

Order of Worship



December 10, 2023 2nd Sunday of Advent 10:30 a.m.

Entrance

Gathering		
Greeting and Announcements		
Prelude		William Elliott
*Call to Worship	"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"	Chancel Choir
*Opening Hymn	"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"	UMH 196
Advent Candle Lighting		Bruce and Jan Thibodeau
Anthem	"Waiting for Emmanuel"	Chancel Choir

Proclamation and Response

Scripture	Mark 1:1-8 NSRV	
Sermon	"Our Just Peace"	Rev. Billy Kurtz
*Hymn of Invitation	"We Shall Overcome"	UMH 533
*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	"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"	UMH 218
*Dismissal with Blessing		Rev. Billy Kurtz
*Choral Benediction	"A Christmas Blessing"	Chancel Choir
Postlude		William Elliott
Going Forth		

(*Please stand as you are able.)

ILLNESS

Charlotte Childers (Carol Hash's Sister)
Cindy Elliott
Kathy Farley (JC Higginbotham's sister)
Katie Franklin (Dean Coon's Niece)
Millie Hartsock
Randall Hash
Lansing Hill
Tom Hodge (Shelby Clendenen's brother)
Joyce Keith (Chemo)
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

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)
Jimmy Jones
Gerry Stowers

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.

Memorials for December 2023

To: Elevator Fund	
In memory of Ray Stowers	
By: Gerry Stowers	Rayette Hendricks
Clay Stowers	Mark Stowers

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 13
Choir Practice 6:00 pm

Saturday, December 16
3rd Saturday Breakfast 8-11 am

Sunday, December 17
Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 10:30 am

HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 10
Concert @ Concord Univ. 4:00 pm

Sunday, December 24
Worship Service 10:30 am
Christmas Eve Service 6:00 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Love’s Pure Light Concert presented by church choirs from the Southern District of the West Virginia United Methodist Conference will be performed on Sunday, December 10 at 4:00 pm at the Alexander Fine Arts Auditorium at Concord University, 1000 Vermillion Street, Athens, WV.



3rd Saturday Breakfast
December 16, 2023
8:00 am to 11:00 am
Bring a friend and enjoy a great breakfast!

The Martha Circle took 32 jars of peanut butter to the Bluefield Union Mission last week. Thank you so much for your help and your continued support. This is an ongoing project of the circle. The peanut butter will be taken to the mission monthly. The collection boxes are at the Tazewell Avenue entrance and the front entrance.

The GHS Project Graduation Committee is asking for donations for the 2024 Project Graduation. Your donation can be mailed to Graham High School, 210 Valleydale, Bluefield, VA 24605 Attn: Project Graduation. All donations are greatly appreciated.

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