

We are here to: Love God, Love our Neighbor and Serve the World.

December 5, 2021 Second Sunday of Advent

Gathering in God's Presence

All are welcome to this time of worship, and in this faith community.
If you are visiting today, please visit the Welcome table at the entrance.

Prelude *I Wonder As I Wander* John Jacob Niles

Introit/Entry of the Light: Christ Be Our Light Soloist: Harmon Tunison

Congregation please join in refrain:
Christ, be our light, shine in our hearts; shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light, shine in your church, gathered today.

Greeting and Welcome

Call to Worship based on Isaiah 40

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God!

Hymn
9:00a.m. *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* UM Hymnal #196
10:30a.m. *A Little Child Will Come to Lead Us* Price/Besig
Chancel Choir

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Readings *Philippians 1: 3-11; Luke 3:1-6*

Music *People, Look East vs. 1-3* UM Hymnal #202

Message The Rev. Holly Nye

Please note: We will not "pass the offering plate;" a plate is available in the foyer as you arrive or leave. We will dedicate our gifts as part of worship – gifts brought to this sanctuary, gifts offered by mail, and gifts donated electronically, all to the glory of God. We thank you for your faithful generosity.

Responding to God's Word

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Doxology #94

Our Church Family in Prayer

Prayer Song *Like A Child* Damon

Pastoral Prayer

Gathering at Christ's Table: The Great Thanksgiving

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

All are welcome to share in Communion: Please come forward, receive the elements, and take them to your seat. Once everyone is served, we can all partake together. If you wish to have the elements brought to you at your seat, please notify an usher.

Communion Music: *As We Gather at Your Table* Chancel Choir

Going Forth To Serve

Hymn of Going Forth *All Earth is Waiting* UM Hymnal #210

Benediction

Postlude *Prepare The Way, O Zion* Then Svenska Psalmboken

The altar flowers today are given in loving memory of Bill Borthwick, by his family.

Our Ministry Today

Lead Pastor: *Holly Nye*
Associate Pastor: *Doug Mackey*
Communication Coordinator: *Cindy Peterson*
Music Ministers: *Pete Van Keuren & Jill Zygo*
Treasurer: *Kimberly Spath*
Financial Secretary: *Paula Miller*
Custodian: *Joe Tangrady*
Prayer Blankets: *Karen Lathrop*
Sunday School Superintendent: *Jodi Facticeau-St. Gelais*
Preschool Teachers: *Stacy Herbage & Stephanie Tope*
Sound & Video: *Charles Hartmann*

WEEKLY CALENDAR Sunday, December 5	
9 AM	Worship
10 AM	Cherub Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM	Worship/Sunday School
11:30 AM	Youth Choir & Voices of Hope Rehearsal
12 PM	Pageant Rehearsal
12:30 PM	Stampin' Up
4 PM	Girl Scouts Troop #2658
Monday, December 6	
9:30 AM	Morning Disciples (Early Birds)
6:30 PM	Girl Scout Troop #2169
7 PM	Saratoga Soundtrack Rehearsal
Tuesday, December 7	
7 PM	Boy Scouts Troop #56
Wednesday, December 8	
8:30 AM	Fixits
9:30 AM	Explorers
Thursday, December 9	
9:15 AM	Seekers
10:30 AM	BHBL Women's Club Board Mtg
6 PM	Girl Scout Troop #2083
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, December 11	
11 AM	Boy Scouts Troop #3020
Sunday, December 12	
9 AM	Worship
10:30 AM	Worship/Sunday School
11:30 AM	Voices of Hope and Youth Choir Rehearsal
12 PM	Pageant Rehearsal
3:30 PM	Brownie Troop #3838

BHUMC Welcome Statement

At Burnt Hills UMC, we aspire to be a community of grace and unconditional love, where all people will find hospitality,

compassion and mercy.

We seek to welcome all on the journey, to grow together in faith and to go out to serve the world.

We welcome people of any age, culture, race, nationality, ability, marital status, economic status, sexual orientation and gender identity, as full participants in the life of our congregation.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to be part of Jesus' movement of love and justice for all of God's children.

All are welcome to worship, grow and serve with us.

Announcements

Morning Disciples Study meets on Mondays at 9:30 AM. We will be reading the Lectionary readings for Advent. Remote link is also available!

Explorers Bible Study is usually held every Wednesday at 9:30 AM. Each week, we watch a 30-minute video on some aspect of Christianity. The current program is "Reading Biblical Literature: Genesis to Revelation." Contact Pastor Doug for more information.

Seekers, the Women's Book Study, meets every week on Thursday mornings. The start time has changed to 9:15 AM. We are reading Advent scriptures.

Giving Tree There are still a few "ornaments" on the Giving Tree. On the back of each "ornaments" is a gift request. Please buy the item, wrap it and ATTACH THE ORNAMENT. Bring the gifts to church and place under the Giving Tree by **December 12**. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mark Witkofsky (669-2978). Thank you for your generosity.

Help us Decorate the Sanctuary for Advent As in years past, we are asking the congregation to help us decorate the sanctuary for Advent. This year our theme is **sheep and shepherds**. Please consider bringing in sheep and/or shepherds from home to place on the sanctuary window sills. We are collecting them now.

Christmas Poinsettias As we did last year, the Altar Committee will be purchasing a small number of poinsettias. These will be used to enhance the Advent decor on Christmas Eve. After the Christmas Eve service, the visitation team will present these to our shut-ins. If you would like to help defray the cost of the Advent decorations, we will have a basket available in the church entrance during the month of December.

Mayan Hands Fair Trade Sale Thank you to everyone who purchased hand-made goods from the Guatemalan weavers. Our church gave them \$770.80, which represents education, food and security for these women and their families. Thank you so much for your care and generosity.

—The Outreach Commission

Generosity

Heifer International The Outreach Commission is still taking donations for Heifer for Christmas. Checks may be mailed in or dropped off at the church office. If you would like to make a donation electronically, please visit the church website (nybhumc.com/online-giving), where you will find a dropdown box for Heifer. Animal gift cards are available in the office.

Christmas Offering As always, our Christmas offering goes to help others outside of our church. We will again support **Schenectady Community Ministries**, as they work with other faith groups in social service and social justice. We will pay a portion of our **Conference Ministries Shares** and give money to **Chacocente**, a farming community in Nicaragua. We will also help **RISSE** in their effort to better the lives of refugees and recent immigrants. We will help support **Skye Farm** which, like many summer camps, is struggling financially. We will also be helping our local food pantries. Thank you for your gifts to others. -The Outreach Commission

Pledges 2022 The church has invited you to pledge for 2022. Many have responded and to date we have received pledges totaling \$219,310. Thank you. Please make a pledge if you have not already done so. As a reference, pledges paid in 2020 totaled \$269,402. Every pledge matters.

Pledges made for 2021 totaled \$239,971 and to date \$222,103 has been received, 92.5%. Please continue your support throughout December. Thank you.

So that you are fully informed, if the church had not received two forgiven Payroll Protection Plan loans from the Federal government totaling \$40,000 each we would not have met our budget needs for our staff and facility. There will be no future PPP loans available.

—Paula Miller, Financial Secretary

Generosity is the most natural outward expression of an inner attitude of compassion and loving kindness. Dalai Lama

**We have resumed two worship services
on Sundays, at 9 AM and 10:30 AM.**

**Christmas Eve Services:
3:30 PM, 7 PM and 9 PM**

Please call the office to reserve your space.

Pastors' Email Addresses

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