

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Church and Nursery Care Is Available for children under the age of 12.

Advent Happenings!

Sunday, December 19th @ 6:00pm Christmas Play "Angels Among Us" Mabscott UMC

Friday, December 24th @ 7:00pm Raleigh Shared Christmas Eve Service- A Service of Lessons and Carols held at Beckley Community UMC.

Our Congregational Vision

To extend the Table of Christ to our community in innovative ways in order to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and strengthen relationships within the congregation and the community we serve.

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Fourth Sunday of Advent December 19, 2021

*Congregation reads together in the **bold** wording. + Means please stand as you are able.*

Advent Proclamation "Prepare the Way of the Lord" UMH #207

Prelude and Silent Prayer Mike Farris

Gracious and Loving Lord, pour down your great spirit of peace upon our lives in this day.

Calm our anxious hearts and minds, restore to us the grace we find in your presence.

Call to Worship Laura Fygetakes

Leader: Let your face shine on us, mighty God.

People: Break through the obstacles that keep us from seeing your way.

Leader: Melt down the barriers that keep us from knowing the embrace of your love.

People: Remove from us the low self-esteem that keeps us from valuing the overwhelming gift of life that you entrust to us.

All: Speak to us hear in life-changing accents. Amen.

Lavon Bayler. "Gathered by Love" ©2001 by The Pilgrim Press.

Musical Response: *Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.*

God with us, revealed in us, his name is call Emmanuel. UMH# 204

Greetings and Passing of the Peace

+Opening Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" UMH# 234 (Vs. 1, 2,3 & 5)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, Oh come, ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.

Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;

Son of the Father, begotten, not created; Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest; Refrain

Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger, we would embrace thee with love and awe.

Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly? Refrain.

A Visit from Micah Chapter 5:2-5a

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Lisa and Tom McGinnis

Congregational Response: **God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we pray that your peace may infuse our lives and our society. We pray for perseverance when the path of peace feels long, unclear or frustrating. We give thanks for all those, in unnoticed or breath-taking ways, bring your peace to life within the world. In this time of rushing and preparing, help us to find spaces for peace for ourselves and for others. May our lives show we follow "the one of peace."**

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The Canticle of Mary

Responsive Reading UMH 199

Response: The glory of the Lord shall be revealed; all flesh shall see it together.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.

My spirit rejoices in God my Savior, who has looked with favor on me, a lonely servant.

From this day all generation shall call me blessed:

The Almighty has done great things for me and holy is the name of the Lord, whose mercy is on those who fear God from generation to generation. Response.

The arm of the Lord is strong, and has scattered the proud in their conceit.

God has cast down the might from their thrones and lifted up the lowly.

God has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich empty away.

God has come to the aid of Israel, the chosen servant, remembering the promise made to our forebears, to Abraham and his children for ever. Response.

+Gospel Reading Luke 1: 39-45 Jan Anderson

The Word of God for the People of God, **Thanks Be to God!**

Message "The Gift of God's Heart" Rev. Betsy M. Evans

+Hymn "The virgin Mary had a baby boy" FWS 2098 (Vs. 1 & 2)

*The virgin Mary had a ba-by boy, the virgin Ma-ry had a ba-by boy,
and they say that his name is Jesus.*

Refrain: *He come from the glory, he come from the glorious kingdom. He come from the glory, he come from the glorious king-dom. Oh, yes! Be-live-er! Oh, yes! Be-live-er!*

He come from the glo-ry, he come from the glo-rious kingdom.

*The an-gels sang when the ba-by was born, the an-gels sang when the ba-by was born,
the an-gels sang when the ba-by was born, and they say that his name is Jesus. Refrain.*

Praises, Prayer Concerns and Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be your 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, For Ever and Ever. Amen

Special Music "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"

Offering Prayer and Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

Benediction Laura Fygetakes and Pastor Betsy

Postlude Mike Farris