Ongoing Calendar Events
November 29- December 6

Sunday
9:45am Digging Deeper

Tuesday
6:30pm Bible Study

Wednesday
10:00am Organize Blessing Bag Items – Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Griefshare

Thursday
10:00am Women's Bible Study Blessing Bag Packing (FH)
2:30pm The Neighborhood Table Prep
6:30pm Glory Ringers
7:30pm Sanctuary Choir

Friday
1:00pmBrunch Set up

Saturday
9:00am Women's Brunch

Sunday
9:45am Digging Deeper
11:00am Junior Church
6:00pm Youth Group

Break Through Prayer

Loving God, breakthrough the busyness of our lives
so that we might stop to hear your voice,
discern where you are leading and
go in the power of your Spirit in Jesus' name. Amen.

For more details on events happening, please visit the church website www.bakerstownumc.org or pick up a newsletter

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Rev. Keith A. Dunn, Senior Pastor



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

November 29, 2026

Liturgists: 8:30am ~ Gregg Platt 11:00am ~

Prelude

Introit

"The Redeemer Will Come" *Sanctuary Choir*

Greetings and Announcements

Call To Worship

Leader: We gather to join our voices with the psalmists and prophets, who longed for restoration and salvation, who felt God was far away or felt how far they had wandered away from God.
People: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
Leader: Come, you who wait and watch for the coming Messiah, to worship God who invites us to join in the Spirit's restoration song until the day when earth and heaven both reflect the fullness of the kingdom of God.
People: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

***Opening Worship**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	*#211 ~ 8:30am*
"Shine Jesus Shine"	*Rhythm of Grace*
"Mighty To Save"	*Rhythm of Grace*

Opening Prayer

God of justice and peace, from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness, that all on earth may rise in awe and wonder before your marvelous deeds. Raise our heads in expectation, that we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord and come without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 64:1-9

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Leader: The prophet Isaiah declares, "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". Today, we continue to wait and call out in hope for God's restoration to meet us here, believing that God knows our struggles and works even now for the fulfillment of our salvation.
People: When God feels far away, and our lament feels too heavy to bear, we remember God's steadfast love. May this love empower us to wait and watch in hope for the day when God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven.
Leader: We light this candle of hope as a sign of God's promises, that we might persevere in hope, a hope grounded not in wishes and whims but in the trustworthy and persistent love of God already at work among us to save and restore all creation.

Ministry of Music ~ 8:30am

"Advent Hymn" *Sanctuary Choir*

Children's Moment

The Offering

Offering of Our Tithes, Time and Lives

***Doxology *Prayer of Dedication**

Baptismal Covenant II ~ 11:00am

Vivian Lynn Ferree *Daughter of Adam and Jessica Ferree*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Song of Preparation

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"	*#140~ 8:30am*
"Shine On Us"	*Rhythm of Grace*

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Message

"Restore Us O God"
Pastor Keith, Preaching

***Closing Worship**

"Come, Thou Long - Expected Jesus" *#196*

***Dismissal with Blessing**
***Postlude**

**** Please stand if able where indicated***

The flowers on the altar are in celebration of our granddaughter's baptism, Lake and Camille Barrett

Lighthouse Food Donations: The Lighthouse is in need of baking supplies/cake mixes, brownie mixes etc., and also snack and breakfast bars.

DIGGing Deeper Advent Study | 9:45am | Welsey Room
The Christian liturgical calendar features two prominent periods during which seasonal music reaches its zenith: Christmas and Easter. This year we will be digging deeper into some of our favorite carols of Christmas. What is their history? What is their message? What Bible passages are they based on? What is their theological foundation? And we might be singing them. Join along with us as we prepare for the coming of the infant Jesus by taking an in depth look at some of the carols of the season.

The Neighborhood Table Prep | Dec. 3 at 2:30pm | Fellowship Hall

Women's Christmas Brunch Saturday, December 5th at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall Every woman of the church is invited to attend our FOURTH Annual Women's Christmas Brunch. Please note this year we are asking for a $10.00 donation to cover the cost of the food. Sign up sheet in the narthex.

Drive Thru Dinner Prep | Dec. 8 at 2:30pm | Fellowship Hall

Christmas Worship Schedule

Wednesday, December 16th—7:00pm A Blue Christmas Service
A service of reflection and remembrance. A service of healing and hope.

Thursday, December 24th, Family Service—4:30 pm
This Worship service is particularly designed for families with children. There is a celebration of Christ's birth in a relaxed atmosphere appreciating the child in all of us as we welcome the birth of the child of heaven. We will be using LED candles at this service.

Thursday, December 24th, Carols & Candlelight—7:30pm This services is a celebration of Christ's birth with joyful singing of carols and the beauty of candlelight. Enjoy the surrounding beauty and the warmth of God's love during this special time.

Sunday, January 3rd—8:30am & 11:00am—Epiphany
Celebrate the revealing of Christ to the world.

Youth and Children's Ministry Opportunities:

👧🏽 Children's Ministry News

We are entering a joyful Advent and Christmas season! Here is everything coming up for our families in December:

Junior Church Schedule & Lessons
December Dates: Junior Church will meet on **December 6th, December 13th, and December 20th**.

We are wrapping up our journey learning about Grace through the Old Testament by transitioning into the New Testament to explore the incarnational grace of Jesus—Grace made flesh!

Christmas Party (December 20th): Join us during Junior Church on **Sunday, December 20th** for a special celebration of the Greatest Gift of all!

Holiday Break & Return: There will be **no Junior Church on December 27th or January 3rd**. We will resume on **Sunday, January 10th** to kick off our Spring lessons!

🍕 Youth Ministry News

December Meetings: Youth Group will meet three times in December: **December 6th, December 13th, and December 20th** (our Youth Christmas Party!).
Holiday Break & Return: There will be **no Youth Group on December 27th or January 3rd**. We will return on **Sunday, January 10th**.

Winter Retreat — *Current* (February 19th–21st): Our youth will be attending *Current*, the Youth Retreat hosted by the Western PA UMC Conference at **Laurelville Retreat Center**!

Deadline: Please notify us of your intent to attend by **December 10th**.
Interest Form: Fill out the Jotform here to let us know you're interested: Interest Form

If you are interested in volunteering for either (or both) please fill out this interest form. In order to volunteer, we will need ACT 33, ACT 34 clearances on file and to complete Safe Sanctuaries training. Don't worry! We can help you make sure you have everything you need!

Sarris Candy Fundraiser
Please help support the Day School by ordering your chocolate for **Christmas** from Sarris. We earn a 25% profit with every online order! Please share this with anyone you think might be interested. Our Group ID# is 10-3713. All orders will be shipped directly to the address you provide. Shipping is FREE, but a $10.00 packaging and handling fee will be applied to each order by Sarris Candies. (Orders must be placed through www.sarriscandiesfundraising.com). **Orders will be taken until Dec. 13.**

Poinsettia Order Form—Deadline Dec. 6

YOU can help decorate the church for the Advent Season, and enjoy your flowers for Christmas! Consider your purchase in memory of a loved one, to honor someone, or simply to the Glory of God this joyous season.

Fill out the form below, and include with your payment. Place in the offering plate during worship service or give to the church office. You may also mail in your order form through **December 6th.** Checks should be made payable to Bakerstown UMC with Poinsettia in the memo line

Name: _____

Phone: _____Email:_____

Please complete below **exactly** as you want it to appear in the bulletins on December 20th & 24th.

Please order me: *(mark the amount on the line)*

___ **Red** x $7.00 = _____

___ **White** x $7.00 = _____

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Given in loving memory of…_____

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