

Order of Worship



December 17, 2023 3rd Sunday of Advent 10:30 a.m.

Entrance

Gathering		
Greeting and Announcements		
Prelude		William Elliott
*Call to Worship	"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"	Chancel Choir
*Opening Hymn	"Joy to the World"	UMH 246
Advent Candle Lighting		David and Jackie Williams
Anthem	"Christmas Grace"	Chancel Choir

Proclamation and Response

Scripture	Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11 NSRV	
Sermon	"Our Fierce Joy"	Rev. Billy Kurtz
*Hymn of Invitation	"Sing We Now of Christmas" (Verses 1, 2, & 3)	UMH 237
*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	"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"	UMH 240
*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.

The January/February Upper Rooms are at the Tazewell Avenue entrance, the ramp entrance, and in the narthex.

If anyone has a contribution that needs to be counted for 2023, please make sure it is in the office by December 27, 2023.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 20

Men's Breakfast 7:00 am
Choir Practice 6:00 pm

Sunday, December 24

Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 10:30 am
Christmas Eve Service 6:00 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Men's Breakfast
Wednesday, December 17, 2023

7:00 am

Bring a friend and enjoy a great breakfast.
Ladies are invited to this Christmas special!

The Martha Circle took 32 jars of peanut butter to the Bluefield Union Mission week before last. 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.



Join us for Christmas Eve
Candlelight/Communion Service
at 6:00 pm.

First United Methodist Church

Sunday, December 17, 2023



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