

## Welcome to Worship

You are very welcome here at Blue Ridge UMC.

If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter or want more information about the church, please make a note in the registration pad in your pew or 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 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."*

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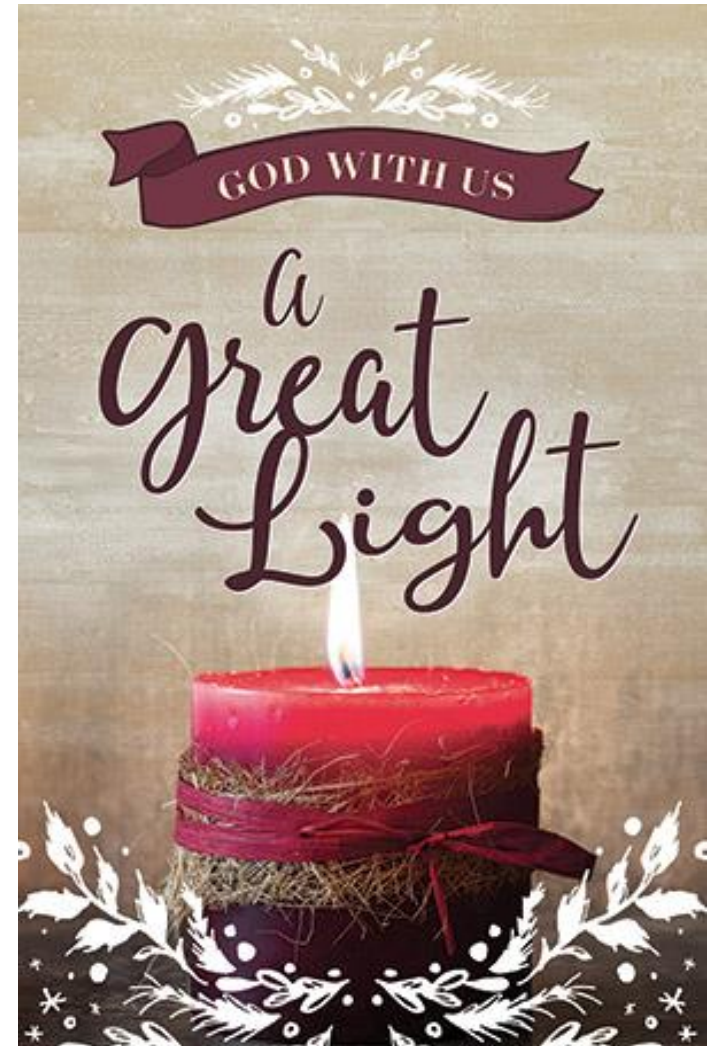
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## Blue Ridge United Methodist Church



*A Service for the Worship Of God*

*Dr. James Hughes, Pastor  
December 24, 2020*

*Don Cheyne, Director of Music  
Christmas Eve 6:00 p.m.*

Special Music      Somewhere In Your Silent Night      Praise Team  
\*Hymn      It Came Upon A Midnight Clear      UMH 218

*\*Call to Worship*

Rev. Jay Hughes:      *Unto us a child is born, and unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

**Congregation:**      **Let us go now even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us.**

\*Hymn      *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*      UMH 229

*Advent Candle Lighting*

**Prayer in Unison:**      **Help us to see the brightness of God's love. As we grasp the light help us to share it with others every day. Allow our hearts to be filled with hope, joy, peace and love all year. Amen.**

*Moments of Remembrance/Prayer*

*Telling the Story*

\*Scripture reading      *Luke 2: 8-12*  
\*Hymn      *Angels We Have Heard on High (vs 1,3)*      UMH 238  
\*Scripture Reading      *Luke 2: 13-16*  
\*Hymn      *Away in a Manger (vs 1,2)*      UMH 217  
\*Scripture Reading      *Luke 2: 17-20*  
\*Hymn      *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (vs 1,3)*      UMH 224

*Presentation of God's Tithes and Offerings*

*Prayer*

Offertory      *A Christmas Offering*      Praise Team

Meditation      Rev. Jay Hughes

*Celebration of Communion*

*Prayer of Consecration*

*Distribution of the Elements*

Special Music      Noel      Praise Team

*COMPANY'S COMING - Welcoming the Guest*

*Our Christmas Affirmation: Advent moves us; Advent love leads us; Advent joy stirs us; Advent peace stills us, that we might affirm our King Jesus.*

*It is time we set flame to this Advent affirmation by lighting the Christ Candle.*

**We believe that Jesus is the Son of God. He was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judea. He was the long-awaited Messiah whose coming was prophesied. The same Jesus lives today in our hearts. He deserves our highest loyalty and total commitment. In Jesus Christ our hope is fulfilled; our love is consummated; our joy is complete; and our peace is sealed.**

*Rejoice, a Savior is born.*

**A savior is born, indeed. Joy to the world!**

**Service of Candle Lighting**

*As Silent Night is being sung, everyone is asked to quietly move to the narthex. As you are leaving the sanctuary, you will receive a candle. Please move away from the door to give everyone a chance to exit the sanctuary. The minister will light his candle from the Christ Candle and join everyone in the narthex. He will light the candle of the nearest worshippers in the narthex. Light will then be passed from worshipper to worshipper.*

*Remember that the lighted candle remains upright, and the candle to be lighted is tipped.*

*Please extinguish your candle before you leave.*

\*Hymn      *Silent Night*      UMH 239

\*Prayer

\*Hymn      *Joy to the World*

\*Dismissal

Postlude

*\*Congregation Standing*