

**Buchanan First Presbyterian Church**  
**Grundy, Virginia**

**December 2, 2018**

**11:00 am**

**The Service for the Lord's Day**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

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**Voluntary**

Jessica Bailey, Piano

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** (Responsive)

Elder LuAnn McClanahan

Jesus says; I am coming soon.

*(Revelation 22:20)*

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

As the Lord promised, in days to come....

**The nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nations, neither shall they learn war any more.** (Isaiah 2:4)

(One purple candle is lit.)

**Announcements and Welcome**

The Rev. Bard Napier, Pastor

**Call to Worship** (Responsive) -*Julian B. Rush*

In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways, who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?

**Through the flood of starving people, warring factions, and despair, who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care?**

As we stand, a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes, grant that we, your global village, might envision wilder dreams.

**We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young, each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung.**

Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain, may your blazing phoenix Spirit resurrect the church again.

**God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and ever-more.**

Let us worship God on our journey.

**\*HYMN #88 - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

(Stanzas 1- 4)

**Prayer of Confession**

**Most Holy God, signs everywhere are pointing to your coming day of vindication. Yet we continue in the sins of youth, as though you day were far off; we chart our course by worldly wisdom, as though our destiny lies in our own hands. Remember your steadfast love, and look upon us with mercy. Quicken our hearts by your Holy Spirit to lift up our heads in trust, looking eagerly and gladly for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Lord.**

**And now Lord, I confess specifically.....** (silent prayers)

**Assurance of Pardon** (Responsive)

Jesus, Lamb of God,

**Have mercy on us.**

Jesus, Bearer of our sins,

**Have mercy on us.**

Jesus, Redeemer of the world,

**Grant us peace.**

I declare to you, in the name of Jesus the Christ, God has heard our confession, and forgiven our sins.

**Thanks be God! Amen!**

**Passing of the Peace**

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Children's Time**

Pastor Brad

**\*Hymn #88 - O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

(stanzas 5 - 7)

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer** *(See the church prayer list)*

**The Old Testament Lesson:**

**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel: Luke 21:25-36**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ.**

**The Sermon: “The Promise”**

Pastor Brad Napier

*“...your redemption is drawing near.”*

*Luke 21:28b*

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Worship with Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

**Doxology #606 - Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn #93 - Lift Up Ye Heads, Ye Mighty Gates**

**Benediction and Blessing**

Pastor Brad Napier

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*“Come, let us to the Lord our God with contrite hearts return;  
Our god is gracious, nor will leave the desolate to mourn.” AMEN*

*- John Morison*

*Please give generously to the ministry  
and mission of Buchanan First  
“Think with the mind of Christ;  
Love with the heart of Christ;  
Serve with the hands of Christ.”*

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*We welcome guests and visitors to our worship service today. We hope you are blessed as we worship the Lord God together.*

*A reminder: Throughout this Holy Season, we will be taking the Christmas Joy Offering. Fifty percent of the gifts to Christmas Joy provide assistance for current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial need. The remaining 50% of the Christmas Joy make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Please use the special offering envelopes provided in the bulletin.*

**Wednesday is the deadline to order a poinsettia to place in the sanctuary this Holy Season. If you wish to purchase a poinsettia, they are \$5.00 each. They will be picked up on Thursday.**

**The Week Ahead:**

**Today:** Organ recital in the sanctuary, 3:00 pm. Dr. Phillip Westgate from the University of Pikeville will be here to perform on our 15 Rank Moeller Pipe Organ. Invite your friends and neighbors to come and enjoy this beautiful musical offering. There will be a reception after the recital in the Fellowship Hall.

**Wednesday:** Lydia Circle, 10:30 am.  
Holy Communion at Vansant, 12:15 pm. The PW will have their monthly business meeting at Buchanan First.  
Church School at Vansant. We will cover Session 8, entitled, "Abraham and Sarah Birth God's People", from Genesis 18 and 21. A meal will be served at 6:00 pm and the lesson begins at 6:30 pm

**Thursday:** Quilting, 10:00 am  
Boys and Girls Club Board Meeting, Noon

**Sunday: THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Upcoming....**

**Tuesday, December 11:** Stated Meeting of the Session, 5:00 pm.

**Wednesday, December 12:** Presbyterian Women Christmas Party, in the Fellowship Hall, at 10:00 am.

**Thursday, December 13:** Red Hat Christmas Party, Fellowship Hall, Noon

**Sunday, December 16 - THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT:** Quarterly fellowship dinner following worship. Hostesses are Sandy Dailey and Judy Osborne, co-chairs, along with Jackie Helms, Diana Holland, Janie Owens, Sheilah Powers, Shonna Powers and Doris Lee Stiltner.

**Sunday, December 23: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - CHRISTMAS SUNDAY**

**Monday, December 24: CHRISTMAS EVE**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7:00 pm. Holy Communion will be served.

**Tuesday, December 25: NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS DAY**

Pastor Napier leaves for vacation.

**Sunday, December 30: First Sunday after Christmas Day. There will be a guest minister preaching.**

**Tuesday, January 1, 2019: NEW YEARS' DAY**

**Wednesday, January 2:** Pastor Napier will be back in the office.

**Our heartfelt sympathies** are extended to the family of **Josephine Matney**, who passed away Monday morning; she was Jeff Matney's aunt. While the family will miss her, they can't help but be thankful for all the years she had on this earth - Aunt Jo was 104 on November 3! The family appreciate all the prayers and kind words from their church family.

**Birthdays, December 2 - 8:**

**December 5 -** Grayson Osborne

**Anniversaries, December 2 - 8:**

**Dec. 3 - Harry & Peggy Hill**

**Flowers and Memorials**

Barbara Ann, Brittney, and Brayden Keen, sanctuary flowers to the glory of God and in loving memory of Therman and Mona Belle Boyd.

**Buchanan First now has on-line giving on our church website. You may give using a debit card, credit card, from your checking account or your savings account. This is a convenient, secure giving option in partnership with the Presbyterian Foundation. Other churches in our Presbytery use on-line giving. You may set up one-time gifts, or set up regular, on-going gifts. Go to the church's web-site and click on the "Support Our Work" button at the bottom of each page on the web-site. If you have any questions, please speak to Pastor Napier.**

**For Our Prayer and Care**

Beth Bevins	Karen Mullins
Geraldine & Acie Blankenship	Valerie Mullins
Waylon Cash Blankenship	Ruth Muncy
Bucky Blankenship	Sean Murphy
Gary Boyd	Dixie Napier
Stella Boyd	Bettie Prater
Scotty & Michelle Bostic & family	Ann Perkins
Peggy Caparratto	Mattie Rasnake
David Cecil	Marsha Robinsin
Randy Cole	Lois Shanahan
Ron & Sandy Cole	Larry Shelton
Charlotte Daniels	Kate Silva
Delphine Deel	Justin Smith
Ricky Deel	Ronnie Smith
Vontilla Deel (liver cancer)	Tom Smith
Isabella Fugate	George Stokes
Teresa Fletcher	Buford Stacy
Ethel Hale	Edd Talbott, Jr.
Jackie Helms	Jim Talbott
Jessie Hunt	LeeAnn VanMeter
Barbara Ann Keen	Charlie Wolford
Mack & Kaye Keen	Mike Wolford
Dewey Kiser	Pastor Brad & Kim
Napier	
Ellee Rose Large	
Brenda Lester-Sprinkle	
Dalton Lester	
Betty Looney	
Kyle & Sue McClanahan	
Catherine Mullins	

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