

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

January 1, 2023 9:30 AM

Prelude *Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine* Trad. German hymn

Welcome

Call to Worship (from Psalm 90)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generation
From everlasting to everlasting, you are God!

***Opening Hymn** *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* UMH #117

Unison Prayer “Step Softly” by Carol Dixon

Step softly into your weeping world, incarnate God; embrace it in your love. Bring light into broken lives, warmth into frozen hearts, hope to those at war. May your peace pervade every place.

Help us to approach this new year filled with the joy of your companionship, as we step out in faith with you, ready to face the future, whatever it may hold. Amen.

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Prayer Song *Love Came Down at Christmas vs. 1 & 3* UMH #242

Morning Prayer

Scripture Ecclesiastes 3: 1-13

Prayer “Always Emmanuel” by John Harvery, adapted

Scripture Revelation 21: 1-6a

Hymn *Let There be Peace on Earth* UMH #431

Gospel Matthew 25: 31-46

Prayer of Response

**Helper in our Past and Hope for our Future:
hold our good intentions,
free us from that which keeps us from the good,
and enable us to move into the coming year
with your love behind, beside, and before us. Amen.**

A Moment for Reflection

Giving of Our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings

*You are invited to stand as you are able or comfortable

Offertory *Christmas Is A Feeling In Your Heart* Darion/Kleinsinger

Doxology to the tune of *Away in a Manger* UMH #217

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!**

Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

May the God of new beginnings be with you.
And also with you.

People of God, lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the One who makes all things, including us, new.

Children of God, sing praises to the One who gives you new life.
We praise the One who continues to surprise us with hope and grace.

The liturgy continues.

“...who sing of Your glory:”

**Holy, holy, holy, God of every time and space.
All creation sings of Your majesty and glory.
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who gives us the water of life.
Hosanna in the highest!**

The liturgy continues.

“... of that mystery which is our faith:”

**Christ died, so sin would have no more power over us;
Christ rose, destroying death's grip on us;
when the new heaven and new earth come,
Christ will make all things, including us, new.**

The Lord's Prayer UMH #895

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 the evil one. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Hymns during Communion

This is a Day of New Beginnings UMH #383

Hymn of Promise UMH #707

Prayer after Receiving

After the Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition # 607
[Originally posted on HackingChristianity.net by Rev. Jeremy Smith (@umjeremy)]

**I am not my own self-made, self-reliant human being.
In truth, O God, I am Yours.
Make me into what You will.
Make me a neighbor with those whom You will.
Guide me on the easy path for You.
Guide me on the rocky road for You.
Whether I am to step up for You or step aside for You;
Whether I am to be lifted high for You or brought low for You;
Whether I become full or empty, with all things or with nothing;
I give all that I have and all that I am for You.
So be it.
And may I always remember that you, O God, and I belong to each other.
Amen.**

***Closing Hymn** *There's a Song in the Air* UMH #249

***Responsive Benediction** “A Blessing as you Journey into the New Year”
by Lynda Wright

May your eyes be opened to the wonder of the daily miracles around you and your sense of mystery be deepened.

May you be aware of the light that shines in the darkness, and that the darkness can never put it out.

May you be blessed with companions on the journey, friends who will listen to you and encourage you with their presence.

May you learn to live with what is unsolved in your heart, daring to face the questions and holding them until, one day, they find their answers.

May you find the still, quiet place inside yourself where you can know and experience the peace that passes understanding.

May love flow in you and through you to those who need your care.

May you continue to dream dreams and reach out into the future with a deeper understanding of God's way for you. Amen.

***Postlude** *We Will Glorify the King of Kings* Paris

Please join us for Coffee Hour after the service hosted by The Trustees

Announcements

The flowers this morning are given by Martha Wade in memory of Terry.

Next Sunday is **Epiphany**: Stars, Wise Ones & Light!

January 15 is Baptism of the Lord Sunday: With Jesus’ baptism we remember ours. If you or a child would like to be baptized, please see the pastors.

Starting on January 16th we’ll be hosting a **Loving Awareness Mindfulness Course** (4 weeks on Mondays).

“Mindfulness is waking up to the life you are living in its full range of experiences in all the seasons of life. Discover and develop the empowering gifts of awareness and compassion. Mindfulness is much more an enlightened way of living and being, as a list of things to do.

Join us on **Monday January 16, 23 and 30 and February 6 at 6:00 pm.**

The course is presented by Rev Immanuel van Tonder. He did his post-graduate studies in Mindfulness-Based Interventions at the University of Stellenbosch & IMISA. Accreditation for the .b and paws b courses were acquired in London for teaching Mindfulness to primary and secondary school children. More information at www.mindfulness.art

Please RSVP to Scott Bryson at sbry69@aol.com, by phone, or in person. We hope you’ll join us there!

Our Ministry Today

Lead Pastor: *Amy Gregory*

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WEEKLY CALENDAR	
Sunday, January 1	
9:30 AM	Worship
Monday, January 2	
Office is closed	
No Earlybirds	
Tuesday, January 3	
6:30 PM	SPRC
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts
Wednesday, January 4	
8:30 AM	Fix-its
9:30 AM	Explorers
6:00 PM	Girl Scouts
7:00 PM	Pub Theology at Pizza Works
Thursday, January 5	
9:15 AM	Seekers
10:30 AM	BH-BL Women’s Group
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, January 7	
8:00 AM	Men’s Breakfast
10:30 AM	Caregiver Support Group
Sunday, January 8—Epiphany Sunday	
9:00 AM	Worship
9:45AM	Youth Choir
10:30 AM	Worship with Sunday School
11:30 AM	Voices of Hope

Prayers Needed?

We will be collecting prayer cards during the offering.

If you would like your prayer request forwarded to the Prayer Chain, please remember to check the appropriate box on the card.

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Irish Blessing for the New Year

*May the new year bring
the warmth of home and hearth to you,
the cheer and goodwill of friends to you,
the hope of a childlike heart to you,
the joy of a thousand angels to you,
the love of the Son and God's peace to you.*

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.

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