

Our Service during today's worship celebration:

Lector: Betty Bewley
Trustee: Aaron Shough
Financial Officer: Beth Dixon

Our Service for next Sunday's worship celebration:

Lector: Rick Mende
Trustee: Daryl Dixon
Financial Officer: Kathy Lisle

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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Rev. Julie O'Neal,
Pastor

December 27, 2020

First Sunday after Christmas Day

Prelude

Chiming of the Worship Hour

Welcome and Announcements

*Christmas Call to Worship

**We give thanks to you God,
for the body of a tiny baby,
life and breath in a tiny ribcage.
Immanuel, God with us,
a promise of salvation.
We give thanks
for loving parents,
for the light of a star,
for the radiance of angels,
for the running feet of shepherds,
for all the joy of that first Christmas.
We thank you for today,
that you have given our bodies
life and breath this Christmas,
that we are here, now,
gathered with these people,
joined in one accord in prayer to you.
Let the light of Jesus
shine in our hearts
as we come together for worship.
Amen.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Psalm Reading Psalm 148

The Word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God!

Special Music Durwood Howell

"Hark The Herald Angels Sing"

Gospel Lesson Luke 2:22-40

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Rev. Julie O'Neal
"God's Favor"

Affirmation of Faith *WE BELIEVE*
(based on Isaiah 61:10-11)

We believe.

**We believe joyfully in the God of love,
with all our being we celebrate our God.
As soil after drought produces green shoots
and as garden seeds spring into new life,
so our God produces justice and praise
to spring up among all nations.**

We believe in God

**who dresses us in the garments of salvation;
who by the grace of Christ
covers us with the robe of righteousness,
adopts us into the holy family
and promises to make us a crown of beauty,
a royal diadem in the hand of God.**

This we believe through Christ Jesus.

May the Holy Spirit strengthen our belief.

(Rev. Bruce Prewer, Australian Church Resources)

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

*Please share your prayer requests
and celebrations during this time.*

Unison:

**God of new seasons, new life, and new mercies, we
take in the new with you. We trust you as you do
new things. We look forward to the new hearts, the
new lives that will see you, and a world where you'll
make all things new. You hold our world in your
hands and spin it on its axis every day with a new
sunrise and a new sunset. God, you are the same
yesterday, today, and forevermore, and you have a
tradition of doing new things to and in us. We offer
ourselves to you, again, this year. Take us into the
new with you. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

*Benediction

*Postlude

**Please stand as you are able*

Weekly Announcements

REMINDER: all 2020 donations of cash or checks must be placed in the offering plate TODAY or be received by the church office no later than 2:00 pm this Wednesday, December 30, 2020. Mailed contributions should be post marked before or on December 31, 2020. If you have any questions about your total 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 31st and January 1st.

Trustees meeting - Monday, January 11th at 6:30 pm

The Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive Thursday, January 14th from 1:30 to 6 pm in our Fellowship Hall.

Please help us spread the word so more people can share this wonderful gift of life with others. Call the church office or the Red Cross at 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org to schedule your appointment. Use Sponsor Code: Burkhead.

Remembering in Our Prayers:

Members: Our Church, Our Pastor - Rev. Julie O'Neal & family, Our Homebound Members, Becky Arnott & family, Brenda Barlow, 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, 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, Tony Parker, Piper, Steve Reyes, Gary & Zoe Ruhl, Betty Simpson & family, JohnnieRae Smith, Stucker family, Velma

This Week at Burkhead UMC

Sunday, December 27th

No H.O.P.E. sandwich making
10:00 am - Worship Service

Tuesday, December 29th

7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911

Sunday, January 3rd

8:45 am - H.O.P.E. sandwich making
10:00 am - Worship Service with Communion

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 27	Next Week, January 3
Isaiah 61:10-62:3; *Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; <u>Luke 2:22-40</u>	Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7,10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

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.

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!

To reach Rev. Julie O'Neal outside of church office hours, please text or call her cell phone at 336-929-6001 or email her at joneal@wnccumc.net.