## Christmas and Advent Events

- **1. Today: First Sunday of Advent.**After the service, please join us downstairs for soup and refreshments followed by tree decorating and Christmas carols!
- **2. December 2: Lees-McRae Christmas** at 7:00 p.m. Hayes Auditorium Broyhill Theater. See bulletin announcements for details.
- **3. December 11: Community Candle Light Service** at 6:00 p.m. Mt. Calvary Baptist Church.
- **4. December 21: Longest Night Service** at 7:00 pm.
- **5. December 24: Christmas Eve Service** at 6:30 pm.

# Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Welcome!

We are grateful that you joined us today and would love to keep in touch. We have a nursery for infants and toddlers. After the Passing of the Peace, Pre-K through 2nd grade continue to worship upstairs. After worship, please join us downstairs for refreshments provided by Arbor Dale's Peace Group.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Refreshments for next Sunday:** Patience Group. Contact Patty Keeney 828-393-9361

Mon. Dec 2 is Lees-McRae's Christmas, a FREE night of music, singing, scripture, food, and holiday fun. 7:00 pm in the Hayes Auditorium, Broyhill Theatre. In honor of the holiday season, donations of blankets, towels, and personal-sized toiletry items will be collected for the Hospitality House in Boone.

Look for more Christmas and Advent events listed in this week's bulletin!

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#### \* Congregation Stands

#### **GREETING**

Leader: The Lord be with You.

All: And also with you.

#### \* THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader: The Advent wreath is a circle with no beginning and no end. It is a symbol of God's unending love and faithfulness.

All: The prophet Isaiah made this promise,
"The Lord himself will give you sign: the
virgin will be with child and will give birth
to a son, and will call him Immanuel
(which means God with us)."

Leader: The angel Gabriel made a promise to Mary,
"you have found favor with God. You will
conceive and give birth to a son, and you
are to call him Jesus."

All: We celebrate that we too have found favor with God, the one who promises that he will be with us always!

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who is faithful to all his promises

\* OPENING HYMN #245 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

#### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, our ears are full of your promises but our lives are full of sin. We forget your faithfulness. And we forget our neighbor's needs. We do not love you above all else. We do not love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

We need a savior. We need your grace and mercy.

Forgive us Father. And help us by the power of your Spirit to be ready for Jesus to come to us. O come, O come, Savior of the world. Come and save us. Come and change us. Come and give us hope in your promises.

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

from Isaiah 40:1-2

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Your sins are pardoned. The penalty is paid. Thanks be to God.

## \* THE GLORIA PATRI and PASSING THE PEACE

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.

#### \* HYMN OF PREPARATION

Speak, O Lord\*\*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You To receive the food of Your Holy Word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,

That the light of Christ might be seen today In our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility; Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of Your purity.

Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority. Words of pow'r that can never fail— Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us— Truths unchanged from the dawn of time That will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built And the earth is filled with Your glory.

#### **SCRIPTURE AND SERMON**

Matthew 1:1-17 Life with a Patient God

#### \* CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes In the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

#### **OFFERING AND 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

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles Creed

\* HYMN OF DEDICATION

#407 God Has Spoken by His Prophets

### \* BENEDICTION

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