

# Order of Worship



November 19, 2023      25<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost      10:30 a.m.

## Entrance

Gathering		
Greeting and Announcements		
Prelude		William Elliott
*Call to Worship	"He Has Made Me Glad"	Chancel Choir
*Opening Hymn	"Now Thank We All Our God"	UMH 102
Anthem	"For The Autumn Sky"	Chancel Choir

## Proclamation and Response

Scripture	Matthew 25:14-30	
Sermon		Rev. Billy Kurtz
*Hymn of Invitation	"Take My Life, And Let It Be"	UMH 399
*Affirmation of Faith	"Apostles' Creed"	UMH 881
*Gloria Patri	"Glory Be to the Father"	UMH 70

Sharing of Joys and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer		Rev. Billy Kurtz

Receiving of God's Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory		William Elliott
*Doxology	"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"	UMH 95

## Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn	"My Life Is in You, Lord"	FWS 2032
*Dismissal with Blessing		Rev. Billy Kurtz
*Choral Benediction	"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"	Chancel Choir
Postlude		William Elliott
Going Forth		

(\*Please stand as you are able.)

## ILLNESS

Charlotte Childers (Carol Hash's Sister)  
Trevor Childress (JoAnn Davis's Nephew)  
Cindy Elliott  
Kathy Farley (JC Higginbotham's sister)  
Katie Franklin (Dean Coon's Niece)  
Millie Hartsock  
Tom Hodge (Shelby Clendenen's brother)  
Joyce Keith  
Bryan Little (Darlene Little's Son)  
Larry Mahood  
Janet Moore  
Sally Rash (Shelby Clendenen's sister)  
Sherri Sparks (surgery in Charleston)  
Elliott Spencer (8 years old - Eye surgery at Duke)  
Pam Spracher  
Ben and Sue Young

If you have someone you would like to put on the prayer list, please call the church office at 276-326-1466 or email [info@bluefieldfumc.org](mailto:info@bluefieldfumc.org).

## MILITARY

Lucas Graham  
Garrett Houck  
Laken McKinney  
Nate Owen  
Ryan Shott  
Jeremy Woody  
All those serving our Country.

## HOMEBOUND

Lila Atkins  
Rudy Austin (Vera Lee Austin's brother)  
Ethel Earls  
Jimmy Jones  
Gerry Stowers

*Sympathy is extended to the family of Ethel Earls who passed away on Saturday, November 11. Please keep this family in your prayers.*

Martha Circle is collecting peanut butter for the Union Mission. There is a box at the Tazewell Avenue entrance and in the Narthex.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday, November 20

Choir Practice 6:00 pm

### Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving

### Sunday, November 26

Sunday School 9:30 am

Worship Service 10:30 am

## HOLIDAY CALENDAR

### Sunday, December 3

Women's Cookie Exchange 5-6 pm

Creche Sharing 6-8 pm

### Friday, December 8

Seeker's Class Party 6:00 pm  
(Palmer Hall)

### Saturday, December 9

Ladies Christmas Brunch 10:00 am  
(Jack & Pam Brewster's house)

Woolwine Class Party 6-8 pm  
(Palmer Hall)

### Sunday, December 24

Worship Service 10:30 am

Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us on Saturday, **December 3** from 5:00 to 6:00 pm for a **cookie exchange**. Bring 2 dozen of your favorite cookies to share. We will fellowship and enjoy some holiday music while we select a variety of cookies to take home and enjoy. If you have questions, please contact Mary Jeffries or Karla Kurtz.

**Crèche sharing** (french for nativity scene) Saturday, **December 3** from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Please bring one or more of your favorite **crèche** scenes to display. This will be a relaxed gathering to view the different **crèches**, fellowship, and hear some favorite Christmas tunes. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us.

The **Seekers Sunday School Class** invites everyone in the church to join them in Palmer Hall on Friday, **December 8<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 pm for a Christmas party. Bring your favorite finger food to share and a small gift (\$15 to \$20) to exchange.

The **Ladies Ministries Christmas Brunch** will be held on Saturday, **December 9** at 10:00 am at the home of Pam and Jack Brewster, 114 Penn Street, Bluefield, VA. Please RSVP to Pam Brewster (276) 245-6630 on or before December 3, 2023. All ladies in the church are invited. You may bring your favorite dish but this is not required. We hope everyone will be able to join us for a good meal, great fellowship, and a merry start to this holiday season.

The **Woolwine Class** Christmas party will be on Saturday, **December 9** from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in Palmer Hall.

# *First United Methodist Church* *Sunday, November 19, 2023*



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