

# Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

*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

**\*Call to Worship 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you.

**For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.**

When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!

**But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.**

So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night.

**But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.**

For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

**Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.**

**\*Hymn *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* UMH 694**

Old Testament Reading **Judges 1:4-7**

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

Special Music ***To a Wild Rose*** Edward MacDowell

Gospel Lesson **Matthew 25:14-30**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon **Window or Mirror?**

Concerns and Praises of the Body of Christ

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Faithful God, we confess that we do not give attention To the things that are of you.**

**We listen to rumors and gossip instead Of what is true and honorable.**

**We do not hold fast to justice.**

**We do not train our hearts on what is pure and pleasing to you.**

**In our words and our deeds, we stray from all that is commendable, excellent, and worthy of praise.**

**We do not attend to all we have received and learned of your good news, and so we do not live in peace with you or with our neighbors.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Free us to live as your grateful people.**

*Offer silent prayers of confession.*

Receive the good news:

God pays attention to us when we pray.

God receives our confession and saves us by grace.

May the peace of God guard us in mind and heart now and forever.

**Thanks be to God!**

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 *We Gather Together* UMH 131**

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**\*Threefold Amen**

*The Rosebud on the altar is given to the Glory of God  
in celebration of the birth of Locke Alexander DuBois  
born Sunday, November 12, 2023.*

*Locke is the son of Taylor and Katherine,  
brother to Grant and grandson of Becky.*

### **Prayers and Praises**

Shared the week of 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, Thomas Thiele*

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

Praises: *Rogers and Crotty families in attendance*

October 29: *Arthur Disher & family, Family of Steve  
Gross, Elizabeth DuBois, Ashley Gooding, Stella  
Perrin, Shane Plott, Carder Price, WNC Conference,  
Lewiston Maine victims & families, Israel/Gaza  
conflict/war*

October 22: *Arthur & Elaine Disher, Lee & Debbie  
Lallance, Carder Price, Betty Friddle, People in Israel  
and Palestine, Commitment Sunday*

### **Serving in Worship**

**Today:** Ushers—Daryl Dixon, David & Susan Disher;  
Liturgist—Kathy Lisle; Financial Officer—Glenda Ketchie;  
Trustee—Mike Price

**Next Sunday:** Ushers—Rick Mende, Beth Dixon, Larry  
Parks; Liturgist—Becky DuBois; Financial Officer—  
Glenda Ketchie; Trustee—Mike Price



## **Burkhead United Methodist Church**

**November 19, 2023**

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## December Events with Burkhead UMC

Every Sunday December 3 through 24  
9:30 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

Saturday, December 2  
10:00 am Decorate Chrismon Tree  
12:00 pm Fellowship Hall is reserved

Sunday December 3  
10:30 am Holy Communion

Monday, December 4  
8:00 am LifeLine Health Screenings

Tuesday, 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  
2:00 pm Christmas Caroling

Wednesday, December 13  
6:00 pm Fellowship Meal - Pancakes & Carols

Sunday, December 17  
10:30 am White Christmas and Hymn Sing

Wednesday, December 18  
1:00 pm Y.A.R.N. Ministry

Thursday, December 19  
11:30 am Third Thursday - Christmas Traditions  
Around the World

Monday, December 25 Our Lord and Savior's Birth

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

## Opportunities for Service and Celebration

Winston Lake Family YMCA is hosting their Thanksgiving Breakfast on Thanksgiving morning. This is the first breakfast since the pandemic and Winston Lake reached out to SPARK for support through communication, volunteerism and in-kind donations. If anyone would like to **donate eggs by the dozen and/or turkey sausage, please drop off at BUMC by 10 am on Tuesday, Nov. 21st**. We're hoping to feed 100 neighbors! If **anyone would like to serve** during the shifts of 6 am-8 am, 7:30 am-9:30 am, 9 am-11 am please visit [www.spark-community.org](http://www.spark-community.org) or email Amber at [executivedirector@spark-community.org](mailto:executivedirector@spark-community.org).

Anyone interested in making cards for Outreach, please meet **Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Combined Sunday School Classes - *Experiencing Christmas - Christ in the Sights and Sounds of Advent* by Matt Rawle**  
This four-week video-based study **starts December 3rd at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall.** Participant books, while not required, may be purchased directly from Cokesbury.com or your favorite retailer.

Join us **Friday, December 8th at 6 pm** for our **Christmas Party at Little Richard's Bar-N-Que** on S. Stratford Rd. Please sign up on the sheet on the information table. Don't forget your "Dirty Santa" gift!

Burkhead will again celebrate a **White Christmas** by **donating nonperishable food items** wrapped in white at the **December 17th service**. Everyone is encouraged to bring items wrapped in white paper or white plastic bags to place on and around the altar table. These food items will be given to a nonprofit organization who helps those who are having trouble feeding their families. Unfortunately, Forsyth County has more hungry people than most other counties in North Carolina. **Let's make this a truly WHITE CHRISTMAS on the 17<sup>th</sup>!**