WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Away In A Manger Handbells

OPENING PRAYER

*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (UMH 211, verse 2)

***HYMN OF PRAISE** O Little Town of Bethlehem (UMH #230)

***A CHRISTMAS CREED**

(In Unison)

I believe in Jesus Christ and in the beauty of the gospel begun in Bethlehem. I believe in the one whose spirit glorified a little town; and whose spirit still brings music to persons all over the world, in towns both large and small. I believe in the one for whom the crowded inn could find no room, and I confess that my heart still sometimes wants to exclude Christ from my life today. I believe in the one who the rulers of the earth ignored and the proud could never understand; whose life was among common people, whose welcome came from persons of hungry heart. I believe in the one who proclaimed the love of God to be invincible: I believe in the one whose cradle was a mother's arms, whose modest home in Nazareth had love for its only wealth, who looked at persons and made them see what God's love saw in them, who by love brought sinners back to purity, and lifted human weakness up to meet the strength of God. I confess my ever-lasting need of God: The need of forgiveness for our selfishness and greed, the need of new life for empty souls, the need of love for hearts grown cold. I believe in God who gives us the best of himself. I believe in Jesus, the son of the living God, born in Bethlehem, for me and for the world.

(accessed from: http://www.prayer-and-prayers.info/christmas-prayers/a*christmas-creed.htm*)

***THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

* **HYMN OF RESPONSE** Who Is He In Yonder Stall (UMH 190 verse 2)

SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 35 Even the wilderness and desert will be glad in those days. The wasteland will rejoice and blossom with spring crocuses.² Yes, there will be an abundance of flowers and singing and joy! The deserts will become as green as the mountains of Lebanon, as lovely as Mount Carmel or the plain of Sharon. There the Lord will display his glory, the splendor of our God. ³With this news, strengthen those who have tired hands, and encourage those who have weak knees. ⁴ Say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, and do not fear, for your God is coming to destroy your enemies. He is coming to save you." ⁵ And when he comes, he will open the eyes of the blind and unplug the ears of the deaf. ⁶ The lame will leap like a deer, and those who cannot speak will sing for joy! Springs will gush forth in the wilderness, and streams will water the wasteland. ⁷ The parched ground will become a pool, and springs of water will satisfy the thirsty land. Marsh grass and reeds and rushes will flourish where desert jackals once lived.

⁸And a great road will go through that once deserted land. It will be named the Highway of Holiness. Evil-minded people will never travel on it. It will be only for those who walk in God's ways; fools will never walk there. ⁹Lions will not lurk along its course, nor any other ferocious beasts. There will be no other dangers. Only the redeemed will walk on it. ¹⁰ Those who have been ransomed by the Lord will return. They will enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy. Sorrow and mourning will disappear, and they will be filled with joy and gladness.

John 10:10, 28¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly...²⁸ and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

ANTHEM

SERMON

What Child Is This

Handbells

Rev. Kari L. Howard

Gushing Life All Over Series: Why He Came

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

{During the Lord's Supper, the ushers will guide you when it is time to receive the communion elements. When you come forward, you will be given a piece of bread and a cup and partake. Once you receive communion, you may return to your seat or you may kneel or stand at the altar area for a time of personal prayer. It's time to come back to the altar to receive the blessings of the Lord's Supper and to pray.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

(In Unison) 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

MUSICAL SPECIAL DURING COMMUNION Kerri Beth Frazier Love Came Down

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** (UMH 224) Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

***THE BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

***RECESSIONAL** Joy To The World Handbells *Please stand as you are able.

Please place your offerings/tithes in the offerings and tithes box on your way out. Thank you for your gifts.

Message Notes:

Prayer List

Our Church Family

Bruce Burrow Thurman Coltrane **Harry Cooper** Jane Cox Peggy Foust **Paul Foust Harold Hill Liz Johnson Dave McGowan Lovier Stephens Betty Sykes**

Our Family & Friends

Lynn Cash (Pastor Kari's friend) Karen Davis (Doris Davidson's daughter) Elaine Freeman (Donna Robbins' mother) Vicki Freeman (Horace Lewallen's daughter) **Rev. Billy Hunter** Sig McCain (Kerri Beth's grandmother) Roger Sykes (Betty Sykes' son) Angie Toomes (Dare Campbell's daughter)

Assisted & Skilled Living Residents *=Church Member

Alpine *Juanita Porche. Clapp's Coline Blake (Debbie Kinney's mother) *Daffie Branson **Cross Roads** Marie Caldwell (Carol Petty's sister) North Pointe, Archdale, NC *Lib Howell

Our Military

Kasey Ingold Logan Morris

Other

Revival **Students** Those with Covid and other sickness

Prayer requests will be left for 2 weeks unless notified otherwise.

STATISTICE CONTRACTOR (Š

West Bend Handbells will be playing on Tuesday, 12/21, E from 5:30PM until 8PM at the Sheriffs **Department's Christmas** *Open House this year.* Stop by and 1919 enjoy the music.

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Thank You Note Dear West Bend United Methodist Church Family, I recently attended the trucking school there in Asheboro and wanted to send a note to tell you how much I appreciated the Tuesday lunches your church provided. They were all very yummy!! Really enjoyed the banana pudding. I know others who also loved the meals and looked forward to Tuesdays to have those lunches prepared with love...for strangers. So thank you so much. So Grateful. **Christine Miller**



Church Calendar

Sunday, December 5 10 AM Worship **TBD Handbell Practice**

Tuesday, December 7 11 AM TOG Deliveries 11 AM Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, December 8 10 AM Word for Wednesday Phone Call

Thursday, December 9 6 PM Choir Practice



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Tithes and Offerings Update Offering Needed Each Week: \$2,529.20 Received 11/28: \$840.00

You can give in person or by mail to P.O. Box 1845, Asheboro, NC 27204 or by PayPal Link:

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd= sclick&hosted button id=GEAUNSMH5HM9L&sour ce=url

> The ministry of the church is ongoing. Thank you for your generosity.

Budget Update 2021 Budget Needed to Date: \$121,401.60 2021 Budget Received to Date: \$106,470.70 **Under Budget** -\$14,930.90



Don't know what to give someone for Christmas, consider giving to the church budget in memory or in honor of someone special.

We will send a beautiful Chrismas letter as the acknowledaement.



Worship Associates

Live Streaming: Laurie Hunt, Rita Lanier Ushers: Mike Brown, Bill Burrow, Richard Lanier Musicians: April Brown. Kerri Beth Frazier, Choir Counting/Attendance/Sound: **Richard Lanier** Opening/Closing/Trash Detail: Mike Brown Please remember to get someone to take your place if you can't be here.

CUOC Item for Dec.: Vienna Sausages

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with West Bend Church

Starting November 28 join us on Sunday R mornings at 10 AM to explore "Why He Came." Our handbells will be playing and blessing us during our services.

Additional Services:

- Christmas Cantata, "Christ Was Born For This" Sunday, December 19, at 5 PM. (Please note: The choir changed eletetetete the time from 6 PM to 5 PM.)
- **Christmas Eve Service, Friday,** December 24, at 5 PM.

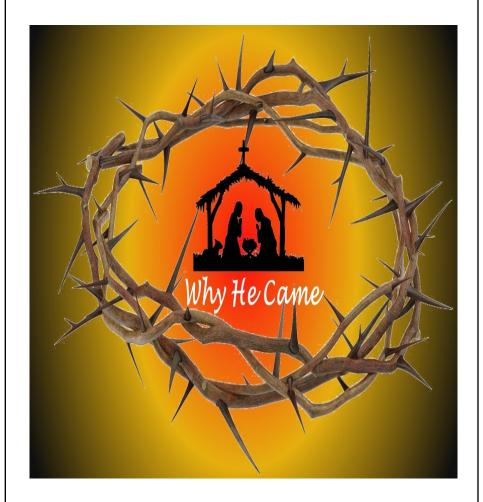
We hope to see you as we celebrate the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

<u>Ministry Staff</u> Ministers **Every Member** Rev. Kari L. Howard Pastor Office Manager Mrs. Debra Y. Rogers Lay Leader **Mrs. Laurie Hunt** Mr. Tim Burrov

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Sunday, December 5, 2021

We want to welcome you to our worship service today!

If you are a visitor, please fill out one of the Connection Cards which the ushers will hand you. Completed cards may be placed in the tithes and offerings box.

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a prayer request card which is on the other side of the Connection Cards and place in the tithes and offerings box. Extra cards are beside the box.