

## Fourth Sunday Of Advent

Prelude

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Chiming of the Beginning of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

\*Call to Worship      **Psalm 80**                      UMH 801

\*Hymn      *Angels from the Realms of Glory*      UMH 220

Epistle Reading      **Romans 1: 1-7**  
*The Word of God for the people of God; Thanks be to God!*

Special Music      *Midnight Noel*

Gospel Lesson      **Matthew 1:18-25**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon                      **We Are Not Alone**

Advent Affirmation                                      Michael Denham

**We believe in one God,  
whose almighty word brought forth the universe,  
who speaks to us by his Spirit through what he has created  
and through what has been written in Holy Scripture.  
We believe that at just the right moment in time,  
God's Word became flesh in the life of Jesus of Nazareth,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
We believe that this good news of great joy  
which heralded Jesus' birth  
also points us to the cross on which Jesus died,  
and to his empty tomb.  
There the angel's message "He is risen!"  
heralded the glorious good news of Christ's resurrection.**

**We believe that this same Jesus is alive to meet us every day,  
and to offer us new and abundant life.**

**We rejoice in the knowledge that he will one day return  
to rule in righteousness, to renew the earth,  
and to claim us as God's own.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer      UMH 895

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings  
*An offering plate is located on the table near the entrance of the sanctuary.*

\*Doxology and Offertory Prayer                      UMH 95

\*Hymn                      *O Little Town of Bethlehem*                      UMH 230

\*Dismissal with Blessing

\*Threefold Amen

### Prayer Concerns and Praises

Shared the week of December 11: *China Moore, John Nelson Jr.,  
Debbie Johnson, Bob & Elaine Opoulos, Emma Jean Tucker*  
December 4: *Pauline Chapman's family, Beth Dixon,  
Johnny Hedrick, Beverly Galyean*  
November 27: *Harriet Lassing's family, Kathy & Greg Lisle,  
Julie O'Neal, Tammy, Terry & Lynn Blumenthal, Johnny Hedrick,  
Doug Glass, Jane Burns, Claudia Kairoff, Laine Bullard*  
November 20: *Thanksgiving travel, SPARK, child killed in Raleigh,  
Diane Womack, David Lowman, Allen Burrell,  
families of slain VA football players*  
Prayer concerns lifted during worship service will be listed for four weeks.

### Serving in Worship

**Today:** Ushers—Daryl Dixon, David Disher, Susan Disher;  
Lector—Kate Moore; Financial Officer—Durwood Howell;  
Trustee—Mike Price

**Next Sunday:** Ushers—Rick Mende, Beth Dixon, Larry Parks,  
Brenda Raker; Lector—Greg Lisle; Financial Officer—Durwood  
Howell; Trustee—Mike Price

**Please Note:**

Remember the IRS requires that all 2022 donations of cash or checks be received by the church no later than 2 pm Thursday, December 29, 2022. Mailed contributions must be postmarked on or before December 31, 2022. Any contribution received January 1, 2023 or later must be counted as 2023 giving.

**This Week at Burkhead United Methodist Church**

Church Office is open Tuesday – Thursday, 10 am – 2 pm

Sunday, December 18 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9:15 am Advent Bible Study

10:15 am Fellowship Time

10:30 am Worship Service

11:30 am Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting

1:00 pm Caroling

Wednesday, December 21

10:00 am Knitting Group

2:00 pm Memorial Service for Harriet Lassing

Saturday, December 24

2:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 25 **Christmas Day**

No Sunday School classes

10:15 am Fellowship Time

10:30 am Worship Service

**Upcoming Events**

Sunday, January 1 **Epiphany Sunday**

9:15 am New Life Sunday School class

9:30 am Seekers Sunday School class

10:15 am Fellowship Time

10:30 am Worship Service

Monday, January 9

6:30 pm Finance Committee meeting

Tuesday, January 10

6:30 pm Trustees Committee meeting

Wednesday, January 11

6:00 pm Community Fellowship meal



**Burkhead  
United Methodist Church**

**December 18, 2022**

5250 Silas Creek Parkway, Winston-Salem, NC 27106

Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Phone: 336-765-6590 Website: burkheadumc.org

Rev. Julie O'Neal, Pastor (extn 2), Cell: 336-929-6001

Pastor's email: [joneal@wncumc.net](mailto:joneal@wncumc.net)

Darlene Davis, Administrative Secretary (extn 3)

Office email: [burkheadumc@gmail.com](mailto:burkheadumc@gmail.com)

Finance Office email: [burkheadfinance@gmail.com](mailto:burkheadfinance@gmail.com)

Guy Kelpin, Director of Music CCLI #2257491

More information is available at [www.burkheadumc.org](http://www.burkheadumc.org).