

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.



BLACK MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

Grace and peace! All are welcome here!

During the Advent season we prepare for the One who has come, whom we expect to come, and who will come again. We prepare our hearts and make room for the Messiah. In this Advent season, we decorate our church with the symbols of love, joy, hope, and peace. Why do we do this?

To tell the story again and then proclaim: Jesus is born. God is with us!

Please silence all communication devices. This sanctuary incorporates a hearing assistance loop; to engage this system, set hearing aids to the "t-coil" setting.

† indicates to stand, if you are able. The congregation is invited to join in where the liturgy is marked in bold.



ADVENT BELL PEAL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Katherine Robinson

VOLUNTARY

Cantabile on I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

John Behnke

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Arr David Cherwien

Jane Voyles, *Flute*

† CALL TO WORSHIP AND CANDLE LIGHTING

The home we long for is built on a foundation of love with Jesus as our cornerstone.

The home we hope for is a home that knows peace:

A peace at the core of our being

A peace that calms our anxiety

A peace amidst our relationships

A peace experienced down the street and around the world.

The home we long for is a home that knows peace.

So today we light the candle of peace – as a reminder and as a prayer.

Let us give thanks for a foundation of love as together we build a home of peace.

Let us worship God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,
 when John was born,
 Zechariah leaned down and whispered words of love into his ear.
 We know that you do the same for us, day in and day out, yet we fail to hear it.
 We forget that in the beginning we were made good.
 We doubt that we could possibly be enough.
 We hustle for our self-worth and wear ourselves out aiming for perfection.
 We deflect words of praise.
 We hide behind shiny first impressions.
 Forgive us.
 Trusting our worth is the hardest job.
 Open our ears as you open our hearts,
 so that we might rest on the foundation of goodness you have laid for us.
 Gratefully we pray, amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe this Good News:
 In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

†RESPONSE

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

O-So-So



1 Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one bod - y.
 2 Come now, O God of love; make us one bod - y.



Come, O Lord Je - sus; rec-on-cile all peo - ple.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

David Carter Florence

CHORAL PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:57-66

SERMON

Holy Interruptions

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN NO. 100

Canticle of the Turning

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

†PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

†CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE

There Is a Longing

LONGING

CALL TO OFFERING / CONNECTION CARDS

Anthem

He Will Come

Greek Folk Song/arr Patrick Liebergen

Jane Voyles, Flute

†Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

†Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN NO. 106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

BEREDEN VAG FÖR HERRAN

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†CHORAL BENEDICTION *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Peter Lutkin

†CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Paul Manz



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We look forward to hearing from you.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Linda Bryson, prayers for healing

Family and friends of **Jim Cogswell** who entered God's Church Triumphant on November 18
A memorial service is planned for December 18 at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Kim Wood Colby, Johnnie Wood's daughter, hospitalized while being treated for leukemia

Kevin Griffin undergoing radiation for colon cancer

Rena Henderson's father, Hal Storey, entered God's Church Triumphant on November 21.

Family and friends of **Ruth Janes** who entered God's Church Triumphant on November 9.
A memorial service is planned for December 11 at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Congratulations to **Patty and Mark Keith** on their new grandson, Leo Fort Butler.

Ellen Phillips Smith, prayers for healing following surgery

Leigh Stiles, Robin and Tom Stiles' daughter-in-law, who is immunocompromised and very ill

Ronald Vaughan's brother and Alison Banzhoff's uncle, Reverend Charles Ray Vaughan,
died on November 12.

Our PC(USA) Mission Co-workers: **John McCall** in Taiwan;

Dan & Elizabeth Turk in Madagascar; Outreach Foundation: **Frank Dimmock**;

Seminary Students: **Emily Beaver**, Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia;

Levi Bannerman, Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia;

Susie Burns, Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, North Carolina;

Our partner Presbytery and partner church, Ebenezer, in Guatemala

Please remember in prayer these people with ongoing concerns:

Nada Barnett, Ron Botsford, Chad Carlton, Paul Carreiro, Sandy Cheatham,

Jane Collins, Candy Donnell, Ellen Gibson, Doris Hogle, Becky Hughes, Eleanor Landers,

Mary McElrath, Jerry Newbold, Margaret Rada, Betty Rand, Porter Reece, Penny Sampson,

Renee & Charles Sandy, Callie Shaffer, Richard Speegle, Katherine Stanley, Heath Tuttle,

Paul Willison, Barbara & Gene Witherspoon, Jack Wynn

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Merciful God, we need you every hour, and especially now: when many people are sick and dying; when many have lost their jobs and are hungry; when many are lonely and afraid. We are grateful that you have promised that nothing can separate us from your love and faithfulness. Help us to trust this good news, and to make it known to a world in need, that all may have the peace that passes understanding, through Jesus Christ, whose Advent we welcome. Amen

Prayer of the week composed by Joe Walker

WORK AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH

Greeters Hospitality & Welcome • **Welcome Table** Glenda McDaniel
Bus Driver Dave McClintock • **Head Usher** Perry Sprawls

Sunday, December 5

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

- 9:00 a.m. FirstLight
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Church School
- 10:00 a.m. Family Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:15 p.m. Confirmation Class
- 1:30 p.m. Youth
- 5:00 p.m. Officers Meeting

Monday, December 6

- 8:00 a.m. Sacred Circle
- 1:00 p.m. Earth Care Book Study
- 5:15 p.m. HS Girls Group

Tuesday, December 7

- Presbyterian Women circles meet
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Planning
- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Prophets

Wednesday, December 8

- 12:00 p.m. Old Fellers Lunch
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 9

- 3:30 p.m. Caregiver Group

Saturday, December 11

- 2:00 p.m. Ruth Janes Memorial Service

Alternative Gifting

for our mission partners!

Make your donation to local or global ministries through Christmas Alternative Gifting.

Presbyterian Women Circles

Tuesday, December 7

DORCAS – 10 a.m. in CR1

PRISCILLA – 10 a.m. in the Parlor

ESTHER – 10:30 a.m.

Karen Smith, 144 Lake Eden Road

NAOMI – 4:30 p.m. in the Library

RUTH – 1:30 p.m.

Olivia LaMotte, 141 Woodburn Dr, Swannanoa

Tuesday, December 14

LYDIA – 6:30 p.m. in the narthex

Poinsettias

To purchase a poinsettia during Advent, provide the information below. Please make your \$10 check payable to BMPC, adding "poinsettia" on the memo line. You may take your poinsettia to keep after December 24.

your name _____ in honor of or in memory of _____
(circle one)

Advent

The word “advent” means coming, or arrival, and as such, the Christian church calls these four weeks before Christmas Advent. We wait for the coming of Emmanuel, God with us. It is a time during which we participate in anticipation by moving from darkness into light.

This year we are using the color blue for our liturgical art. Many churches use blue in order to distinguish this season from the purple of the more penitential season of Lent. Though it may seem new to those of us who are accustomed to using purple, it is by no means new to our tradition. It was used before the 12th century in the western church. Early art shows church leaders in ornately decorated blue robes.

Shades of blue symbolize royalty, the coming of the King, hope, the night sky before the dawn, the sea before creation, and Mary.

Incidentally, the third week of Advent, this year on December 12, is the halfway point of the Season. In the Roman Catholic Church, that Sunday is referred to as “Gaudete” Sunday, from the Latin word for joy. We also refer to that Sunday as the “joy” Sunday, the first Sunday being hope, the second Sunday being peace and the fourth Sunday being love.

We have painted stars on our banners for all sorts of reasons. Think of the brightness in the dark sky, the coming of the Cosmic Christ, and (from Psalm 19) “the heavens declare the glory of God.” And, certainly it was a star that shone brightly in the night sky above the tiny manger where our Savior first appeared.

Ellen Phillips Smith



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