

Welcome to
Maggie Valley United Methodist Church
December 4, 2022 Second Sunday of Advent
10:30 am Worship Service

THE GATHERING

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY
PRELUDE
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

We greet our neighbors in Christ's name
It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

Ken and Beth Brown

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

O Come, O Wisdom from on high, who ordered all things mightily; to us the path of knowledge show and teach us in its ways to go. Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray for the Spirit of Wisdom to rest upon us A spirit of understanding and knowledge

Grant us to live in harmony
God's mercy prevail

Let us pray for God's steadfastness to gird our spirit
May peace prevail like lamb and wolf

Grant us to live in harmony
God's mercy prevail

Let us pray for the God of hope, joy and peace to fill
All hearts, one voice glorify

God, prepare the way
God's mercy prevail

Let us pray, God's presence with us today and always
Open us again

God's mercy prevail
God's peace be with us

HYMN OF WORSHIP **"Come, Thou Almighty King"**

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PRAISE AND RESPONSE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of mercy and peace, open our hearts to receive your words of hope. **We live far too much in darkness and fear. Forgive us, patient and merciful God.** Help us be people who will look at the ways in which we have blocked your presence; ways in which we have truly failed to be your people. Give us courage and strength to change our lives, that your peace may become a reality in this world, right now, this day. **Forgive us we pray.** (Silence is kept)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Though the darkness feels thick around us, God's love and light are on the way! You have been forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! AMEN.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-10

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Victor Quick

GLORIA PATRI

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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 PRAISE **"In The Bleak Midwinter (1,2,4)"**

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

God, for whom all things are possible, we trust you. We trust that you take anything, everything, we give to you and use it. You use us: our gifts, desires, hopes and longing. Use us again today, O Lord. **Use these gifts offered and let them bring about your peace-filled kingdom. We ask this, we believe this in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. AMEN.**

OFFERTORY

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming-Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY

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

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON
SERMON
HOLY COMMUNION

"A Word of Peace"

Luke 1:26-38
Pastor Cole
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WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

HYMN OF DEDICATION

"There's A Song In The Air"

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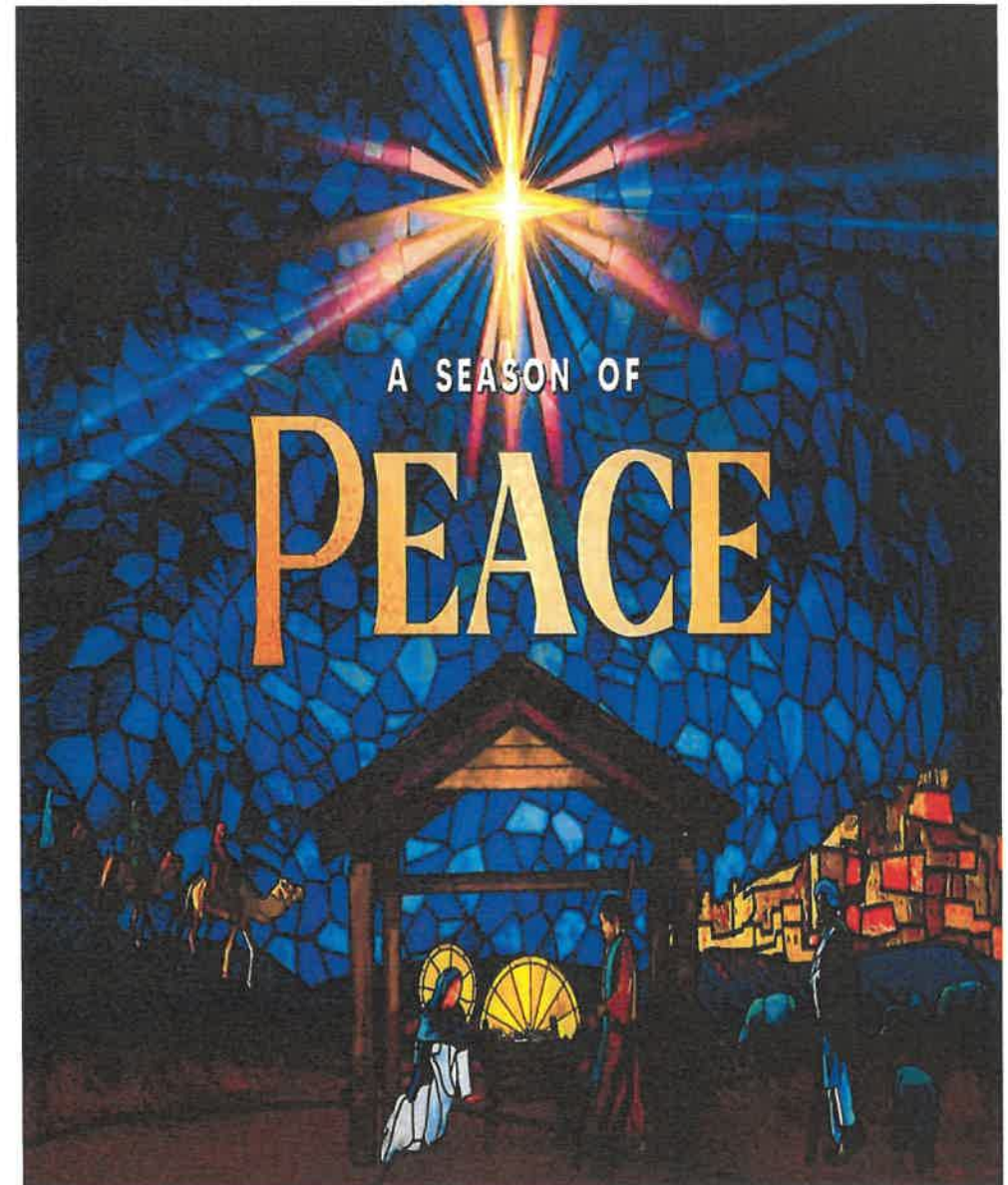
THE BLESSING
POSTLUDE

Rejoice, Rejoice, The King Comes

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SCAN ME



Holy Communion — Advent 2022

A voice cries out in the wilderness, Prepare the way of the Lord,
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
All who are waiting, Hear! All who hope, Listen!
The promise has been breathed into the fabric of history and
Its fulfillment is at hand: The lonely will be comforted,
The orphan will be championed, A light will shine in the darkness,
The lost will be searched for and will be found. The path of salvation will be restored.
See, O people, See the face of our Savior.
"The Lord's glory will appear, and all humanity will see it together;
the Lord's mouth has commanded it."

Invitation:

If in the depths of your spirit you are crying out, "Come thou long expected Jesus;"

This table has been laid out for you.

For those who sing, "born to set your people free," and desire to be set free;

The table of the Lord has a place for you.

If your heart aches to be released from fear and sin,

Receive the bread of Heaven and the cup of Salvation.

The feast of communion is prepared for you.

Come, taste and see that the Lord is good.

You promised the coming of an anointed one, who would lead the people to peace and righteousness. You promised that the descendant of David would rule forever. You promised that out of Bethlehem would come the Prince of Peace. You promised the coming of your Kingdom, when "swords would be beaten into plows, and spears into pruning hooks."

John the Baptist came, telling the people to "Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!" People from Jerusalem, throughout Judea, and all around the Jordan River came to him. As they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River. And so now we come, having confessed our sins, searching for the Holy Spirit to come and fill us with expectant grace. We come to be transformed by what has already come, and waiting with hope for what is to come. We deck our halls with joy, but it is our hearts that truly matter.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. God of power and might adored, heaven and earth are shining bright with the glory of your light. Loud Hosannas now we sing. In the

highest they may ring. Blessed is the coming one. Christ Emmanuel your son. Glory in the highest. Holy God, your name is blessed.

Yet even now, as we prepare to celebrate his birth, we remember the life that this baby will live.

We remember how he broke the bonds of human tradition to show all what the Banquet of Hope could be as he ate openly with the despised and the outcast of his world.

And we remember one special meal, foretaste of the banquet that is to come, that he ate with his closest friends.

Gathering them together in an upper room to share the story of liberation, he prepared them for liberation.

And at the end of the meal he took bread, blessed and broke it, then passed it to them saying:

Take and eat. This bread is the body of Life, broken by the world. Eat it in remembrance and in hope.

After that he took the cup, blessed it, and passed it to them saying:

This cup is the sign of the New Covenant. Whenever you drink it remember me, for I shall not eat or drink again until the time of the heavenly banquet.

Remembering the birth of the child in the stable, we remember also his life, his death and his resurrection.

We remember how he poured his love out all he met and look forward to his return and the coming reign of peace, love, and justice.

We remember the mystery of faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

God, you poured your Spirit on Mary and she sang words of defiance and hope.

Pour out your Spirit upon us gathered here. As we eat and drink may we know your presence.

As we eat and drink may we be opened to the possibilities of your hope and power

And may we be strengthened in our time of waiting for peace and justice so that we will have the courage to make the Christmas promise a reality. **AMEN.**

And now we are bold to pray as our savior taught us: **LORD'S PRAYER**

Upcoming Events

Our Church Food Pantry operates on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 am until noon. We are asking that everyone in the congregation bring **GRANOLA BARS, JELLY, PEANUT BUTTER, GRITS/pkg, SOAP BARS, TOOTHBRUSHES, and CANNED FRUITS this month.** Personal hygiene items are appreciated also. Thank you for helping! If anyone has winter coats they would like to donate, please bring them to the Food Pantry. **We will be closed Monday, November 26th and Wednesday, November 28th for Christmas Holidays. We will reopen on Monday, January 2nd.**

The UMW will continue to sell car wash tickets this month. They are \$20 and make wonderful gifts.

"Sacred Seeing" is a way of seeing the world with the eyes of the heart. If I'm being honest, that sounds like something that may be hard to do or only for "really spiritual" people (whatever that means), but it's a practice I hope we can all try! **We will meet on Tuesday, December 6th at 7:30am in the Fellowship Hall.**

Christmas Party at the Parsonage on December 10th from 10am-12pm. Please Park at the church and the van will take you over. Everyone is invited.

The One Board will meet on Tuesday, December 13th at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

We will be having a blood drive on Tuesday, December 13th from 12:30-5:30. You can go online to schedule an appointment or call Belinda and she can schedule it.

The youth group will meet on December 14th at 6:00pm in the library. If you can provide a meal, please call Belinda to sign up.

The Men's Group WILL meet on Thursday, December 15th at 5:30 and will have the Men's breakfast on Saturday, December 17th at 8:00am in the fellowship hall. All men are invited.

All "Love in Action" articles for December are due to Belinda by Thursday, December 15th.

We will have a wrapping day and fellowship on Saturday, December 17th in the Fellowship Hall. We will be wrapping gifts for McCracken Nursing Home, Angel Tree, and Pathways. You can also bring your personal gifts to wrap or get help wrapping! Please join us if you are able.

The Church Office will be closed December 26th- January 2nd for the Christmas Holidays. The office will reopen at 9:00am on Tuesday, January 3rd. Merry Christmas!

The food pantry and Shepherd's table will be closed December 26-30th. They will reopen on Monday, January 2nd.

Pastor Cole's Bible Study meets on Thursday mornings at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We invite everyone to come! **We will NOT meet on December 29th due to Christmas Holidays.**

Lectionary Scriptures for Next Week:

Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-10; Psalm 146:5-10; Matthew 11:2-11; Luke 1:46b-55