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Bulletin Info for December 1, 2024

Call To Worship: (Bold = Congregational Response)

Children of God, pay attention! The days are coming when God's peace will reign and all creation will flourish under the reign of our Creator.

The days are surely coming!

Children of God, prepare your hearts! The days are coming and are already here when God will come near and show us how to recognize God's reign among us.

The days are surely coming and are already here!

Children of God, be alert and listen! God has come near to build the kingdom on the earth here and now. Will you join in?

The days are surely coming and are already here! We come to prepare our hearts to pay attention, to listen, and to follow God's call to build the kingdom of earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Advent Candle Lighting

Reader One: From deep in the past, Jeremiah calls to us, "The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise, I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah." Beloved, the days are surely coming when the yearning of the land; the longing of the sun, moon, and stars; the desperate need of the people of earth for flourishing and peace will receive their fulfillment.

Congregation: While fear, anxiety, misinformation, and suspicion surround us on every side, we choose to watch and

wait in hope, preparing our hearts to notice and cooperate with God's grace already at work in our midst.

Reader Two: We light this candle of hope as a sign of our commitment to pay attention and prepare for the days that are surely coming and are already here—the days when God's kingdom of love, justice, and mercy will reign.

Light the first candle of the Advent wreath

Opening Congregational Hymn: *There's a Song in the Air*
p. 249, vv. 1,3,4

Offering

Congregational Hymn: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*
p. 196

Psalm Reading: Psalm 25: 1-10

To you O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust;

do not let me be put to shame

do not let my enemies exult over me

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

Let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways O Lord, teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation

for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness sake O Lord.

Good and upright is the Lord;
Therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.
All paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
For those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

The days are surely coming says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up from David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our Righteousness.”

New Testament Lesson: Luke 21: 25-28

There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

Sermon: *Do You See What I See?*

Closing Congregational Hymn: *Amazing Grace* p. 378
vv. 1,2,4,6

Announcements

- Union United Methodist Church will, again this year, present *A Classical Christmas*. On December 15, 2024 at 4 PM, Elegant Ensembles will bring its string quartet to Union to perform Christmas music favorites. We are accepting canned good donations to benefit those in need in our community. This will be another great program. Please invite your neighbors, friends, and acquaintances to hear this beautiful music and showcase our great church.
- The link to donate to the relief fund efforts provided by and supported by UMCOR and the Western North Carolina Conference of the UMC is <https://wnc-reg.brtapp.com/br/HurricaneReliefDonations2018>.

If you prefer to pay by check, you can make the check payable To **WNCC Treasurer**, note Disaster Response in the memo line and mail to:

Western North Carolina Conference
P.O. Box 2757
Huntersville, NC 28070-2757
Attn: Carol Bateman

Prayer List

Military / Missionary

Steve and Lena Gough

All who are serving our country at home and abroad

Church Family

Wayne Bumgardner

Frank Dalton

Sherry Doub

Frances V. Gough

Wanda Needham

Barbara Perryman

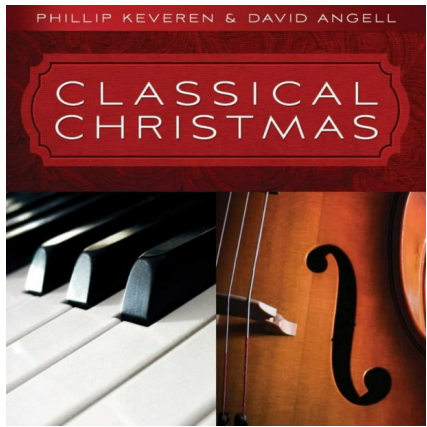
Frances Sisk

Church Friend / Extended Family

Tommy Bost	Lynda Harper
Tammy Seats Boyd	Ronald Howell
Jimmy & Deborah Branch	Amber Lambert
Jane Bullin	Jeannette Lanier
Leisha Carpenter	Kevin McBride
Glenna Culler	Kevin McDaniel
Joe Dean	Mark Megela
Amanda Doub	Dawn Proctor
Ruby Driver	Jay D. Prevette
Mack Edwards	Vivian Royal
Joanne Everhart	Mary Ellen Smith
Mary File	Kim Triplette
Eddie Haire	Mark Wall
Garry Harbin	Ann Wallace
Kathy Harbin	Robert and Susan Warren

December Birthdays

John Hogg	3	Nicholas Lineberry	26
Gabriel Pitts	4	Glenna Culler	28
Monica Keaton	15	Glenna Culler	28
Cameron Hogg	19	Will Disher	29
Glenna Thompson	22	Michael Williard	30



*Union United Methodist Church cordially invites the community to
A Classical Christmas Concert with a string quartet by Elegant
Ensembles*

Sunday, December 15, 2024 at 4:00 PM

*In the sanctuary of: Union United Methodist Church
8935 Shallowford Road
Lewisville, North Carolina*

This is a free concert!

Refreshments will be served afterwards.

*Donations of canned goods will be accepted to be provided to those
in need.*

All are welcome. See you there. Merry Christmas!

