

*The Christian Worship of God
4th Sunday Of Advent*

Dec 20, 2020

*Worship Services
10:30 a.m.
(live stream via YouTube)*

OPENING PRAYER		
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
COMPANY'S COMING -	Deck The Halls	Dick and Charlotte Burnett
* HYMN OF PRAISE	"The First Noel"	Praise Team
MORNING PRAYERS		Dr. James Hughes
* HYMN OF PREPARATION	"O Come Emmanuel"	Praise Team
OFFERTORY	"Pie Jesu"	Jenny Farr and Andrew Leonard
SCRIPTURE	John 3: 1-9	Brenda Austin
SERMON	"Born Of Water & The Spirit"	Dr. James Hughes
* HYMN OF COMMITMENT # 560	"Help Us Accept Each Other"	
* THE BENEDICTION		Dr. James Hughes
POSTLUDE		

**Congregation standing as you are able*

Welcome to Worship

You are very welcome here at Blue Ridge UMC.

NOTE TO OUR VISITORS

We are so happy to have you worshipping with us today. Please know we realize you had to make a decision about whether you wanted to attend in person. Because of the concerns that Covid has brought all of us, we would really appreciate making sure we have your name and phone number in case we needed to contact you. If you have already left it in our visitor book, we thank you. If you have not, we would appreciate you doing so as you leave our service today.

If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter or want more information about the church, please contact us by phone or email (see the back of the bulletin). If you are interested in joining the church, please see the Pastor after service or contact the church office. We will be glad to hear from you.

Our worship services will live stream on YouTube instead of Facebook due to technical difficulties. The link will continue to be posted on Facebook but not be live. The link for the YouTube service will be: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8PdHVuooSVc>. If you subscribe to YouTube, the church subscription will automatically send you a reminder of worship service.

Our prayer for all who worship here is that together we will encounter the Living God who created us and loves us. We pray that when we leave here today each of us will be encouraged and spiritually refreshed because we came to worship.

"Blue Ridge United Methodist Church will be ambassadors of Christ to the Fannin County community through service, hospitality, generosity and education."

OUR PREVIOUS WEEK'S PRAYER REQUESTS:

Tommy and Alma Callihan
Tom and Linda Patterson
Jimmy Mayhugh family
Joe and Marilyn Roth
Audrey - sister of Karen Seers
Bob Wellert family - friend of Ray Ake
Don Cheyne's niece
George Bienert
Jerry Martin - friend of Dan & Deryl Amoss
Johnny Searce
Patty & Ronnie - sister and brother in law of Donna Riddoch
Carol Gray
Jill Scott
The Mercers
Pam Thorell & Debbie Morris - niece & friend of Laurie Draper
COVID patients
Election and Our Country
Church
General Conference

Please remember and send words of encouragement to:

Jacob Lee 1001397371
Hays State Prison
P O Box 668
Trion, GA 30753

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please join us for Sunday school in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m. being led by a rotation of our Sunday school teachers. This Sunday's class is being led by Pastor Jay Hughes.

TOYS FOR TOTS

Toys for Tots box is located in the Narthex for new, unwrapped toys *only* to be delivered to children for Christmas. The Marine Corps Reserve campaign ends today. A representative will pick up the toys.

LOVE OFFERING

Christmas is the season for giving and each year we take up a love offering for our Pastor. If you would like to participate, please do so by either writing a check or putting money in an envelope and marking it "pastor's love offering". You may drop it in the offering plate today. You can also drop it in the church mailbox during the week. Merry Christmas, Marlin Alsup, SPR Chairman

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

This year we will live stream our Christmas Eve service. We encourage each of you to participate in the safety of your home by sharing with us in the Communion and candle lighting. You may pick up a prefilled Communion set along with a candle at the church today to use or if you prefer you can use your own.

UMW SPONSORED SILENT AUCTION

Thanks to all who participated in the Silent Auction by donating handmade items and gift certificates and all who generously bid on items. Thanks also to the wonderful helpers. Our successful fundraiser raised \$2,059.00 which will be used to support local community needs as well as our own Prayer Garden.

PRAYER GARDEN UPDATE

Donations for the Prayer Garden should be made out to Blue Ridge United Methodist Church and marked "for the Prayer Garden". If you wish to make your donation "in honor of" or "in memory of" someone, please indicate that as well. We appreciate very much the support from so many of you. We hope you will see a graded path and some transplanted plants very soon now.

CALENDAR EVENTS

Christmas Eve Communion Service live streamed Thursday, Dec 24 6:00 p.m.
Merry Christmas
Happy New Year