

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021.....9:30 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - BECAUSE OF BETHLEHEM

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE PRELUDE: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* arr. Mark Hayes

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Candle of Hope

READER 1: We gather around the Advent wreath in anticipation of the coming of the Christ child. Let us open our hearts to this time of holy waiting. Today we light the first candle, the Candle of Hope. In our times of deepest darkness and despair, Christ came that we might have hope.

READER 2: The apostle Paul writes to the Romans: "And again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the nations; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

READER 1: Let us open our hearts to Christ, in whom all things are possible, as we light the flame of hope.

(The Candle of Hope is lit in silence)

PRAYER: O God, we confess it is too easy to be a naysayer rather than a beacon of hope. We regret the times when we have joined a chorus of negativity and despair rather than a chorus lifting up words of comfort and hope. In this time of looking forward, grant us the grace to look forward with hope. May this Candle of Hope be lit in our hearts that we might bring hope to those who are living through dark times. We ask this in the name of the child who is to come giving hope to all. Amen.

HYMN: *People, Look East* (verse 1) UMH # 202

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERING

*OFFERING PRAYER: **All good gifts around us come from you, O God. You have given us life and new life in Christ. As you have given us gifts, so we offer our gifts that we may be gifts to one another, even as Jesus so taught and lived.**

-- Roger D. Knight

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Sleep My Child* (Handbell choir) -

- Michael Ryan

HYMN: *Once in Royal David's City* (verses 1 & 2)

UMH # 250

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Matthew 1 and Luke 2

MESSAGE: God Has a Face

*HYMN: *Once in David's Royal City* (verses 3 & 4)

UMH # 250

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: *Love Came Down at Christmas* (verse 3)

UMH # 242

*POSTLUDE: *There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying*

- Francis Heins

****SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES TO FOLLOW WORSHIP AT 10:45****

THANK YOU!

Greeters – Marva Barron & Carol Garrett Usher – Ken Criswell

Worship Leader: Samantha Albright Video – Nathan Payton

Web & Social Media – Regina Sherman Sound Sponsor –Walter & Mary Duke

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of David Gray, on his birthday, given by Elaine & Jess Mauck.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Week 1: Fay Householder, Chad Lord, Judy Young, Cindy S., Phyllis Tyson, Joey Bickett, Gail Harrison & family

Week 2: The family of Rod Roberts, Alecia Lewis, Bobby Mills, Dianne Hillard, Lindsay Loudin, Bea Aikens, Mary Lou Zepp, family of Michael Myers, Darlene Unger, Mary Marsh, Wayne and Rhonda Parkinson

Week 3: Betti Jane Porterfield, Jeff Holland, Phyllis Hutzler, Kelly's mom Diana, Jean Benner, Doug Frye

ATTENDANCE: Our attendance for November 21, 2021 including Hispanic Ministry, was 92.

YOUTH GROUP STARTS TONIGHT: For 6th – 12th grades. Please meet in the fellowship hall at 6pm.

COOKIE SALE: Wanda is looking for people to donate homemade cookies for a cookie sale, like the women's group use to do. Please drop cookies off on the 17th between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. The sale will be on Sunday, December 19th after worship.

LUNCH BUNCH: Lunch bunch will be meeting at the Martinsburg Diner at noon on this Tuesday, November 30th.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA: The Christmas Cantata this year is *A Thrill of Hope* by Joel Raney. The performance will be on Sunday, December 19th during the worship service.

STAFF GIFTS: As a thank you to our staff for the work they do for us. We will once again collect money for our staff Christmas bonuses. Please write "Staff gift" on memo line, place in envelope, and drop in offering plate.

BOARD OF CHILDCARE: The BOC is asking for donations of Walmart gift cards to give to children in the homes on Christmas. Because they do not know what children will be there, gift cards to Walmart are the best, the kids can shop for items they want or need. Please put gift cards in the offering plate or drop off at the church office on or before Sunday, December 5th. Cards should be from Walmart and in increments of \$10 or \$25.

BURKE STREET ANGELS: If you took an angel off of the tree, please have gifts returned to church no later than Sunday, December 19th.

PLEASE NOTE: When making donations please write a separate check for each collection.

THE HEART THAT GREW THREE SIZES: Blessing Box Mission will have an Advent devotional, on Facebook Live, Dec., 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 7 pm. Fliers can be found in the narthex.

POINSETTIAS: Today is the last day to order poinsettias. Order forms can be found in the narthex if you have not already placed your order. Please complete the form and include it in today's offering.

SHARING HANDS HAS BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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Poinsettias are presented (Please print)

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Given by _____

Phone Number: _____

Check or Cash enclosed. Amount _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO CALVARY UMC AND WRITE POINSETTIA FLOWERS ON THE MEMO LINE

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