

Call to Worship (based on Isaiah 2:4)

Leader: Advent is a time to wait.

People: We wait in hope for the day when nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

Leader: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn of war anymore.

People: We wait in hope for the Lord.

Leader: Our first Advent candle is the candle of Hope. As we begin this Advent journey, may we learn to wait upon the Lord with hopeful expectation by celebrating all God has done and anticipating all God will do.

***Hymn #96** “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” WINCHESTER NEW

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, we confess that in so many ways, we fall short of Your good intentions. We fail to love You with our whole heart, and we neglect Your command to love our neighbors as ourselves. Cleanse and claim us anew, we pray. Replace the guilt of our sin with deep gratitude for Your grace, and rekindle in us the desire to follow Your will and ways. All this we ask in the strong, sovereign name of Jesus Christ, the Messiah Whose coming is certain, even now.

Silent Reflection

Response #88 (v. 1) “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” VENI EMMANUEL
O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

***Response #132** (v. 3) “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” IN DULCI JUBILO
Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice,
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Sacrament of Baptism (11:00)

Jack Daniel Thompson
Elsie Ann Thompson

(11:00 - 4 year olds - 2nd grade may leave for Young Children's Worship.)

Scripture Matthew 3:1-6 Pew Bible NT pg. 2

Sermon "When It's Time to Turn Around" Dr. Keith J. Thompson

***Hymn** "Down by the Jordan" LOBE DEN HERREN
(See Insert)

***Affirmation of Faith** (Responsively) Isaiah 35:1-10

Leader: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

People: **The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.**

Leader: Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

People: **Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come and save you."**

Leader: Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

People: **then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;**

Leader: the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

People: **A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.**

Leader: No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

All: **And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

***Doxology #606** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Old 100th

Anthem (11:00) “Prepare the Royal Highway” arr. Hal Hopson

Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near! Let every hill and valley a level road appear! Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story: Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God’s Word!

O sing a joyful song. Sing alleluia, praise the Lord. Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord. Alleluia, praise the Lord. Prepare the way. Sing alleluia, he is near.

Prayers of Intercession and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn #82**

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

HYFRYDOL

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

“Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying”

setting by Franklin Ashdown

(* The asterisk denotes to stand if you are able.)

USHERS: 8:30 Jay & Ann Hinze

11:00 Missy Seacat, Dorothy Knowles

Stay Connected Are you a visitor? Welcome! Please pick up a visitor's bag in the narthex or ask an usher to get one for you.

1. Christmas Joy Special Offering -The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years. This offering will be received Sunday, December 18, 2022, at both morning worship services.

2. ADVENT CLASS: Handel's Messiah, Part III: The study on Handel's "The Messiah" will begin this morning in Davidson River Hall at 9:45AM. Under the leadership of the Reverend Bob Edmunds, the class will look at and listen to the third part of Handel's much loved oratorio for the next four weeks. Please join them in this special advent opportunity.

3. Presbyterian Women's Circles will meet this week. Sarah Ruth Circle will meet at 10:30 am on Thursday, December 1, in the College Walk Activity Room and are always happy to welcome visitors and newcomers. Mary Martha Circle will meet Thursday, December 1, at 1:00 in the church lounge to continue their study of study of Sabbath. Visitors are welcome!

4. There are Some Slots Left! Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian has signed up to ring bells at Ingles Monday, December 5, Tuesday, December 6, and Saturday, December 10. Ringing will be in two hour shifts at both doors. Masks are optional but fun attire is a must! You can sign up after the two services this morning or online with the link in the Friday email, or at <https://bdrpc.org/news/>.

5. The Searchers Adult Class Join the Searchers class during Sunday School hour 9:45AM in Room ED#9. This class uses a discussion format to explore one of the scriptures assigned for the day by the Revised Common Lectionary.

6. The Sunday School Offerings in November goes to the Sharing House.

7. Alternative Christmas Giving 2022: Bless others by blessing others. That is what Alternative Christmas Gifts are all about. You donate to one of the many international and/or local charities and give a card to those on your Christmas list to let them know you gave to others in their honor.

Be watching your email and the Sunday bulletin's for more information on how you can participate!

8. On Friday, December 2 at 12:30PM Michael Helman will be playing a short program of Advent and Christmas music at First United Methodist in Brevard as part of their Christmas Organ Recital Series. All are welcome!

9. **The Flower Calendar for 2023** is posted in the lobby on the bulletin board. Please feel free to sign up to provide flowers for Sunday worship services.

10. **Advent Devotional Booklets:** Devotional booklets for Advent are available in the narthex and east foyer. Please pick up one to use as a devotional guide for your journey through the Advent season.

11. **Earth Care Tidbit of the Week:** Wrap your gifts in a reusable bag instead of wrapping paper. Wrapping paper can only be used once while gift bags can be reused. Or you can wrap your presents in newspaper or brown paper and personalize with your own hand-drawn decorations. We can care for God's creation while celebrating Christ's birth.

You are invited to attend a baby shower for Candice & Charlie Burchill in Davidson River Hall December 10, at 10:00AM. [Babylist.com/baby-clover-registry](https://www.babylist.com/baby-clover-registry).

The PYC (Youth) would like to extend appreciation for your generous support to provide snacks for the children of Black Mountain Home and Whitewater Cove over the Thanksgiving Holiday. These snacks were taken to BMH Monday and they will be divided among the cottages and Whitewater Cove. The \$148 total contributions will certainly brighten their holiday!

Our sympathy is extended to Hilda Folger and her family at the death of her husband, John Folger. There is a memorial service planned here for December 10, at 2:30PM. Please keep this family in your prayers at the time of loss.

For information about these events and more contact the church office at 884-2645 or info@bdrpc.org.

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

November 27

Bill Jennings ☺

Dick Stricker ☺

Jenn Brown ☺

November 28

Rich Warwick ☺

Sharon Black ☺

November 30

John Hachbold ☺

December 1

Don & Elizabeth Gentle ♡

David & Cindy Trowbridge ♡

December 2

Mark & Missy Ellenberger ♡

COLLECTION BIN NEEDS

Black Mountain Home: The most needed items are:

Hoodies (junior/adult sizes s-xxl): Diapers (all sizes): Gardening Supplies:
Outdoor Welcome Mats: Cleaning Supplies and Paper Products: Athletic Socks
and Footies (adult size)

Sharing House: Toothbrush and toothpaste, deodorant, laundry detergent, small
containers of mayo, catsup, mustard, 2 lb bags of sugar, cream of mushroom and
chicken soups' clothes hangers.

There are collection bins for your donations at the three main entrances.

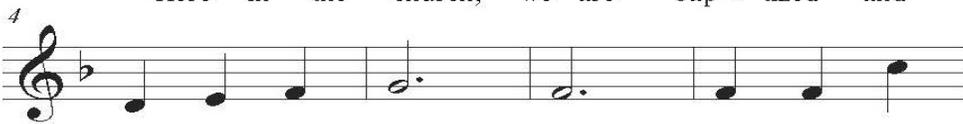
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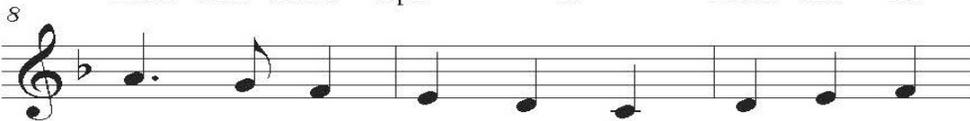
text by Rev. Carolyn Gillette



Down by the Jor - dan, a pro - phet named
There by the ri - ver the crowd came with
Here in the church, we are bap - tized and



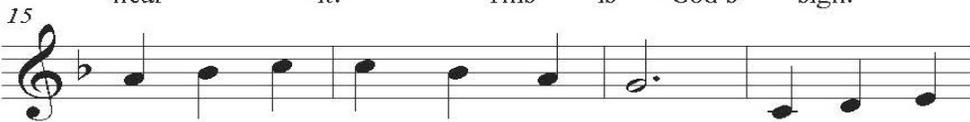
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great ex - pec - ta - tion: "Are you God's
filled with God's Spir - it. Freed and for -



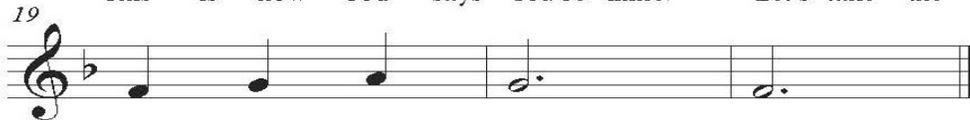
mes - sage the peo - ple found bold and sur -
Cho - sen One, sent here to res - cue our
gi - ven, we're wel - comed with joy! Can you



pris - ing: "God will for - give!
na - tion?" "No!" John re - plied.
hear it? This is God's sign!



Show that you'll change how you live! Sure - ly God's
"He who is might - ier than I judg - es and
This is how God says "You're mine!" Let's take the



new day is ris - ing!"
of - fers sal - va - tion."
good news and share it!