

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *A Christmas Melody*

based on THE FIRST NOEL, ANTIOCH & MUELLER
arr. by John Purifoy

Chiming of the Hour
Welcome and Church Family News
The Passing of the Peace of Christ

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Choral Call to Worship # 92 *While We Are Waiting, Come*

WAITING

*Lighting the Candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love

*Call to Worship:

Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God.

And our spirits rejoice in you.

We will praise you as long as we live.

We will sing praises to you our whole lives long.

We will not trust in the powerful of this world,

But will trust in you—Creator of heaven and earth,

the One who gives food to the hungry,

the One who enacts justice for the oppressed.

Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God

As we worship you in this place,

As we light these candles in hope, peace, joy, and love.

*Hymn of Praise # 105 *People, Look East*

BESANÇON

Call to Confession:

How easy it is to lose our way on the road to Bethlehem! How quick we are to dismiss the dreams and hopes our God has for us in this holy season! Let us come to the One who approaches, ready to swaddle us in forgiveness and grace, as we pray together.

Litany of Confession:

Come now, Reconciler of the nations,

for our world, our lives, need your peace more than ever before.

Come now, Teacher of the Way,

for we long to let go of our self-interest and narcissism.

Come now, Spirit of Truth and Love,

for we hunger to hear your voice once again and always.

Come now, Servant of the poor,

so we notice you in all those we push past in this hectic season.

Come, Silence of our nights and Holiness of our hearts, and forgive us for turning your compassion into commercials, your joy into jingles, your hope into hollow words, and your love into lust for the short-lasting offerings of the world.

May we find our way to the One born simply, born gracefully, for us – Jesus, the Child of wonder and life (moment of silent confession). In the name of the One who is coming. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

We may not notice them there, at the back of the pile of presents, but it is God's hope, God's life, God's mercy, which are the true gifts we receive each and every moment.

We give thanks to our gracious God, who has forgiven us and blessed us. Amen!

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 95 *Prepare the Way of the Lord*

PREPARE THE WAY

Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord,

And all people will see the salvation of our God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

First Lesson: 1 John 4:18-21

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Choir Anthem: Come, Emmanuel, Come

words & music by Ruth Elaine Schram

Second Lesson: Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Sermon: "Do Not Be Afraid"

Rev. Kathy Campbell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith: (insert)

*Gloria # 581 *Glory Be to the Father*

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

*Hymn of Meditation # 693 *Though I May Speak*

GIFT OF LOVE

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head*

a traditional Appalachian Carol

Arr.by Rick Barham

*Doxology # 606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDRETH

*Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

We must not take the gifts God gives to us, even the most tangible ones, and hoard them for ourselves.

Rather, we offer them, as well as our hearts and lives as offerings to those in true need around us. This we

pray in the name of Bethlehem's Babe. Amen.

THE SENDING

*Closing Hymn # 108 *Of The Father's Love Begotten*

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude: *Noel*

by Louis-Claude Daquin

arr. by Steven Scott

SERVING US TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Kathy Campbell, Director of Music: Kathy Hutcheson

Please keep the following people in your prayers...

****Burl Duncan** passed away peacefully Wednesday, December 18. His funeral service was held at the church yesterday. He was 91 years old and lived a long, faithful, and rich life. Alberta Duncan and family would appreciate your prayers as they begin their journey of both grief and gratitude. Burl and Alberta have been members of our church for over 20 years. Cards may be sent to Alberta Duncan, P.O. Box 910, Linville, NC 28646. ****Ron Seeger** has been placed in hospice care. Cathy and he would appreciate your prayers during this time. Their address is 464 Carmine Drive, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931. ****Janis Kenyon** had successful knee replacement surgery on Tuesday, December 17. She is at home recovering. Her address is 24 Hanging Rock Estates Lane, Banner Elk, NC 28604. ****Bill and Laura Lind's daughter, Diana Farrington**, is struggling with her multiple sclerosis and the medicine is beginning to have some positive effect. Her address is: 15000 Wyndham Oaks Dr. Charlotte NC 28277-1566. Bill and Laura's address is: 3334 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657. ****Karen Phillips**, Pastor Kathy's sister had successful surgery-- her bleeding has stopped and she is feeling like she has gotten her life back. She wants to thank everyone for their prayers. Her address is: 1816 111th St., Omaha, NE 68154 ****Pepe` Abrusci** had cataract surgery on one eye. She expects a full recovery. Her address is: 195 Jaynes Road, Apt. # 30, Newland, NC 28657. ****Mark Blitch is recovering from two surgeries on his hand.** His address is 5511 31st Ct. E, Ellenton, FL 34222. ****Joe Jordan** had successful surgery on his shoulder and is recovering; he will not be able to wrestle for the next six months. Joe's address is P.O. Box 523, Pineola, NC 28662-0523. ****Beth Gacek** continues her recovery from foot surgery. She is at home and Greg is doing a great job taking care of her. She would love visits and Greg would love a few meals. Her address is 3223 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657 ****Frances Magruder** is making preparations for her surgery on January 13 to replace her bladder. Her address is: P.O. Box 154, Linville, NC 28646. ****Marilyn Gascho** had her eye surgery on Nov. 18 and is recovering. Her address is 19 Plantation Drive, Chula, GA 31733. ****Nicholas (Cole) Gretz, the grandson of Birte and Jack Hogan**, is undergoing intensive chemo and still needs our prayers as he battles leukemia. Birte and Jack's address is 2784 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657, and cards can be sent to Nicholas and his family in care of his parents, Raymond and Gayle Gretz, 352 Marba Road, Serverna, MD 21146-2016. ****Ashlyn DeWitt** has begun her chemotherapy. Jason and Ashlyn are encouraged and positive and would appreciate any prayers and support that will help them as they trust in God and find joy and laughter during this journey. Their address is 1911 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657. ****Tom Tessin, Jenny Duncan's brother**, lost his job because of his hearing issues, but due to his former employer's errors, he was denied unemployment and is appealing. He is praying for short-term unemployment until he can find another job. Jenny is a part of our church family as a long-distance member and a dear friend of Pastor Kathy's. Her address is 1302 Cornerstone Court, Essexville, MI 48732. *****Clifford Rose, Alberta Duncan's brother**, is being treated for brain cancer. **Alberta's** address is P.O. Box 910, Linville, NC 28646. ****Susan Hartley**, daughter of Bob and Linda Taylor, continues to have health concerns. She enjoys cards! Her address is P.O. Box 35, Crossnore, NC 28616. ****Lorraine Alls** appreciates your prayers and cards. Her address is Apt. 208, 507 Linville Street, Newland, NC 28657. ****Mary Agnes Smith**, Rachel Deal's sister, is in the Banner Elk Life Care Center. Her address is Life Care of Banner Elk, P.O. Box 2199, Banner Elk, NC 28604.

OUR ELDERS

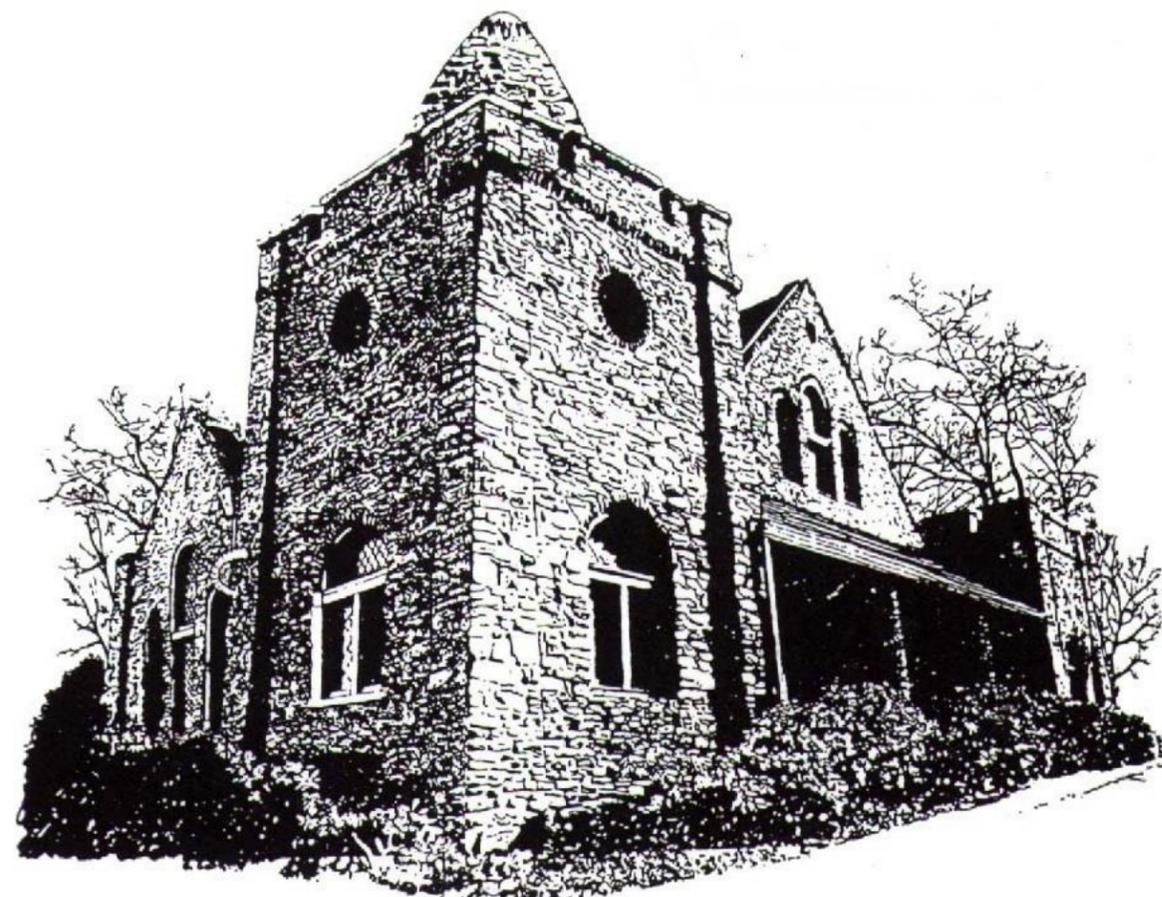
Class of 2019: Charlie Sims
Class of 2020: Jason DeWitt, Linda Berkley
Class of 2021: Charlotte Davila, Janis Kenyon (Clerk of Session),
Mimi Sloop, George Riggsbee
Ashlyn DeWitt: Administrative Assistant
Kathy Hutcheson: Director of Music
Barbara Ross: Voluntary Church Administrator
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REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR
4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 22, 2019
ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.