

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 22, 2024—4th Sunday of Advent

Prelude		Charlie Harnish
Welcome and Announcements		
Lighting of Advent Candle		BEAR Closet
Opening Hymn	<i>“The First Noel”</i>	UMH #245(v. 1, 2, 4)
Scripture	<i>“Isaiah 9:1-2”</i>	
Hymn	<i>“O Come, All Ye Faithful”</i>	UMH #234(v. 1-3)
Affirmation of Faith	<i>Apostles’ Creed</i>	UMH #881
Offertory	<i>“Breath of Heaven (Mary’s Song)”</i>	Chancel Choir
Doxology	<i>“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”</i>	UMH #95
Children’s Message		Sophie Banks
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>“Matthew 25:3.1-46”</i>	
Sermon	<i>“Top Last Year’s Gift”</i>	Pastor Richard Blount
Hymn	<i>“Once in Royal David’s City”</i>	UMH 250(v. 1-4)
Blessing		Pastor Richard Blount
Postlude		Charlie Harnish

### PRAISES:

Joan Catelleto, Jennifer Hilliard

### FAMILIES OF DECEASED:

Family of Mary Shaw, Family of Fred Pennell

### PRAISES AND CONCERNS:

Evan Blount, Aubrey Cooper, Sue Jones,

### CONCERNS:

Families who lost their jobs, homes or family due to Helene, Hurricane Recovery. Search for Youth and Children’s Director, Jessica and Mason Austin, Dan Benhave, Ed Blount, Lena Brooker, Winikay Caffrey, Linda Cook, Debbie Duncan, Tad Edwards, Ben Farthing, Tonya Fotinos, Christina Freelan, Jim Greenhut, Joyce Ingle, Jace, Elizabeth and John Hambring, Lynn Harvey, Henderson Family, 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 are given today by Elaine & Phil Barnett in recognition of their 50th wedding anniversary (December 28, 1974).

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ◆ Please pass the pew pads.
- ◆ **Funeral** for Fred Pennell this afternoon at 2pm at WUMC.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Communion Server** Sign-Up Sheet for the coming year is in the narthex.

- ◆ **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 today, **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.
- ◆ **No Children Sunday School or Nursery** next Sunday. All children are welcome in the Sanctuary.
- ◆ **Youth Group** is meeting this afternoon at 4:30pm. Bring a friend and your bible.
- ◆ **Ignite Class** is meeting at 9:45am this morning. No class next Sunday.
- ◆ **Explorer Class** meets each Sunday at 10am. Currently we are studying *“Encounters with Jesus”* by Timothy Keller.
- ◆ **Potluck Lunch** on Sunday, January 19, following worship sponsored by our unit of United Women in Faith. Mark your calendar! Come one, come all!

**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](mailto:catmlove@charter.net) or call the BEAR closet at 828.658.5373. **There are options for many levels of activities or availability.**

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**ABCCM**

Not just help for a day, but for life.

Please consider supporting the rental and mortgage assistance program at ABCCM North. The losses due to Hurricane Helene have left many in dire circumstances. To donate, write a check to the church with the notation **ABCCM North: Rent**.

Pantry needs: grits packages, adult cereals, canned fruit.

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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.
- ◆ **Women's Bible Study** will resume on January 14, with the book *Abide* by Jen Wilkins. We will meet in the classroom on the main floor in the Education Building.



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