WELCOME GUESTS AND MEMBERS!

We are so glad you chose to worship Jesus Christ with us today! We would love to know that you were with us. Please fill out this slip, detach it, and drop it in the offering plate.

GUESTS

Name(s)

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Street Address

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City/State/ZIP

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Phone

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Email

☐ I would like to become a member

☐ I would like to become involved in a ministry or mission

☐ I would like the pastor to call me

MEMBERS

List each person present and update any info

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Name(s)

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Marie Lenderman, Chuck Byers, Gary Hughes, Brenda Dale, Billy Hayes, Mary Summerford, Mike Roope, Dorothy Wilcox, Jane Brady, Mary Jane Rich, Kathy Clonch, Phyllis Austin, Family of Trenton Barnes (Chuck's nephew), Charles Drum, Hal Emery, Jimmy Epley, Millie Einhardt (2 yr old battling brain cancer), Kyson Farley, Ronnie Farley, Craig Freas, Terry & Anne Garwood, Cade Gibbs, Troy Harmon, Sherry Harrold, Kimberly Hughes, Francoise Hughes, Shannon Hughes, Mark Johnson, Brenda Kilby, Pam King, Becky Lakey, Mike Mabry, Bubby McEntire, Janice McHolland, Ricky Moretz, Adam Randolph, James Rizoti, Mary Sallie Styers, Keith Summerford, Lee Tedder, Kim Tetzlaff, Cecil Walters, TA Welborn, Edgar Wilcox, Derrick Wilson, Becky Wilson, Seth Wilson, Ernie Winslow, Gavin Young, Hispanic neighbors, Ukraine, our planet in crisis, for God to bring Peace, for our government, for law and order.

SENIOR LIVING FACILITIES: Brenda Dale (Wilkes Health and Rehab), Cathy Freeman (Harmony at Brookberry Farm/Winston), Wanda Garwood (Rose Glen Village), Barbara Groce (Wilkes Assisted Living), Troy Harmon (Yadkinville Nursing Center/Magnolias), Caroline Randolph (The Pines in Davidson)

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF

TODAY	Join us For Sunday School @ 11:00am in the Ecclesia Room
TUESDAY	Coffee this week 10 am Anchor Coffee
WEDNESDAY	Bible Study 3:00pm
FRIDAY	Join the Friday Night Foodies at 5pm today at Cagney's for dinner.

STAFF and LAY SERVANTS

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SOUND TECH:	John Mabry	
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GENERAL CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENSES

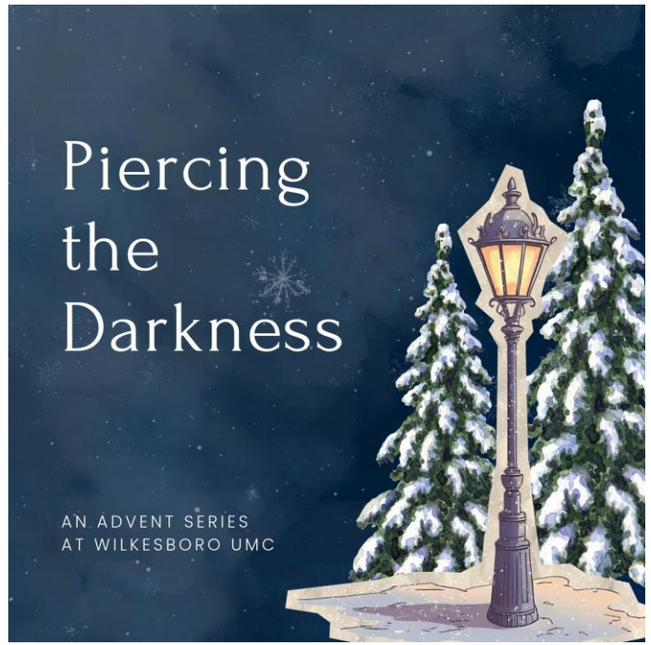
11/21/2026 TITHES & OFFERINGS: $283,328.30 EXPENSES: $292,354.57

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GATHERED IN WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 29, 2026

AN ORDER OF WORSHIP

SHARE ***COMFORT*** ***EMBRACE***

November 29, 2026 -The First Sunday of Advent - 10:00am

– Call –

Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Brian Elwell**

Time of Centering

Prelude

***Advent Reading** **Mr. Matt and Mrs. Jen Ledford**

Leader: There are times when the darkness seems too great, when the world is not as it should be, and when we wonder how long we must wait for things to change.

All: O God, tear open the heavens and come down!

Leader: Isaiah reminds us that we are not the first to cry out for God's presence. We are not the first to long for justice, to yearn for peace, or to wonder when God will make all things new.

All: We wait for the God who has never abandoned us.

Leader: Even in our longing, even in our waiting, we remember that God is at work. The darkness does not have the final word.

People: We light this candle as a sign of hope. In this season may God begin to pierce the darkness!

Lighting the First Candle of Advent

***Hymn of Thanksgiving** **UMH # 211**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

***An Opening Prayer** **Dr. Jim Brooks**

***An Affirmation of Faith** **UMH #221**

Affirmation from 1st Timothy

The Gloria **UMH #71**

–Word–

The Children's Moment **Rev. Brian Elwell**

The Old Testament Reading **Dr. Jim Brooks**

Isaiah 64:1-9

1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
2 as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence.
4 From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
5 You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
6 We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
7 There is no one who calls on your name
or attempts to take hold of you,
for you have hidden your face from us
and have delivered[c] us into the hand of our iniquity.
8 Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

The Anthem **Page**

"Creation Will Be at Peace"

The Sermon **Rev. Brian Elwell**

"Longing for Light"

– Response –

Prayers of the People **Dr. Jim Brooks**

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Response **UMH # 216 (v.1)**

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Giving our Gifts

Your gifts go to the building of our mission and ministry.
We ask for your gifts, prayers, and presence.

The Offertory

***The Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

– Sending –

***Hymn of Sending Forth** **UMH #203**

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

***Blessing and Benediction** **Rev. Brian Elwell**

***Benediction Response (Reprise)** **Page**

"Creation Will Be at Peace"

***Postlude**

PRAYER CONNECTIONS

Jesus said, "Therefore I say to you, whatever you pray and ask for, believe that you will receive it, and it will be so for you."

- Mark 11:24 (CEB)

We believe in the power of prayer. If you have a prayer concern that you would like for the church and/or the pastor to pray with you about, please let us know by writing it down on the slip below and dropping it in the offering plate.

☐ **Check here to have your prayer request shared with the church. Otherwise, it will remain confidential.**

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Use the space below to list any requests for more information about events or to provide additional place this slip in the offering plate.

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