th Mondays from 10am –12 Noon

Current needs are girl and boy WINTER clothes sizes 2T-6T. Any non-expired car seats or boosters for car, Stand-alone Highchairs..

See the Amazon Wishlist, Target or Walmart or the church website. <https://www.weavervilleumc.org> Click BEAR Closet for ideas.

Want to help? Contact Catherine Love at catmlove@charter.net or call the BEAR closet at 828.658.5373. **There are options for many levels of activities or availability.**

CHURCH STAFF

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ABCCM

Not just help for a day, but for life.

The focus this month 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: regular and self rising flour, cornmeal, spaghetti noodles, juices, oatmeal and grits packets.

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Women's Bible Study** will not meet through the holidays. We will resume on January 14, with the book *Abide* by Jen Wilkins



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