

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY “O Come, All Ye Faithful” S. Berry and J. Van Valey

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

+OPENING SONG OF PRAISE “Waiting Here For You” C. Tomlin, J. Reeves, and M. Smith

CENTERING MUSIC “The King Is Coming” Red Rocks Worship

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:46-55

OFFERING “Once In Royal David’s City” Lloyd Larson

+DOXOLOGY VENI EMMANUEL

PRAYER AFTER OFFERING

God of hope, peace, and joy, like Mary, we magnify You and give You thanks.

You have filled our lives with good things, and from grateful hearts we return these gifts to You.

Use our tithes and offerings to lift the lowly, to feed the hungry, and to proclaim Your mercy from generation to generation.

May the joy of Christ shape how we give, how we serve, and how we live as we await His coming.

We offer all of this in the name of Jesus, our Savior and our joy. Amen.

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

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 35:1-10

SERMON “People of Abiding Joy”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH An Advent Credo

It is not true that creation and the human family are doomed to destruction and loss—

This is true:
For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, That whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life;

It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction—

This is true:
I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly.

It is not true that violence and hatred should have the last word, and that war and destruction rule forever—

This is true:
Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, his name shall be called wonderful counselor, mighty God, the Everlasting, the Prince of peace.

It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil who seek to rule the world—

This is true:
To me is given authority in heaven and on earth, and lo I am with you, even until the end of the world.

It is not true that we have to wait for those who are specially gifted, who are the prophets of the Church before we can be peacemakers—

This is true:
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions and your old men shall have dreams.

It is not true that our hopes for liberation of humankind, of justice, of human dignity, of peace are not meant for this earth and for this history—

This is true:
The hour comes, and it is now, that the true worshipers shall worship God in spirit and in truth.

So let us journey this Advent in joy.

Let us see visions of love and peace and justice.

Let us affirm with humility, with joy, with faith, with courage: Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world.

+CLOSING HYMN UMH 224 “Good Christian Friends Rejoice” IN DULCI JUBILO

+EPICLESIS FOR COMMUNION

+BENEDICTION Luke 1:47-55

Never put your faith in worldly status,

and never underestimate your heavenly importance.

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Let your trust in the coming of Christ soar within you like wings of joy. Go out into the world and serve one another faithful followers of Jesus.

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

Grace, mercy and peace, from God our Creator, through Jesus our Savior, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit our Strength, be with you this day and always.

Amen!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Sing We Now of Christmas” Mark Hayes



Fun Club will not be meeting for the December 16th meeting or the January 6 field trip!! Activities will resume in February, in order to give our members more time with their loved ones for the holiday season.
Merry Christmas!

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 Campanella Ringers, Bartlett Bells, Laura Engbretson, piano; Elliot Engbretson, bells, Emma Meeks, Praise Band, Caroline McCaslin, Chessley Brandon, Wanda Cheatham, piano
Liturgist Suzanne Coleman
Advent Wreath The Robinson Family
Audio/Visual Sebastian Marquardt, John Shrein
Pastor Rev. Dean Emerson, OSL

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



WITHIN OUR MEMBERSHIP

The flowers in the sanctuary are in honor of his wife, Adrienne, for their 23rd wedding anniversary, given by Robert Cassady.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

‘Twas The Night Just For Christmas
Don’t miss breakfast with Santa, crafts, and more **tonight** at 5:00pm!

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:



Come celebrate the wonder of Christ’s birth in one of our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Services!** We will have two services on December 24th: one at 6PM in the Sanctuary and one at 11PM in the McCarter Chapel. Hope to see you there!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

We are looking for volunteers to serve as liturgists for the first quarter of 2026! If you feel called to help, please sign up on our website at <https://www.bartlettumc.org/connect/volunteer/>

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, 12/14	9:00am 10:15am 11:30am 3:00pm 5:00pm	Worship Service- Sanctuary Sunday School- all ages Church Council Meeting- McCarter Chapel Youth Bell Hops- 005S Breakfast with Santa
Mon, 12/15	10:00am 11:00am 4:45pm 5:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm 6:30pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Exercise Group- Scout Hall Staff Meeting- Workroom Walking Group- LEC Gym Appling Middle School Concert- Sanctuary Soccer- LEC Gym Boy Scouts- Scout Hall Cub Scouts- Fellowship Hall NA- 202L NarAnon- 200L
Tues, 12/16	3:00pm 4:45pm 5:30pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Advent Bible Study Walking Group- LEC Gym Cub Scouts- Fellowship Hall Pickleball- LEC Gym Next Step- Lynn's House
Wed, 12/17	10:00am 6:00pm 6:00pm 6:00pm 6:00pm	Exercise Group- Scout Hall Devotion- Sanctuary Crochet Group- LEC Parlor Joyful Noise Rehearsal- Fellowship Hall Chancel Choir- Music Suite
Thurs, 12/18	9:00am 10:00am 5:30pm 6:30pm	Food Pantry Caroling at Northlake Zumba- LEC Gym Volleyball- LEC Gym
Fri, 12/19	10:00am	Exercise Group- Scout Hall
Sat, 12/20	8:00am	Soccer- LEC Gym



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Welcomes You!

Year of Matthew
3rd Sunday of Advent
December 14, 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.