

Riverlawn Presbyterian Church
Expressing Our Love to God in Worship
December 3, 2023 — 10:30 am Service
1st Sunday of Advent

Chris Kilbert, Pastor
Pam Johnson, Choir Director/Organist
Sherry Marcum, Liturgist

Joining in Worship

Prelude *He Shall Feed his Flock* Handel

Lighting of the Advent Candle “HOPE” The Marcum Family

***Singing Praise** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* #245

***Confessing Our Sins**

***Receiving Forgiveness**

God’s Gift of Song *Will We Know Him* Besig

Learning With Our Children—Sharon Herndon

*Elementary age children are dismissed to Junior Church (grades 1–5)
Nurseries are also provided for infants and children ages 2 to 5.*

Hearing God’s Word Isaiah 7:14; 53:5
*Behold! A Savior!
Part 1: The Promised Hope*

Celebrating the Lord’s Supper

Giving Back to God
Offertory *Christmas Lullaby* Soloist: Brenda Petry
***Doxology**

Expressing Our Hearts in Prayer
Lord’s Prayer

***Singing Praise** *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* #244

Receiving God’s Blessing

Postlude *The Holly and the Ivy* English Carol

*(We ask that you **please remain in your pews** until our acolytes have extinguished the candles and the Postlude has ended. Thank you.)*

We ask that you please turn off your cell phones/mobile devices for the duration of the worship service. This will greatly reduce the likelihood of losing the broadcast for those worshipping with us virtually. Thank you for your part in helping us provide every opportunity for our church family and beyond to worship the Lord together.

GUESTS

We are glad that you could worship with us today! We hope you will join us again! Your children are important to us. Childcare is provided during the service.

FELLOWSHIP

*Please join us in the gym for refreshments and fellowship after the service today. Thank you to Mimi Albert for providing the refreshments

There is a Congregational Meeting today immediately following the worship service to present the slate of officers for the coming year, (Elder: Parry Johnson, Steve Wilson, Paul Mullins/Deacon: Linda Mundy) to present the 2024 budget, and to vote on the pastor’s terms of call.

***Sunday School for both children and adults is offered at 9:30 a.m.** (The adult class meets in the meeting room of the church office.)

***Wednesday Family Night**,—this Wednesday with dinner at 5:30. After dinner there will be activities for children and youth.

Bible study—(Advent—Part 2 (J.D. Greear)) 6:15 Wednesday, November 29. Pastor Chris leads the study in the Cottage.

***Choir– Thursday - Christmas Dinner**—6:00pm, rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.

***Items needed for Christmas Food Baskets:**

December 3—soup
December 10—personal items (tooth paste, tooth brush, shampoo, soap)

***Men’s Prayer Breakfast**, Saturday, December 9 a 8:30am. Meeting at the Cracker Barrel in Cross Lanes. All men welcome.

St. Albans Community Christmas Service, 7p,m at St. Marks Episcopal Church in St. Albans.

Riverlawn Presbyterian Church strives to:

Purge ourselves of pride by focusing on glorifying God
Teach the truth through fellowship & discipleship
Demonstrate a life of love through service to others
Share the gospel of Jesus Christ with those in need

Purge Pride, Teach Truth, Live Love
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**LEARNING WITH OUR CHILDREN**

Sharon Herndon

**JUNIOR CHURCH**

Today—Susan Bryan

**TODDLER NURSERY**

Hannah Marcum

*Volunteers are needed to help out in the nursery during the church services.*

**BUILDING SECURITY CHECK**

Week of December 3—Pat Croghan

Week of December 10—Ron Claar

**AFTER-CHURCH LOCK-UP**

December—Ann Cox

**VISITATION TEAMS**

Week of December 3—Pastor Chris—(304-539-1514)

Week of December 10—Mimi Albert (304-546-6547)/Jamie Albert (681-340-1128)

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Andre Felipe (Open Arms Foundation); (Jordan Crittenden (Joe Lothes); Joyce Tompkins (Jamie and Mimi Albert); Alicia (Joe and Jane Lothes); Emily (Doris Kellam), the family of Greg Townsend; Paula Meikle (Jamie Albert); Debbie Buntrock (Dawn Scheick's sister); Bill Michael; Kathy Barnes; Betty McAdam; Brent Michels; Sharon Herndon; Laura Cottrill; Mike McCallister (Doris Kellam); Kellen McClure; Chasity Thompson, George Scragg, Melissa Farmer, Joe and Wayne (Jamie Albert); Milo Cummings (Rick Adkins); Elbert Taylor; Heather Skeen; Aunt Edye and Danny Daetwyler (Jane Lothes); Jim Recknagel; Trevor (Sherry Marcum); Missy Sneed; Trish (Joe Lothes' sister); Wanda (Linda Wilson's sister); Hannah Bowman; Linda Means; Beverly Day (Wanda Smith); Dave Ryan; Roger McBride (Linda Wilson); JB Recknagel; Janet Young; Mick Hughes (Caroline Dodrill); and for the Global Church that we may embody the gospel to all.

\*Prayer list for churches of WV Presbytery and our Nyeri partnership church of the week of **December 3**:—Church: Muthuaini; Parish: Wandumbi; Summersville Presbyterian Church; First Presbyterian Church, Nitro; First Presbyterian Church, Williamstown.

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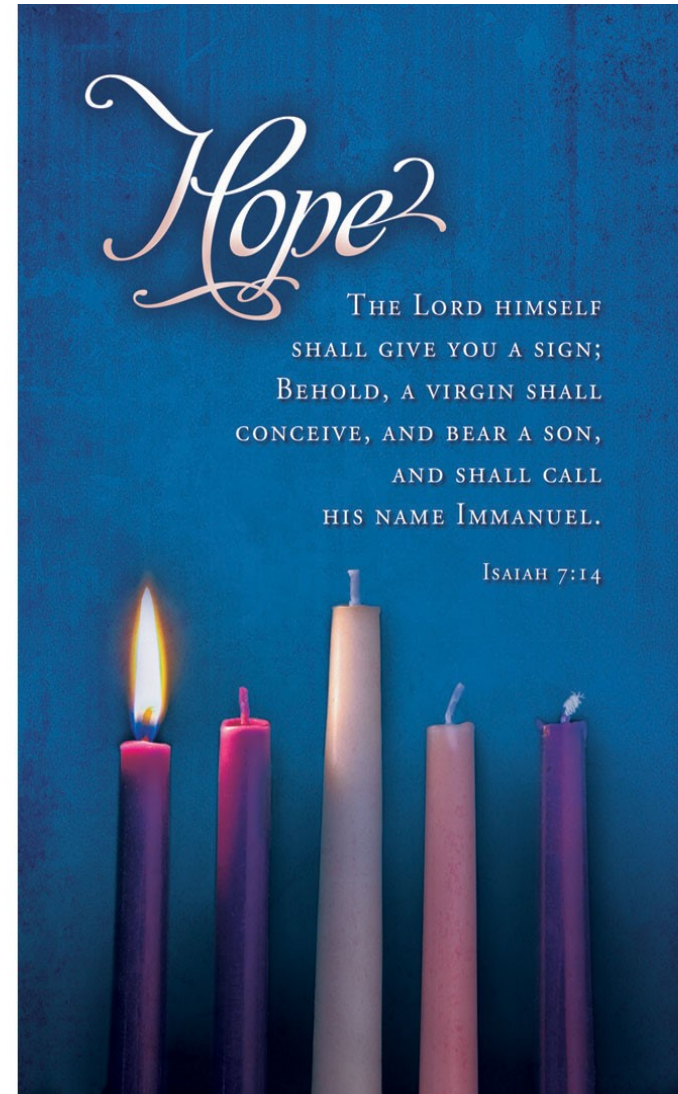
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OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

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