

1st Sunday of Advent

Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

**Stand if you are able*

Prelude

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Chiming of the Beginning of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Reader 1: In the days of exile and uncertainty, the prophet Isaiah cried out: *O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence. As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.* (Isaiah 64:1-3)

Reader 2: In the midst of our own encounters with uncertainty and upheaval and our longing for deliverance, Jesus calls to us, *“Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come”* (Mark 13:35).

Congregation: We wait as people surprised again and again by God who shakes us out of our complacency and wakes us up to the work of the kin-dom all around us.

Reader 1: We light this candle as a sign of our shocking hope. May we stay awake to God’s activity in the world as we wait in expectation that even now God is with us, working to restore us to the fullness of life with God and one another.

Amen. *Light the first candle of the Advent wreath.*

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

*Hymn *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* UMH 196

Old Testament **Isaiah 64:1-9**

The Word of God for the people of God; Thanks be to God!

Special Music *Listen Here, Listen Here* Jay Althouse

Gospel Lesson **Mark 13:24-37**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon **Insomniacs, Rejoice!**

Concerns and Praises of the Body of Christ

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

We confess that we are not ready. We call on you to rend the heavens and come down, and yet we aren’t ready for you to rend our hearts and enter in. When it comes to meeting you face-to-face, we hesitate. We fear what you will find in us and among us. We are uncertain that we really want our lives to be turned upside down by the good news. We want the hope that comes with knowing you are coming to us, but we’re not sure we’re ready for the shock of that hope. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our fear that we might joyfully live in the hope that shakes us up and turns us around to follow you. *Silent confession.*

Hear the good news: God is the Potter, and we are the clay.

We are the work of God’s hand.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving responses UMH 15-16

The Lord’s Prayer UMH 895

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Blessing after Holy Communion **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

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 UMH 213

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Threefold Amen

Prayers and Praises

Shared the week of November 26: *Zoe Ruhl, Steve Holly, Connie Mende*

November 19: *Connie Mende, China Moore, Peace around the world especially in the Ukraine and the Middle Eastern conflict, those in need;*

Praises: *Marilyn Baird is back with us, the birth of Addison Lee Parrish*

November 12: *Julie's safe travel, Keith Arnott, Connie Mende, The Disher family, Marilyn Baird, Ed Harris, Bill Wingate, The people of Ukraine, China Moore*

November 5: *Arthur Disher & family, Shane Plott, Connie Mende, Veterans and their families;*
Praises: *Rogers and Crotty families*

Serving in Worship

Today: Ushers—Murray Sink, Nancy Flowers, Gloria McGurk, Brenda Raker; Liturgist—Mike Price; Financial Officer—Durwood Howell; Trustee—Gloria McGurk

Next Sunday: Ushers—Taylor Crane, Terry & Lynn Blumenthal; Liturgist—Durwood Howell; Financial Officer—Durwood Howell; Trustee—Gloria McGurk

Thank you for joining us at Burkhead UMC today! If you have questions or pastoral concerns, please contact our pastor, Julie O'Neal at 336-929-6001.



Burkhead United Methodist Church

December 3, 2023

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This Week at Burkhead United Methodist Church

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

Sunday December 3

9:15 am **Combined Sunday School Classes** –
*Experiencing Christmas - Christ in
the Sights and Sounds of Advent*
by Matt Rawle

10:15 am Fellowship Time

10:30 am Worship Service with Communion

11:30 am **Informational Town Hall meeting**

Monday, December 4

8:00 am LifeLine Health Screenings

6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 1929

Tuesday, December 5

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911

Thursday, December 7

9:00 am **Salvation Army Christmas Warehouse**

Friday, December 8

6:00 pm **Christmas Party at Little Richard's
Bar-N-Que, Stratford Road**

Saturday, December 9

9:00 am SPARK Cozy Bundle,
Winston-Salem

Sunday, December 10

9:15 am **Combined Sunday School Classes**

10:15 am Fellowship Time

10:30 am Worship Service

2:00 pm **Christmas Caroling**

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, December 13

6:00 pm **Fellowship Meal** - Pancakes &
Singing Carols

Saturday, December 16

1:00 pm Christmas for the City

Sunday, December 17

10:30 am **White Christmas and Hymn Sing**

12:00 pm Fellowship Hall is reserved

Wednesday, December 20

1:00 pm **Y.A.R.N. Ministry**

Thursday, December 21

11:30 am **Third Thursday - Christmas
Traditions Around the World**

Sunday, December 24

10:30 am **Christmas Eve Worship Service**

Monday, December 25 Our Lord and Savior's Birth

More information is available at www.burkheadumc.org.

Experiencing Christmas – Christ in the Sights and Sounds of Advent by Matt Rawle

This four-week video-based study **began this morning at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall.** You are welcome to join us any Sunday. Participant books, while not required, may be purchased directly from Cokesbury.com or your favorite retailer.

Christmas Party at Little Richard's Bar-N-Que

Join friends and family **Friday, December 8th at 6:00 pm** for Burkhead's Christmas Party. There's a buffet featuring 2 entrees and 6 sides! The cost is \$22 plus drink, tax and tip. Don't forget the **Dirty Santa Gift Exchange!** Nothing over \$5 please. Please sign up at the information table.