

First Sunday after Christmas

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 **Psalm 148** UMH 861

*Hymn *Away in a Manger* UMH 217

Epistle Reading **Galatians 4:4-7**
The Word of God for the people of God; Thanks be to God!

Gospel Lesson **Luke 2:22-40**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon **Open Adoption**

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God,
the creator of all things,
the giver of life and breath.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
born Emmanuel, God with us,
baptized and revealed the most beloved Son of God;
he sought to heal humanity
by taking our brokenness upon himself,
suffering for us, dying for us
and being raised from the dead for our sake
and for the sake of all the world.
We believe that he will come again.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
continually poured out refreshing our lives,
leading us into a new day,
ever-birthing the church, the body of Christ in the world.
This Spirit is our soul companion and counselor of truth
reminding us of the gift of faith,
the ever presence of God

and the promise of eternal life.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Concerns and Praises of the Body of Christ

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 *Joy to the World* UMH 246

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Threefold Amen

Prayers and Praises

Shared the week of December 24: *Steve & Debbie Reynolds, people experiencing sadness and loss of loved ones during the holidays, cherish all of the special moments with your families this week...not the big, loud ones, but the quiet and small ones... that touch your heart*

December 17: *Steve Pauley's family, Sandra Galyean, John Taylor's family, Gary Slate, Keith Roberts, conflict/war around the world, people traveling during the holidays, families to be blessed by our White Christmas food donations, God's presence and leading with Wesley Memorial and Burkhead joining together in the new year*

December 10: *Gloria McGurk's family, Shane Plott, Gail Potter, serving our community through The Salvation Army and SPARK, God's leading for Burkhead's future;*

Praises: *China Moore*

December 3: *Gloria McGurk, Katie Moore, Gloria's Family, Steve Pauley, Wanda Truesdale, Mitch Mende, Ali Gonzalez and Baby Jasper, Charities during the holiday season & the people that serve/volunteer for them, Kim Jackson, China Moore;*

Praises: *Shirley & Johnny Hedrick celebrating 56 years of marriage*

Serving in Worship

Today: Ushers–Rick Mende, Beth Dixon, Larry Parks;
Liturgist–Becky DuBois; Financial Officer–Durwood
Howell; Trustee–Betty Bewley

Next Sunday: Ushers–Murray & Gale Sink, Nancy
Flowers, Betty Bewley; Liturgist–Betty Bewley;
Counting Team 1; Building Security–Taylor Crane

This Week at Burkhead United Methodist Church

Our Office is open Tuesday - Thursday, 10 am – 2 pm.

Sunday, December 31

No Sunday School classes

10:15 am Fellowship Time

10:30 am **Worship Service**

Tuesday, January 2

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911

Friday, January 5

Noon Fellowship Hall is reserved

Sunday, January 7 *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**

Upcoming Events

Monday, January 8

6:30 pm Leadership Council meeting

Tuesday, January 9

10:30 am **Outreach Committee meeting**

Wednesday, January 10

6:00 pm **Community Fellowship Meal**

More information is available at www.burkheadumc.org.



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December 31, 2023

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