

The Coming Weeks at a Glance

December 24 THURS Christmas Eve
December 25 FRI Christmas Day

Worship Helpers

Acolyte	Gia
Acolyte next week	Volunteer
Greeters today	No Greeters
Greeters next week	No Greeters
Nursery today	No Nursery
Nursery next week	No Nursery
Scripture Reader	Carol
Scripture Reader next week	Phil
December Card Person	Vickie
Counters	Carol and Dale
Counters next week	Sandy and Ken
Ushers for December	Dale, Reuben, Ken
Ushers for January	Bill, Jason, Ron
Head Usher	Ron
Assistant Head Usher	Craig
Sound Technician	Steve
Organist	Nancy

Attendance and Financial Information as of December 13, 2020

Worship – 32	Sunday school –
Envelopes and Plate – \$970.00	Sunday school – \$0.00
Flowers - \$7.25	Northern Tier - \$280.00
Missions - \$25.00	

Amounts include electronic giving through December 13, 2020
Total Budgeted Amount: \$172,994 Received to Date: \$136,065
(Total budgeted amount: 96.15% Received amount: 75.63%)
Shares of Ministry are paid through December 2020

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For
Unto
us a
CHILD
is born
Unto us a Son
is given, and the
Government shall be
Upon His shoulders,
and His Name shall be called,
Wonderful, Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace!
Isaiah 9:6

Welcome!
Balls Mills United Methodist Church
December 20, 2020



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PRE-SERVICE PRAYER AT 8:30 AM (Pastor's Office)

THE PRELUDE: "Angels We Have Heard on High" By: Tom Birchwood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE: Let the light of Christ come in.

HYMN: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"¹ #234

ADVENT SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Samuel 7:1-11 Carol

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE – PEACE Erma Jean and
Samantha

Reader One: We light these candles with peace in our hearts for the promise of proximity, the nearness of God. Even when we forget to listen, to lean into that presence, God is as close as our own breath. This, in a confused and confusing world, is a peace that passes all understanding. It is the peace that knows that company is coming. As we light the candle of Peace, please join us in singing verse 4 of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

CHORAL RESPONSE of CONGREGATION:
"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"² #211 v. 4

JOYS AND CONCERNS: For these things, we hold in our hearts.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: "What Child Is This?"³ #219

CHILDREN'S TIME

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY "Tender Shepherd" By: Gilbert M. Martin

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 1:26-35 Carol

SERMON: "When Favor Finds You" Pastor Weems

INVITATION OF DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN: "Hope Was Born This Night"⁴
By: Ben McDonald and David Frey
Performed By: Sidewalk Prophets

PASTORAL BLESSING

CHORAL BLESSING: "Shalom to You"⁵ #666

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE: Take the light of Christ into the world.

Thank you for your support and donations to the Northern Tier Children's Home. A Christmas card and donation of \$300 was sent to them.

¹ CCLI Song # 31054 CCLI License # 1894594

² CCLI Song # 31982 CCLI License # 1894594

³ CCLI Song # 30983 CCLI License # 1894594

⁴ CCLI Song # 5873296 CCLI License # 1894594

⁵ CCLI Song # 114122 CCLI License # 1894594



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