

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.

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.***

An emergency order was issued August 20th that requires everyone to wear masks in indoor public and private places. Our Bishop & Cabinet also strongly recommend wearing masks at ALL indoor ministry activities, including worship.

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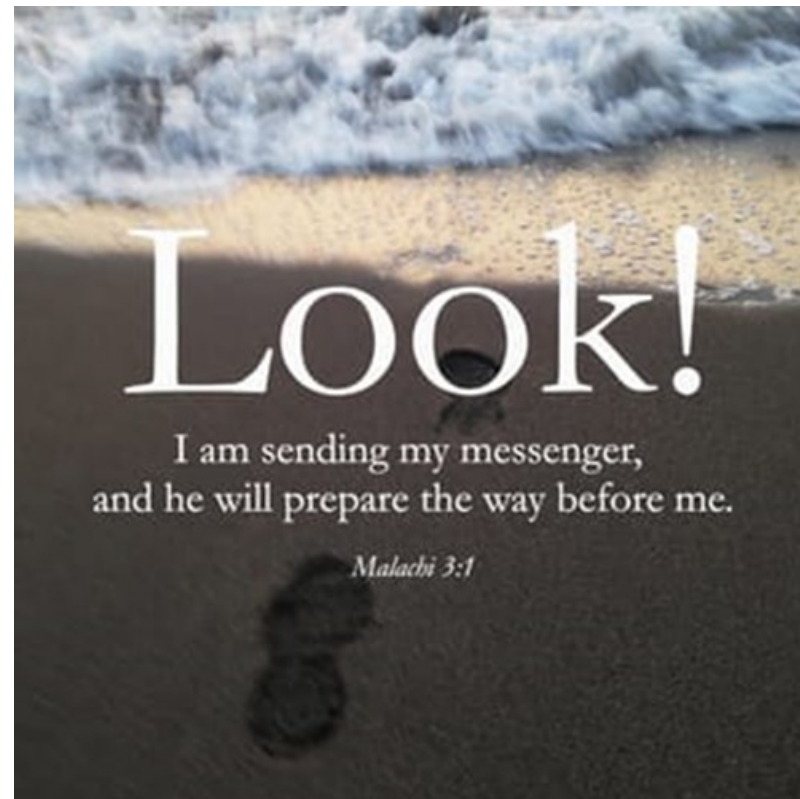
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Burkhead United Methodist Church

December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent



Peace



Prelude

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Chiming of the Beginning of Worship

Lighting the Advent Candle: **Peace**

*Musical Response UMH 327
Crown Him with Many Crowns Verse 3

*Call to Worship
O come, O come, Immanuel,
And be light for our darkness.
Be comfort in our grief,
Be a friend for our loneliness,
An oasis for our searching.
O come, O come, Immanuel,
**Restore our joy, heal our wounds,
and bring us peace.**

*Congregational Hymn UMH 209
Blessed Be the God of Israel

Old Testament Reading **Malachi 3:1-4**
The Word of God for the people of God; Thanks be to God!

Special Music arranged by Richard Waters
Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming

Gospel Lesson **Luke 1:68-79**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon **Obstacles to Home**

Announcements and Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

*Doxology and Offertory Prayer UMH 95

Call to Confession

The cares of this life weigh us down, and we seek escape more than insight, avoidance rather than confrontation with God's truth. God comes to us even when we are hiding from the best we know. God waits to hear our story and to restore us to life as it is meant to be. Let us come to God in prayer.
(a brief period of silence follows for personal confession)

Prayer of Confession

God-with-us, even in Advent, we confess that you can seem far away. You are hidden when we need you near. In our hurt, doubt, and fear, we do not try to draw close to you: instead, we lash out – against you, our neighbor, even those we love. Forgive us, we pray, and come to save us! Let your face shine until our tears are dried, our sins are faded, and our hope is restored. After all, we belong to you, and in your hands, we can be made new. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The grace of God, given to us in Christ Jesus, strengthens us to the end so that we may be blameless when Christ comes again. Thanks be to God, who is faithful and has called us into the fellowship of Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Great Thanksgiving UMH 15-16

*Dismissal with Blessing

Serving in Worship

Today: Ushers - John & Shirley Hedrick;
Lector - Betty Bewley; Readers - David & Susan Disher;
Financial Officer - Durwood Howell; Trustee - Betty Bewley
Next Sunday: Ushers - Taylor Crane, Terry Blumenthal;
Lector - Rick Mende; Readers - Murray & Gale Sink;
Financial Officer - Durwood Howell; Trustee - Betty Bewley

Weekly Announcements

Everyone is welcome to join the **Advent Bible Study**, *“The Heart That Grew Three Sizes, Finding Faith in the Story of the Grinch”* by Matt Rawle at **9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall**. It is partly video based, so the full hour is necessary to have time for discussion too. Student books are available through Cokesbury.com and other online retailers for \$12.99.

There will be an **Outreach Luncheon meeting this Tuesday, December 7th** beginning at **noon**. Please contact Gale Sink for the location.

If you are interested in helping during the **Salvation Army Christmas Warehouse this Wednesday** or the **Pajama Giveaway at New Light Baptist Church this Saturday**, please let Gale Sink know.

A **drive through Live Nativity** will be held **December 10th & 11th from 6-8 pm** at **Mt. Carmel UMC**, 4265 Ebert Rd, Winston Salem. Our choir will be performing along with a live cast, and live animals under the picnic shelter. A prayer station will be offered where you can light luminaries for your loved ones. Free hot dogs will be given away while cars wait in the line. Please use the bottom Clemmons Rd entrance across from Circle K. The event is free. Donations will be accepted to go towards our New Beginnings Dinner Church outreach ministry. We are very grateful for our District Missional Engagement Grant that has made this possible.

Lectionary Readings

Lector: *starred passage, Sermon: underlined passage

Today, December 5	Next Week, December 12
*Malachi 3:1-4 <u>Luke 1:68-79</u> Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6	Zephaniah 3:14-20 *Isaiah 12:2-6 <u>Philippians 4:4-7</u> Luke 3:7-18

This Week at Burkhead UMC

Sunday, December 5th

Second Sunday of Advent

9:15 am - Advent Bible Study

10:15 am - Fellowship Time

10:30 am - Worship Service with Communion

Monday, December 6th

6:00 pm - Girl Scout Troop 1929

Tuesday, December 7th

12:00 pm - Outreach Luncheon

7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911

Wednesday, December 8th

8:00 am to 5:00 pm - LifeLine Screenings

9:00 am to 12:00 pm - Salvation Army

Christmas Warehouse volunteering

Saturday, December 11th

10:00 am to 12:30 pm - Pajama Giveaway at
New Light Baptist Church

Sunday, December 12th

Third Sunday of Advent

9:15 am - Advent Bible Study

10:15 am - Fellowship Time

10:30 am - Worship Service

Concerns shared the week of November 28th

Prayers: Sarah Howell

Concerns shared the week of November 21st

Prayers: Aaron Shough

Concerns shared the week of November 14th

Prayers: Sarah Howell, Bonnie Flynn

Praises: Bonnie Flynn

Concerns shared the week of November 7th

Prayers: Bill & Elaine Stewart, Charles Chambers family, Mike Ervin, Brenda Raker, family of Norah Smitherman, all veterans, Ralph & Bobbie Futrell

Praises: Naomi Marks

Names will remain on our prayer list for one month.