

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

November 28, 2021 9 AM and 10:30 AM
First 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 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* Montgomery/Holfkapelle

Introit/Entry of the Light: Christ Be Our Light Soloist: Karen Lathrop

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

Today, we gather to begin our time of Advent, a time of listening;

Listening for the story to be told again;

A time of praying;

Praying for the fulfillment of a promise;

A time of hoping;

Hoping for the justice and righteousness in the land;

A time of waiting;

Waiting for the birth of Christ.

We gather in joy and expectation;

For the story to be shared again, and our lives to be changed.

Hymn 9:00a.m. *I Love to Tell the Story* v. 1, 2 & 4 UMH #156

10:30a.m. *Jesus Came to Dwell Among Us* Luttrell/Harlan
Chancel Choir

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 3:14-16; Psalm 25:1-5

Music *Blessed Be the God of Israel* UMH #209

Message **The Rev. Doug Mackey**

Responding to God's Word

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Doxology #94

Our Church Family in Prayer

Prayer Song *Starry Skies* Butler
Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Going Forth To Serve

Hymn of Going Forth *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* UMH #211

Benediction

Postlude *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne* Elliott/Matthews

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.

We are glad you are here! At this time, we are asking everyone to please wear a mask while inside the building, and especially while singing during worship. Please also note the self-screening questions as you arrive at worship or church events.

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 Superintendents: *Jodi Facticeau-St. Gelais*

Preschool Teachers: *Stacy Herbage & Stephanie Tope*

Sound & Video: *Charles Hartmann*

WEEKLY CALENDAR Sunday, November 28

9 AM Worship
10:30 AM Worship/Sunday School

Monday, November 29

9:30 AM Morning Disciples (Early Birds)
5:45 PM Girl Scout Troop #3824
7 PM Saratoga Soundtracks Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 30

7 PM Boy Scouts Troop #56

Wednesday, December 1

8:30 AM Fixits
9:30 AM Explorers
6 PM Girl Scouts Troop #2502
6 PM Girl Scouts Troop #3857

Thursday, December 2

9:15 AM Seekers
4:30 PM ReOpening Team-Zoom
6 PM Girl Scout Troop #2424
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM Cub Scouts Troop #3020

Saturday, December 4

10:30 AM Caregiver Support Group

Sunday, December 5

9 AM Worship
10 AM Cherub Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Worship/Sunday School
11:30 AM Voices of Hope and Youth Choir Rehearsal
12 PM Pageant Rehearsal
12:30 PM Stampin' Up
4 PM Girl Scouts Troop #2658

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 finishing up the book *"A Thousand Gifts,"* by Ann Voskamp.

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. The best way to attach the ornament is to securely tape the sting to the package. Bring the gifts to church and place under the Giving Tree by **December 12**. We need the gifts back by this date so we can sort them for distribution prior to Christmas. 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.

Scripture

Jeremiah 33:14-16 NRSV

The Righteous Branch and the Covenant with David

¹⁴The 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. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In 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."

Psalm 25:1-5 NRSV

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²O my God, in you I trust;

do not let me be put to shame;

do not let my enemies exult over me.

³Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all day long.

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

Christmas Eve Services

3:30 PM, 7 PM and 9 PM

Please plan to reserve your space.

Pastors' Email Addresses

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