

CHRIST
OUR

Hope

*My whole being hopes,
and I wait
for God's promise.
—Psalm 130:5*

The

*Worship of God
December 3rd, 2017
First Sunday of Advent*

GATHERING

Welcome to Berryville Baptist Church. Feel free to greet those around you before the service. Visitors are invited to complete a Welcome Guest card and place it in the offering plate later in the service.

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The Coventry Carol

SMITH

We keep silence during the Prelude, using this time to make the transition between our relaxed and joyful coming together and our respectful, intentional worship of God. Take this opportunity to fold your hands, to quiet your thoughts, to still your soul, to open your heart. In the sanctity of this moment, prepare yourself for an encounter with the living God.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
No. 76*

VENI EMMANUEL

*INVOCATION

*RESPONSIVE READING

Minister: Take time, in the busyness of this season, for quiet reflection; for the light of God's love is discernible everywhere.

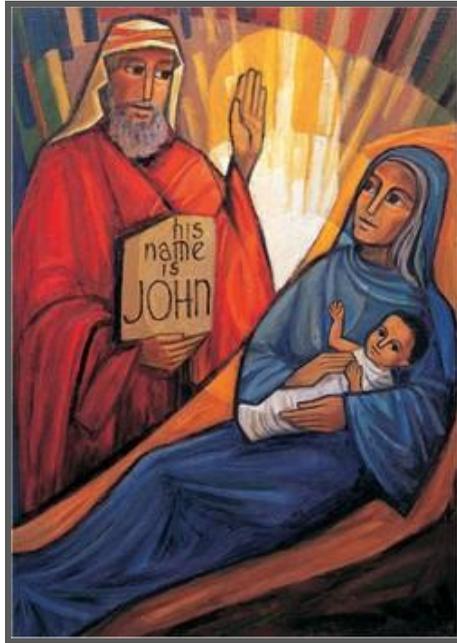
People: We will let ourselves be surprised by wonder and set aside time to offer quiet thanks.

Minister: The good news of Advent is this: Christ is coming. Christ is always coming!

People: We will welcome Christ into our hearts. We will let ourselves be guided by His ministry. We will go forth from this place in hope.

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.



Luke 1:57-66

The Birth of John the Baptist

⁵⁷When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son. ⁵⁸Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy.

⁵⁹On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah, ⁶⁰but his mother spoke up and said, "No! He is to be called John."

⁶¹They said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who has that name."

⁶²Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child. ⁶³He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone's astonishment he wrote, "His name is John."

⁶⁴Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue set free, and he began to speak, praising God. ⁶⁵All the neighbors were filled with awe, and throughout the hill country of Judea people were talking about all these things. ⁶⁶Everyone who heard this wondered about it, asking, "What then is this child going to be?" For the Lord's hand was with him.

New International Version

December 3rd, 2017



The Greeter at the door today is David Lloyd.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday Dec 3, 2017	9:00 AM	Early Morning Service
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	12:00 PM	"Keepers of the Spring"
	4:00 PM	Puppets
Tuesday Dec 5, 2017	7:00 PM	Property Committee Meeting
Wednesday Dec 6, 2017	6:15 PM	Handbell Practice
	6:30 PM	Mid-week Prayer Service
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir Practice
Friday Dec 8, 2017	7:30 AM	Blue Ridge Food Distribution
Saturday Dec 9, 2017		Puppets @ Andrews AFB
Sunday Dec 10, 2017	9:00 AM	Early Morning Service
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	1:00 PM	Open House Tour
	5:00 PM	Deacons Dinner

Keep up-to-date by visiting the Berryville Baptist Church website!

www.berryvillebaptist.org/events.htm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLUE RIDGE FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION 2017

On Friday, Dec. 8, our church will sponsor the Blue Ridge Food Bank give-away at Duncan Memorial Methodist Church. (All churches in Clarke participate throughout the year and December is our month to sponsor). Food will be delivered on Dec. 7 and on Dec. 8 about 15 volunteers are needed to pack boxes and carry food to vehicles. We will meet at the Methodist Church at 7:45 a.m. through 11:30 a.m. This program allowed us to serve about 90 needy people in Clarke County last year with recipients being screened by Social Services. Please let Rose know if you can help (955-1329 or mommastaples@gmail.com).

NEWSLETTER The December newsletter will be mailed on Wednesday, December 6th. Please have your articles into the office no later than Monday, December 4th.

RED WAGON MINISTRY OF CLARKE COUNTY "A special thank you to Berryville Baptist Church for their generous diaper and wipe collection to "diaper the need" at FISH of Clarke County. There were 272 wipes and 462 diapers donated to the ministry. I also would like to acknowledge Mrs. Rose Staples for her vision of a diaper collection for needy families, and those who aided her by giving generously to her mission. "

BERRYVILLE HOLIDAY HOMES TOUR On Sunday, December 10th, from 1:00 – 4:00, Berryville Baptist Church will participate in the Holiday Homes Tour. We will have a special presentation of Nativity's. We are asking our church members to bring in their nativities and place them in the fellowship hall for this tour. For more information, visit <https://www.virginia.org/Listings/Events/BerryvilleHolidayHomesTour>.

THANK YOU Our church, as part of its Missions, volunteers on each Saturday morning during the month of October at the FISH Clothing Bank at Old Chapel in Clarke County. I would like to thank Martha Howard, Cletus Black, Maggie May, Trudy Longerbeam, Jo Ann Longerbeam and Brenda Denson for donating their time for this worthwhile program. They did such a good job that I received a phone call thanking us for leaving the building so neat and clean.
Tucker Keller



Mark the date of December 17 on your calendar. The 11:00 Worship Service will be a service of music and praising the Lord. Our adult choir will present the Christmas Story through the glorious sounds of music. The handbell choir known as Voices in Brass will also participate in this service. Please join us on this special Sunday.

MISSIONARY MOMENT: Bearing the pain with neighbors

Abdul came to our country 3 years ago. Soon after he left his home of Yemen, civil war broke out. His wife and two children cannot leave the country and he cannot return. Abdul tells me of the struggles his family faces: "They go to sleep wearing their nicest clothes because they might be killed in their sleep due to a rocket attack. But, rockets are not what scares us the most. That happens quick. In my village, there is an outbreak of cholera, an invisible threat and a slower death."

Beloved community involves not only helping those in disaster areas, but counseling and comforting those who suffer from afar. Beloved community involves listening to and sharing in the pain of our neighbors.
- Brooke and Mike, CBF field personnel in Southeast Asia

WEEKLY OFFERING

Offering Received 11/27/17	\$4,908.49
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$4,091.34
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SURPLUS OR DEFICIT	\$817.15