#### **Announcements**

**Children's Church and Nursery Care** is available for children under the age of 10. Children are welcome to stay in worship with their parents.

Dementia Caregiver Support Group meets at Mabscott UMC every third Tuesday of the month.

Tuesdays: @ 5:00 Choir Practice / 6:00 Hand Bell Practice

December 21 @ 1:00 pm - Christmas Advent Service @ Sophia w/ lunch to follow

December 24 @ 7:00 pm - Christmas Eve Service

### **Mission Statement for Beckley Community UMC**

We aspire to be a Christ centered, spiritually grounded Church. Welcoming and inclusive of all God's children, as we build beloved community and extend mission and ministry through service and generosity.

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# Beckley Community United Methodist Church



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## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent December 21, 2025

Worship Theme: Christmas is a celebration of God's gift of salvation through Jesus

Congregation reads together in the **bold** wording. + Means please stand if you are able.

The Prelude "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" The Betsy Evans Hand Bell Choir

Gathering (Welcome & Announcements)

Laura Fygetakes

+ Call to Worship (Psalm 80:3, 19):

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Leader: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved....

People: Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Advent candle lighting

Mike Cipolat & Lori Walser

All: With Mary and Joseph, we choose to wait, watch, and listen for the way of Love instead of responding in fear to the world's judgment

+Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" 4<sup>th</sup> verse UMH #211

+Opening Hymn "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" UMH #218

Young Disciples Moment
Prayer of the People
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.

First Reading Isaiah 7:10-16 Jan Anderson

Second Reading Romans 1:1-7 Lynda Eades

The Message "CHRISTMAS IS..." Rev. Don Stilgenbauer

Special Music "Bright New Star" Choir

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Offering Invitation "Angels We Have Heard On High" The Betsy Evans Hand Bell Choir

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+Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him

above, he heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer after Receiving

+Closing Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" UMH #230

Benediction "GO IN LOVE"

### **Breakthrough Prayer**

Dear God, please break through and open doors to new hopes, dreams, and possibilities for discipleship. We surrender to the power of the Holy Spirit and faithfully follow Christ onto the open road adventure of Your new and unknown future for our ministry. May your will be done! Amen.

Postlude Mike Farris

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