

Our Service during today's worship celebration:

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

Our Service for next Sunday's worship celebration:

Lector: Betty Bewley
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

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Winston-Salem, NC 27106

Rev. Julie O'Neal,
Pastor

December 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Chiming of the Worship Hour

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

People: We live on the brink every day. We stand on the threshold between this world and the next one. We live and move between the ordinary and divine, between the mundane and the mystery. Too often, we forget to look up and see the angels in our living room. We forget that the love we give and live is a sign of eternity, God with us, right now. We forget that company is coming.

Pastor: Luke tells us that God's favor came to a girl, an ordinary girl. It might have been you or your daughter; it might have been the girl down the street or your grandchild. But the messenger of God came and greeted her and said, "The Lord is with you." What a gift and a promise: Emmanuel, God is with us.

People: We light these candles with peace in our hearts for the promise of proximity, the nearness of God. Even when we forget to listen, to lean into that presence, God is as close as our own breath. This, in a confused and confusing world, is a peace that passes all understanding. It is the peace that knows that company is coming.

Pastor: O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Old Testament Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16

The Word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God!

Special Music "Once in Royal David's City"

Gospel Lesson Luke 1:26-38

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon "Nothing is Impossible" Rev. Julie O'Neal

*Affirmation of Faith

We are an Advent people, a people of hope.

For us, Advent is a time of waiting, and so we wait.

We wait for the coming of the One who is the fulfillment of God's promise, the fulfillment of hope, the declaration that we have been redeemed.

Even so, we are not a naïve people. We know that the world in which we live will continue to be filled with pain and sorrow. We know that hatred and violence will continue to exist. We know that death and separation will continue to be a part of our lives. But because we are an Advent people, we know that none of these things will win in the end.

The Holy One is coming, to make holy once again all that was, is, and ever will be.

And in our waiting and our hoping, we work and worship, pray and play, in all things hoping that peace, love and joy will reign in our lives and in our world, now and forever.

Courtesy of Rev. Rebecca F. Harrison, Transitional Pastor, Spanish Springs Presbyterian Church, Sparks, NV

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer
Please share your prayer requests and celebrations at 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 20	Next Week, December 27
*2 Samuel 7:1-11,16; Luke 1:47-55; Romans 16:25-27; <u>Luke 1:26-38</u>	Isaiah 61:10-62:3; *Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; <u>Luke 2:22-40</u>

Weekly Announcements

The Advent Bible Study *"The Redemption of Scrooge: Connecting Christ and Culture"* will conclude Tuesday, December 22nd in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm.

Thank you to Durwood Howell for leading this class!

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

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.

The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 24th and 25th.

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 20th

10:00 am - Worship Service

Monday, December 21st

7:00 pm - Girl Scout Troop 1929

Tuesday, December 22nd

6:30 pm - Advent Bible Study

7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911

Sunday, December 27th

No H.O.P.E. sandwich making

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, 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 & family, 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, Darinda Johnson's family, Janet Jones' family, Lynne Jones & family, Ava Joyce, Kaylee, Kitty, Richard Lisle, Betty & George Mack, Vanessa Maculaitis, Faye Marchant, Will McGraw's family, Piper, Steve Reyes, Gary & Zoe Ruhl, Betty Simpson & family, JohnnieRae Smith, Stucker family, Velma, Alvin White's family

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