

**Our Service during today's worship celebration:**

Lector: Mike Price  
Trustee: Aaron Shough  
Financial Officer: Beth Dixon

**Our Service for next Sunday's worship celebration:**

Lector: Durwood Howell  
Trustee: Aaron Shough  
Financial Officer: Beth Dixon

**Welcome to Burkhead United Methodist Church!**

It is our prayer that this worship service will enhance your faith so that you can have the assurance of God's eternal care. If you have been attending Burkhead Church and desire to become a member of our congregation, please speak with our pastor. We are always happy to welcome new members to our family!

***It is the mission of Burkhead United Methodist Church to be an open, committed, caring community of followers of Jesus Christ who...***

- *Witness to the faith by offering God's love and grace to all people*
  - *Nurture people in their growth as Christian disciples in a place of safety and refuge where everyone is accepted and respected, and*
  - *Empower persons to reach out to the world through service in mission*
- ...all to the glorification of God.***

**Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

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# Burkhead United Methodist Church

5250 Silas Creek Parkway  
Winston-Salem, NC 27106

Rev. Julie O'Neal,  
Pastor

December 13, 2020

# Third Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Chiming of the Worship Hour

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

**People: We want everything to look nice: the decorations of the season, our homes with their lights and tinsel, wreaths and ribbons. We want to lighten the darkness around us, bring beauty to the ugliness that wears us down. We decorate, because it is tradition. Because it lifts our hearts. Because it makes us feel like children again. We deck our halls because company is coming.**

Pastor: The prophet Isaiah smiled when he said, "God will give a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit." No matter how far we feel from the spirit of the season, God promises to decorate us with love and with joy.

**People: We light these candles as a sign of our joy in the beautiful things of this season – not just the things that glitter and flash, but the deeper things, the beauty of the heart and the soul, the beauty of love shared in service and hospitality. We light this candle of joy because company is coming.**

Pastor: O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Gospel Reading John 1:6-8,19-28  
The Word of God for the people of God

**Thanks be to God!**

Special Music "Carol Medley"

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon "Desperate Decorations" Rev. Julie O'Neal

Affirmation of Faith

Pastor: There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.

**People: This saying is sure and worthy of acceptance: That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.**

Presentation of Laity Service Award Rev. Julie O'Neal

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer  
*Please share your prayer requests and celebrations during this time.*

## SENDING FORTH

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*\*Please stand as you are able*

## LECTIONARY READINGS

*The congregation is invited to read the lectionary passages in preparation for our worship services.*

Lector: \*starred passage; Sermon: underlined passage

Today, December 13	Next Week, December 20
<u>Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11;</u> Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; *John 1:6-8,19-28	*2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:47-55; Romans 16:25-27; <u>Luke 1:26-38</u>

## Weekly Announcements

Please remember to **return your 2021 Pledge Cards to the Financial Office** as soon as possible. Thank you!

**The Advent Bible Study “The Redemption of Scrooge: Connecting Christ and Culture” continues Tuesdays, December 15th and 22nd in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm.** Durwood Howell has more information.

**Angel Tree Gifts** - We are collecting items to support this program. Please contact Lynn Blumenthal or Joni Howell to help.

**REMINDER: all 2020 donations of cash or checks must be placed in the offering plate by Sunday, December 27, 2020 or be received by the church office no later than 2:00 pm Wednesday, December 30, 2020. Mailed contributions should be post marked before or on December 31, 2020.** If you have any questions about your contributions for the year, please contact Michelle Calderon at the church office - 336-765-6590, ext. 4 or burkheadfinance@gmail.com.

### Social Distancing Guidelines:

- Keep a minimum of 6 feet from others.
- Wear a mask covering your nose, mouth and chin.
- Do not handle anything you will not personally use.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer before AND after touching items.
- Bring what you need for worship service such as your Bible, water, etc.

*Thank you for following the social distancing guidelines so we can continue worshipping in person!*



### Renewing Our Commitment

*We promise to be faithful to The United Methodist Church by participating in its ministries by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness.*

## This Week at Burkhead UMC

### Sunday, December 13th

10:00 am - Worship Service

### Tuesday, December 15th

8:30 am to 5:30 pm - LifeLine Screenings

6:30 pm - Advent Bible Study

7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911

### Sunday, December 20th

10:00 am - Worship Service

### Remembering in Our Prayers:

Members: Our Church, Our Pastor - Rev. Julie O'Neal & family, Our Homebound Members, Becky Arnott & family, Brenda Barlow, Lynn & Daniel Blumenthal, Marty Butner Covington, Barry Crotty, Betty Friddle, Bobbie & Ralph Futrell, Steve Gentry, Jean Hole, Durwood & Joni Howell, Harriet Lassing, Kay Phillips, Betty & Paul Powers, Mike Price, Brenda Raker-Gentry, Richard & Jane Rogers  
Family & Friends: Kendrick, Liza & Baby Beall, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Brouillette, Concepcion Cabrera, Mary Caldwell, Bonnie Cannon's husband, Mary Chapman, Dick Collier, Todd Craven, Daniela, Sandy Deems, Nicholas Delgado, Allan Donley & family, Anne Donley, Lori Duckworth, Eddie & family, Chad Edwards, Elijah, Susan Elliott, Connie Espenschied's family, Bonnie Flynn, Gwen, Scott Hancock's family, Pat Harris, Barbara Harward, Lisa Hay, Sarah Howell, Janet Jones' family, Lynne Jones & family, Ava Joyce, Kaylee, Kitty, Richard Lisle, Betty & George Mack, Vanessa Maculaitis, Faye Marchant, Will McGraw's family, Piper, Rick Randall, Steve Reyes, Gary & Zoe Ruhl, Betty Simpson & family, JohnnieRae Smith, Stucker family, Velma, Alvin White's family

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