

Announcements

Children's Church and Nursery Care is available for children under the age of 12. Children are welcome to stay in worship with their parents.

Dementia Caregiver Support Group meets at Mabscott UMC every third Tuesday of the month.

December 15th – Southern District combined choir Christmas Cantata at Woodrow Wilson High School Auditorium. 3:00 p.m.

December 19th – United Women in Faith sponsored Christmas Caroling – meet at church parking lot at 4:30 p.m. All are welcome to join us. We will be dining at a local restaurant after caroling

December 24th – Raleigh Shared Ministries joint Christmas Eve service.

January 5: Epiphany Sunday – take Christmas decorations down after worship



Mission Statement for Beckley Community UMC

We aspire to be a Christ centered, spiritually grounded Church. Welcoming and inclusive of all God's children, as we build beloved community and extend mission and ministry through service and generosity.

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Beckley Community United Methodist Church



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Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2024

*Congregation reads together in the **bold** wording. + Means please stand if you are able.*

The Prelude Lisa McGinnis

Gathering (Welcome & Announcements) Laura Fygetakes

+Call To Worship Laura Fygetakes

Leader: Beloved in Christ, as we await the great festival of Christmas, let us prepare ourselves so that we may be shown its true meaning. Let us hear, in lessons from Holy Scripture.

People: How the prophets of Israel foretold that God would visit and redeem the waiting people.

Leader: Let us rejoice, in our carols and hymns, that the good purpose of God is being mightily fulfilled.

People: Let us celebrate the promise that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, will bring all peoples and all things into the glory of God's eternal kingdom.

Leader: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk,

People: The lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

Leader: But first, let us pray for the world that God so loves, for those who have not heard the good news of God, or who do not believe it:

People: For those who walk in darkness and the shadow of death; and for the Church in this place and everywhere,

Leader: That it may be freed from all evil and fear, and may in pure joy lift up the light of the love of God.

People: These prayers and praises let us humbly offer to God.

+Opening Hymn "God Christian Friends, Rejoice" UMH #224

Lighting of the Advent Candle Dale & Sarah Ritchey
Response "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" UMH #204

Young Disciples Moment Laura Fygetakes

Old Testament Reading Zephaniah 3:14-20 Sarah Ritchey

Gospel Reading Luke 3:7-8 Dale Ritchey

The Message "The Light of Hope" Neal Lacey

Sharing of our Joys and Concerns followed by The Lord's Prayer Neal Lacey

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever. Amen.

Special Music "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Hand Bell Choir
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Offering Invitation Laura Fygetakes
+Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, he heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer after Receiving

+Closing Hymn "Sing We Now of Christmas" UMH #237

Benediction *⁵The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness does not understand it. John 1:5 NIV*

Breakthrough Prayer

Dear God, please break through and open doors to new hopes, dreams, and possibilities for discipleship. We surrender to the power of the Holy Spirit and faithfully follow Christ onto the open road adventure of Your new and unknown future for our ministry. May your will be done! Amen.

Postlude Lisa McGinnis

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