

ORDER OF WORSHIP

+You’re invited to stand in body or spirit/Bold words are read responsively.

COUNTDOWN VIDEO

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

+THE PEACE

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Advent Hymn” Christy Nockels

+LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE “Light One Candle” M. Patterson

First Reader: The prophet Isaiah calls to us from the past to imagine the future when God’s reign will be fully realized and recognized throughout creation. When that time comes, God “shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more” (Isaiah 2:4).

All: Today, we choose to live in hope, believing that the time of God’s reign has come and is coming among us.

Second Reader: We light this candle of hope as a sign of our promise to follow the Light as we answer God’s call to transform our hope into reality today and in the days to come.

+OPENING SONG OF PRAISE “O Come O Come Emmanuel” For KING & COUNTRY

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING “Light Of The World” Lauren Daigle, Paul Duncan, and Paul Mabury

+DOXOLOGY FOR ADVENT

PRAYER AFTER OFFERING

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE UMH 204 “Emmanuel, Emmanuel” MCGEE

SCRIPTURE Matthew 24:36-44

SERMON “People of Hope”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you search us out and know us, and all that we are is open to you. We confess that we have sinned: In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

When we scoff at those who await your return, and live as though you were never here: In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

When we long for your coming to change the world, and yet are unwilling to change even our own hearts: In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

When we do not make straight paths for justice, nor offer a welcome when you come as a stranger: In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

When we dismiss prophets and angels and refuse to nourish your seed within us: In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

When we reduce our preparation for your coming to reckless expense and trivialities: In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

We turn to you, O God of infinite mercy; We renounce evil; We claim your love; We choose to be made whole.

WORDS OF PARDON

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD’S PRAYER

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION “It Is Well” Kristene DiMarco et. all

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

+CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE “Days of Elijah” Robin Mark

+BENEDICTION

If you choose, you can be instruments of hope in the world. We so choose, so we go to spread the hope and promise of a coming child.

If you choose, you can counter the voices of anxiety and despair in the world. We so choose, so we sing songs of hope because the world can be changed.

If you choose, you can fight against the fear that freezes the heart of many. We so choose, so we will tell of the love that conquers fear, the love of a child in a manger.

The choice is ours to make, how we live into the possibilities of Christmas, the beauty is that we do not live out the choice by our own strength.

Go with God, who feeds our hopes and quiets our fears Always and everywhere. Amen.

SENDING MUSIC

Remember as you shop for Christmas this year, you are being challenged to match every dollar you spend on Christmas with a dollar to our 2025 CHRISTMAS OFFERING which will go to support Room in the Inn - Memphis. Because Christmas is not YOUR birthday!



SERVING IN WORSHIP

Ministers All Followers of Christ  
Director of Music/Children’s Ministries Donia Rachelle Wade  
Organist/Assoc. Director of Music Karen Strawhecker  
Musicians Praise Band, Ellie Wise, solo;  
Laura Engbretson, piano; Elliot Engbretson, bells  
Amanda Beckham  
Liturgist Glenda Bowen, Barbara Hollis  
Advent Wreath Sebastian Marquardt, John Shrein  
Audio/Visual Rev. Dean Emerson, OSL  
Pastor

Please use the QR code to the right to register your attendance, make a contribution, or submit a prayer request.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Today, November 30th, our children will have Sunday School together to learn about the Advent season and make Christmas cards for our homebound members!

Join us for our Christmas Cantata, December 7th at 9am! Our Chancel Choir, Crossroads Youth Choir, and Children’s Choirs will come together in a Christmas celebration for all ages. Bring your family and share the joy of the season!

’Twas The Night Just For Christmas

Don’t miss breakfast with Santa, crafts, and more on December 14th at 5:00pm! Register now at bartlettumc.org or scan the QR code:



Joyful Noise Presents Christmas Coffeehouse!

Join us December 19 and 20th for holiday music, treats, and fellowship. Cost is \$5 per person. Register now at bartlettumc.org or scan the QR code:



WITHIN OUR MEMBERSHIP

The flowers in the sanctuary are in memory of her husband Tom Lee’s birthday, from his wife, Marilyn Lee.

Sympathy is expressed to the family of Nancy Fultz upon her death. Sympathy is also expressed to Cindy Winkler and her family upon the death of her mother, Edith Jenkins. Please keep the Fultz and Winkler families in your prayers during this difficult time.

# Welcome

We're blessed to worship with you this morning and pray that you find blessing here. Below is some information that we hope is helpful; ushers are also available should their assistance be needed:

- Bottles of water are available in the narthex and may be brought into the Sanctuary.
- So that we can be more present for God and one another during worship, please silence cell phones and other devices. Thank you!
- Restrooms are located in the narthex; both are equipped with changing tables. Our nursery is located in the Kids Day Out hallway in the Chapel building for children five and under.
- For the hearing impaired, download the free app Listen Everywhere. Connect to BUMC's wireless network and the audio will be delivered to your Smartphone with headphones. If you need assistance, Eddie Lindsey can help.
- If you'd like more information about this congregation, about becoming a follower of Jesus, about baptism, or about joining the church, please contact Dean. We welcome questions and conversations!

## Pastor

Rev. Dean Emerson, OSL  
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## THIS WEEK WITH BUMC

### Sun, 11/30

9:00am  
10:15am  
2:30pm  
3:00pm  
3:00pm  
4:15pm  
5:00pm

Worship Service—Sanctuary  
Sunday School—all ages  
Visioning Team Meeting  
Joyful Noise- Chapel  
Youth Bell Hops—005S  
Crossroads Youth Choir- Music Suite  
Youth Friendsgiving- LEC

### Mon, 12/1

10:00am  
4:45pm  
6:00pm  
6:00pm  
6:30pm  
7:00pm  
7:00pm

Exercise Group- Scout Hall  
Walking Group- LEC Gym  
Soccer- LEC Gym  
Chancel Bells- 005S  
Boy Scouts  
NA- 202L  
NarAnon—200L

### Tues, 12/2

3:00pm  
4:45pm  
5:30pm  
7:00pm

Advent Bible Study  
Walking Group—LEC Gym  
Cub Scouts- Fellowship Hall  
Pickleball—LEC Gym

### Wed, 12/3

10:00am  
5:00pm  
5:00pm  
5:30pm  
6:00pm  
6:00pm  
6:00pm  
6:00pm  
7:00pm  
7:00pm

Exercise Group- Scout Hall  
Campanella Ringers—005S  
Fellowship Dinner—LEC Gym  
Youth Bell Hops-- 005S  
Children's Choirs—Music Suite  
Youth Bible Study—LEC Youth Room  
Devotion—Sanctuary  
Crochet Group—LEC Parlor  
Square Dancing—Fellowship Hall  
Chancel Choir- Music Suite

### Thurs, 12/4

10:00am  
5:00pm  
5:30pm  
6:30pm  
7:00pm

Bartlett Bells—005S  
Elmore Park MS Choir Concert- Sanctuary  
Zumba- LEC Gym  
Volleyball- LEC Gym  
Bartlett Area Chorus—Music Suite

### Fri, 12/5

10:00am

Exercise Group- Scout Hall

### Sat, 12/6

8:00am  
9:00am

Soccer- LEC Gym  
Followers Christmas Party- Fellowship Hall



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# Welcomes You!

Year of Luke  
1st Sunday of Advent  
November 30, 2025



*The mission of Bartlett United Methodist Church is to know Christ and to make Christ known to all people, through worship, education, and service in our community and throughout the world.*