

Order of Worship

December 19, 2021 4th Sunday of Advent 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Prelude William Elliott

Let us open our Worship Service reflecting on the music of Christmas.

Welcome and Announcements Trent Williams

Hymn "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" UHM 236

Lighting of the Advent Candle Gary & Patti Wilkinson
Barry, Natalie, & Ann Gray Perdue

Christmas Program Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry Dismissal (Pre-K to Grade 5) 10:30 Service only

Scripture Luke 2:8-21 Jim Nelson/Trent Williams

Sermon "Jesus the Savior" Rev. Dr. Jay Ferguson

Excerpts from "APPALACHIAN WINTER - A Cantata For Christmas" Chancel Choir

"Tis a Season for Singing"
"Long Time Ago"
"Gentle Carols of Bethlehem"

Benediction

Postlude William Elliott

*The red and white poinsettia on the organ is in memory of
Carlos & Nancy Walls and George & Helen Louise Felty
by Kelly & Sandy Walls*

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER LIST

Don Anderson
Chance Bailey
Tommy Bane
Chris Buckner
Theta Childress, JoAnn Davis' Sister-in-law
Joe Damico, Gary Wilkinson's Friend
Tim & Pam Davis, Shirley Saunders' Family
Patty Dillon, Wade Dillon's Mother
Katie Franklin, Dean Coon's Niece
Millie Hartsock
Bob Mahood
Kenny Mandeville, Daniel Frost's Friend
Linda Meadows, Pam Davis' Friend
Janet Moore
Sam Moore
Fonda Morgan
Scott Morris, Roberta Bolen's Son-in-law
Frankie Nowlin
Mark Riley
Iris Snow
Josh Stultz
Sue Young

LONG TERM ILLNESS

Merve & Marie Anderson
Lila Atkins
Rudy Austin (Vera Lee Austin's brother)
Barbara Bailey
Ethel Earls
Margaret Farmer
Jimmy Jones
Sue Owens
Wilma Shay

OUR MILITARY

Lucas Graham
Drew Nelson
Nate Owen
Artem Rich
Ryan Shott
Jeremy Woody
All those serving our Country

*For unto you is born this day
in the city of David a savior,
which is Christ the Lord
Luke 2:11*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 19

First Light Service 8:30 a.m.
Lite Breakfast & Fellowship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, December 22

Prayer Cross 12:00 p.m.

Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve Service 6:30 p.m.



Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight Service

December 24 at 6:30 p.m.

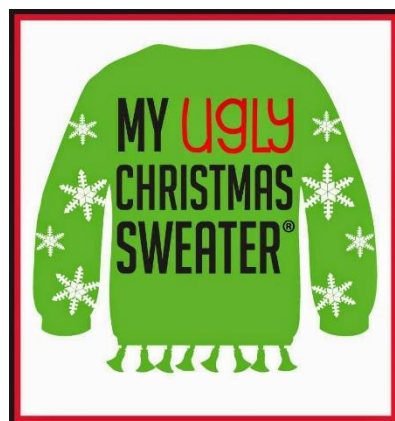
We will close the service by
walking to the Prayer Cross.

Celebration Sunday Combined Worship Service

December 26 at 9:30 a.m.

Wear an Ugly Christmas Sweater.

Reminder: There will only be one
Worship Service on the 26th.



First United Methodist Church *Sunday, December 19, 2021*

Fourth Sunday of Advent



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FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE – SHEPHERDS CANDLE

COAT RACK MINISTRY

This year our Christmas collection will be for local children in Buchanan County.

Last August, the Hurley area of Buchanan County had over 30 homes destroyed by a flood. Many other families in the area were affected also.

Following is a list and sizes of the items:

- ✓ Coats Kids sizes (S,M,L,XL) or Youth sizes (XS,S,M,L,XL)
- ✓ Jackets Kids sizes (S,M,L,XL) or Youth sizes (XS,S,M,L,XL)
- ✓ Shoes Any Kids size or Youth sizes 1 – 4
- ✓ Socks – Any Kids size or Youth size
- ✓ Underwear – Any Kids size or Youth size
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Please drop off items in the totes located in the Narthex.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please mark your check or envelope Coat Rack.

We will collect items through January 2. Items will be delivered to Buchanan County after students return from Christmas break.

The fourth Advent candle is called the Shepherds Candle. The shepherds sat on a quiet hilltop watching their sheep by night. They were common people like you and me. The angels announce the good news of Jesus' birth to them in the midst of their work. They respond with wonder, curiosity, and faith as they seek the Savior whom the angels proclaimed. The shepherds are the faithful people of God who seek their savior in the baby Jesus.

Ezekiel 34:11-16

11 "For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

PRAYER

Gracious Lord, let us receive the message of your coming with joy and wonder. Make us curious to find out all that we can about you. Help us to discover the places in the midst of our daily lives where you meet us with Your gospel. Lead us to tell others all that we have heard and seen, as it has been told to us. Amen.