

Advent Announcements *and opportunities for this week*

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

Free Advent devotional booklets from the Society of St. Andrew are available today in the Narthex.

MISSION / ADVENT SHOPPING OPPORTUNITY

Once again this year, we are providing an opportunity for ALTERNATIVES to bring a selection from their store in Carytown to sell here at TBC. You may shop before and after the service (10 a.m. through noon) in the Fellowship Hall today, December 4th. *AlterNatives is a non-profit trust established by the Highland Support Project, benefitting the women of Guatemala.*

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

- 1) The Warmament tree is up in the narthex ready to be "dressed" for the season. Please bring items that provide warmth - hats, gloves, mittens, socks, scarves, etc. and decorate the tree with them. All sizes are needed. The tree will be undecorated throughout the months of December and January and the items will be given to various local ministries in the area, including our own Food Pantry.
- 2) You may help the students at Chalkley Elementary, through Communities in Schools, by grabbing a tag off the rolling board in the Narthex and returning the gift to the Fellowship Hall no later than Sunday, December 11th.
- 3) There are also gift tags on the rolling board in the Narthex to help provide Christmas for a family receiving help through Mercy Mall. Those items also need to be returned to the Fellowship Hall by December 11th.
- 4) The Sunday Park Food Pantry is once again this year able to share with our pantry guests a Christmas Blessing Box to supplement their weekly pantry box. We are happy to say that with your generosity when we collected Thanksgiving Blessing Boxes last month, that we already have enough donations to fill the Christmas boxes! So for Christmas, we are asking that you continue your donations with the items that we furnish every week. This will help build up our pantry for the long winter to come! A list of items is available in the Narthex today.

TBC LANTERN WALK

Mark your calendar to join us for a lantern walk to celebrate that darkness cannot overcome the light. As the sun sets at 5 p.m. December 21st, we will gather in the church parking lot and walk the peninsula of Sunday Park singing songs of Light and Carols as we walk. Each participant should bring a lantern or flashlight to exhibit Christ's light shining through each one of us. Following our peninsula procession, the Fellowship Team will provide refreshments from First Stop Donuts to celebrate the gift of Christ's light. Mark your calendar for this event that will help us celebrate the gift of Jesus to our world in a new, most meaningful way. *To RSVP for this event, please email Shawn Nghiem at snghiem@hotmail.com, with the number of people in your party.*

LET'S GO CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Join with other disciples from our congregation and let's sing some carols for the residents at Brandermill Woods Retirement Center. We will meet in the back parking lot of the church no later than 5 p.m. on Sunday, December 11th and carpool to Brandermill Woods, as parking is very limited. We will start our special carols around 5:30 in the Activity Room and after a few rounds of singing, we will head outside and carol along the streets, stopping at church member's doors to spread some holiday cheer. All cars will return to the church no later than 7 p.m. for hot cocoa and cookies. Let's make this a family affair - all ages are welcome!

THURSDAY MORNING ADVENT STUDY

The Thursday Morning Bible Study group continues with a 4-week Advent study through the month of December. All are welcome to join on Thursday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30, either in person or via Zoom. The study is entitled *Finding Our Place at the Manger: An Adult Advent Study*, written by The Thoughtful Christian. There is no book to purchase. Just let Barbara know that you would like to attend and the 5-page lesson will be emailed to you the Monday morning before each class. If attending via Zoom, the link will be emailed on Wednesday morning.

Discipleship Opportunities *on our calendar this week*

Sunday, December 4:

- 9:00 a.m. Adult Discipleship Hour
Current Events (MP/Zoom)
- 9:00 a.m. Youth: Disciples & Donuts (YR)
- 10:00 a.m. AlterNatives Advent Shop (FH)
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (FH)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (SY, Live Stream)
- 10:45 a.m. JAM (Choir)
- 5:00 p.m. Sunday Supper (MP)

Monday, December 5:

- 9:30 a.m. MAP (CR)

Wednesday, December 7:

- 8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study (MP)
- 7:00 p.m. Branderbells (SY)

Thursday, December 8:

- 10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study (MP/Zoom)
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (SY)

Friday, December 9:

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Park Food Pantry Prep (MP)

Saturday, December 10:

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Park Food Pantry (Loop)

Sunday, December 11:

- 9:00 a.m. Adult Discipleship Hour
Current Events (MP/Zoom)
- 9:00 a.m. Youth: Disciples & Donuts (YR)
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (FH)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (SY, Live Stream)
- 10:45 a.m. JAM (Choir)
- 11:45 a.m. Little Library Dedication (outside)
- 5:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling (MP, off)

SY - Sanctuary MP - Multi-Purpose Room FH - Fellowship Hall CR - Conference Room
YR - Youth Room Choir - Choir Room OFF - Offsite NSY - Nursery Loop - Driveway

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Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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December 4, 2022

2nd Sunday of Advent

What a Birth Story!

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION

*Please print your name and pass the attendance register, found at the end of each row. If you are visiting and would like to learn more about The Brandermill Church, please provide your email address and we will send you our weekly eNews. Please silence your cell phones, as we prepare to worship God.
* Please stand, as able.*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Jim. C. Dunkin

PRELUDE

The First Noel

arr. Carol Tornquist

* CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 145)

TBC Youth, Sean

Side 1: I will extol you, my God and King,
Side 2: and bless your name forever and ever.

Side 1: Every day I will bless you,
Side 2: and praise your name forever and ever.
All: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

* HYMN BCH 196

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*

*Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

The Hayden & Patro Family

CHORAL RESPONSE

The Road Home

*Tell me where is the road I can call my own.
That I left, that I lost, so long ago?
All these years I have wandered, oh when will I know,
there's a way, there's a road that will lead me home?*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

TBC Youth, Sean

Many: Living God, with whom we trifle at our own peril, you have given us the Book that we might have hope - but we seldom read it; you have bid us to welcome our neighbors and widen the circle of your love - but we prefer “our own.” Forgive us our sins, O God, and soften our hardened hearts that we may enter once again into the joy and peace of believing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TBC Youth, Sean

One: The good news of Advent is that Jesus Christ has come into the world, has led the way through death that we may have life, and is coming again to make all things new. Hear these words of assurance from Psalm 103: “The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.” Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

Many: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

* PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Jim C. Dunkin

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Dr. Jim C. Dunkin

ANTHEM

Advent Peace Canon

arr. Ruth Schram

The Sanctuary Choir with Barbara Flynt, flute

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Jim C. Dunkin

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 11:1-10

Dr. Jim C. Dunkin

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:5-25, 57-66

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SERMON

What a Birth Story!

Dr. Jim C. Dunkin

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*An Advent Affirmation
by Rev. Stephen M. Fearing*

Barbara Flynt

**Many: We believe that God has come to us;
that God brought us into being,
that this God gave us breath and purpose,
that we have been blessed to be a blessing to others,
that we have fallen short of this commandment
but that God has loved us despite our brokenness.**

**We believe that God is coming to us;
that God is not happy to leave us alone,
that this God will come to us as a particular human being,
that God will be made known to us in flesh and bone like ours,
that Mary will soon give birth
and Joseph will soon clap his hands in joy,
that Jesus Christ will be born and our salvation made complete.**

**We believe that God will come to us;
that God will have the final word and that Word will be good,
that this God will give us the presence of the Spirit
to continue our work,
that we are called to be disciples to all the corners of the earth,
that the day is coming when tears and pain will be no more,
and all will gather at the Table to sing an endless and perfect
“Alleluia!”**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Jim C. Dunkin

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Adam Hill, Steve Law

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Barbara Flynt

OFFERTORY

People, Look East

arr. Lloyd Larson

* RESPONSE

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,
O Praise Him, Alleluia! Praise Him above ye Heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! O Praise Him, Alleluia!
O Praise Him, Alleluia! Alleluia!*

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Barbara Flynt

**Many: Holy God, in this Advent season we wait in hope and in peace.
Receive these generous offerings, and use them for your work of
healing and for peace in our world. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Dr. Jim C. Dunkin

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Dr. Jim C. Dunkin

**Many: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is
the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

* HYMN BCH 202 (vs. 1, 2)

People, Look East

*People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way.*

*Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Rose, is on the way.*

* BENEDICTION

Dr. Jim C. Dunkin

* RESPONSE

I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

*I’m gonna live so God can use me, anywhere Lord, anytime.
I’m gonna live so God can use me, anywhere Lord, anytime.*

POSTLUDE

Carol of the Bells

arr. Phillip Keveren

Discipleship Opportunities

praying for each other

PRAYER CONCERNS WITHIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Lacey Lee, Eleanor Curtis, Barbara Dove, Dottie Arnaudin, Harold Binhammer, Ethel Miller, Judy Smith, Elizabeth Paul, Kelly Cook, Bill Julian, Sue Akin, Marty Kump, Bill Kump, Rick Lescault, Mandy Begg, David Charlesworth, Steve Leonard, Mary Mac Harris, John Tucker, Lois Vorhis, Warren Ragsdale, Steven Davis, Angie Cason, Leigh Lessick, Betty Clapp, Sydney Davis, Chas and Elaine Jones, Bob & Pat Barcalow, Alice Lescault, Karen Jones, Mary Dean, Wayne Paul, Gail Plante, Laura Robinson, Justin Barbour, Brenda Traini, Carole Phelps, Jackie Dunford, Wendy Meyer, Pearce Chaffee, Josh Barrack, Jamie Barrack, Mary Jo Redmon, Allen Williams, CT Hill, Nicki McDaniel, Monica Rakes

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THE SUNDAY PARK FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your continued support, as your generous donations are needed each week to fill our boxes! These are the items needed this week: Oats, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Soup, Crackers (Saltines/Ritz), Tuna canned, Chicken canned, Helpers (Tuna, Hamburger, etc.), Cookies, Fruit canned, Ready Meals, Cookies, and Shelf Stable Milk. TBC also welcomes monetary donations. Please note “pantry” in the memo section of your check or online donation.

2023 ALTAR FLOWERS

Sign-ups have begun if you would like to honor or remember a loved one by placing flowers on our altar for Sunday worship. Just email Dawn in the church office to reserve a date. Arrangements are \$50 each. Payment may be made anytime prior to your reserved date and you may take home or donate your arrangement after the service. *Don’t miss your special date — sign up today!*

TBC101

If you would like to know more about The Brandermill Church, mark your calendar for Sunday morning, December 18th at 11:45 immediately following worship, for a meeting in the Conference Room. This is your chance to meet some of the staff, learn more about the unique relationship between the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the United Methodist Church, and ask questions about becoming disciples of the congregation. You may contact Liz Ford (elizabeth_ford@verizon.net) or Barbara Flynt for more information.

JOY (Just Older Youth)

JOY will be meeting on Tuesday, December 13th, at 2:00 p.m. Make sure you don't miss this opportunity for food and fellowship. Joelle Hawkins will be playing some of your favorite Christmas carols for us to sing along and we will use all the donated candy to fill goodie bags to pass out during the holiday. Come join the fun and bring a friend along.

COPING WITH LOSS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

For those who have experienced loss, the holidays can be a very difficult time. Loss can be a death, unemployment, broken or ended relationship, isolation from family and others, declining health, a move, conflict in family/friendships. If you or someone you know has experienced such loss during the past year, some helpful suggestions for getting through the Christmas season are linked in the e-news. Our pastoral staff is also available for conversation. May comfort and peace be found this Advent.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON NEW YEAR’S EVE?

TBC is having a Watch Night Service in the Fellowship Hall on December 31st at 6:00 p.m. With scripture and song, we will thank God for the blessings of this past year and renew our Covenant Relationship with Him for 2023.

The Brandermill Church . . .

where YOU are always Welcome!

The flowers on the chancel . . .
are given in memory of Judge & Mrs. Harley Meyer and Dr. & Mrs. Oliver Turner, by Hank & Wendy Meyer.

Sunday Morning Nursery
The nursery is open at 10 a.m. and remains open throughout the worship service. All infants through 3 year olds, are welcome to play at any time during the service.

Please be advised . . .
that The Brandermill Church posts pictures and videos of various events online and in printed materials. Services are broadcast via live stream and digital recording.