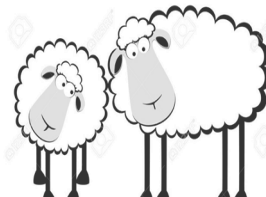




# Flock Talk



*December 27, 2020*  
*First Sunday After Christmas*

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### Today's Scriptures & Message:

**Liturgist:** Dave Whitfield  
**Advent Reader:** Christopher Butterweck  
**Hebrew Scripture:** Isaiah 61:10-62:3  
**Psalm:** Psalm 148  
  
**Senior Minister—Rev. Day Broers-Case**  
**Worship Leader—Jamie Butterweck**  
**Sermon: "Christmas Miracles"**  
**Sermon Text: Luke 2:22-40**

After over thirty years with our family at bcc we are going to explore new adventures in north Georgia. We're not saying good bye, just see you later! We'll miss you all! - Sue Benitez

### Serving in Today's Worship:

**Elders:** Jo Henkel, Don Sherman  
**Music Director:** Rick Barclay  
**Audio/Video:** Art Konnerth and Tom Smiley  
**Worship & Wonder:** Britt F and Amy W

### Praise Reports

Dear Friends,  
May the joy of Christmas be with you always!  
Blessings,  
Elizabeth,  
¡Feliz Navidad!  
God is Great, All the Time!!

**In essentials, unity.**  
**In non-essentials, liberty.**  
**In all things, love!**

### **Prayer Needs...**

BENITEZ, Mike++++\*\*  
VELEZ, Dadela  
WALKER, Beth Gerace++++\*\*  

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BENNICK, Patty and her 3 daughters (Diane) +++  
CABRERA, Betty+  
CASE, Sharon (Rev. Day)+  
DIGREGORIO, Robyn++++  
ECKDAHL, Kathy  
EWELL, Stephanie (Powell)++++  
FAILES FAMILY  
GIBERSON, Milton (Tom) & Joan+  
GOODRUM, Friends and Family of Steve  
HUSKEY, Josh (Powell)++++

Keely—(DiGrigorio)++++  
LYNCH, Louise+++  
LYNCH, Friends and family of Louise's Sister  
MAGLIO, CJ (Butterweck)+++  
MCMILLON, Andrea  
MILLER, Brooke (Blinder) ++  
RAYLES, Scooter (Dietz)  
REDDICK, Edwina (Cabrera)+++  
RIENSCH, Nancy +  
Samalie and Dean (DiGregorio)+++  
SHERMAN, Don (Office)+  
SLAMKA, Jack and Kitty (Murdoch)+

SMITH, Tim+  
STUEBER, Susan (Solomon)+  
UPTON, Jean (office)++  
WALKER, Jerry (Solomon)++  
WATSON, Sandy+  
WATSON, Tom +  
WHITFIELD, Bob +  

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\*\* New Name  
"+" symbols indicate number of weeks remaining on list  
  
Please also pray for all those affected by Covid-19, our first responders, medical care professionals, and those out on the front lines to protect us.  
Please pray for peace, understanding, and unity in America and around the world.

# One Shepherd's Thoughts...



Merry Christmas Loved Ones! Rejoice and celebrate during this season of Christmas. Make the most of the holiday season now that the stress of preparing is over. The infant Jesus has come again to us and we have welcomed him. Now what? Okay y'all, hang on to your britches. I have some news. Despite what many retail outlets will have you believe, the Twelve Days of Christmas do not occur in the twelve days before Christmas—but in the twelve days following.

And these twelve days—well they are the actual Christmas Season as originally dedicated on the Christian Year Calendar. What comes before Christmas Day is the season of Advent—not Christmas.

Christmas runs from Christmas Day until January 5—which is also called Twelfth Night. January 6, is called Epiphany.

Epiphany is the day in which the arrival of the Magi (or Wise Men) is celebrated. Their arrival marked the moment that Christ's identity as the Son of God was revealed to non-Jewish persons—therefore it was a pretty big "epiphany".

Back in the olden days Christmas trees were not put up until Christmas Eve because the Christmas season did not begin until Christmas Eve because the Christmas season did not begin until December 25.

The following twelve days leading to Epiphany, were then the time for all the merry making and party throwing and frolicking about in fancy clothes.

A large Twelfth Night party was often the end of the season, sometimes even with a reversal of rolls – the servants of the wealthy would be served by their employers and all would celebrate together. January 6 was then the day when the tree came down and the decorations went back into storage—a tradition many (including our family) still hold on to.

Make merry! Celebrate with kindness, joy, and gratitude. Read Luke 2 again and again—thinks about what Jesus' birth means to you personally—and what it means for BCC collectively. Merry Christmas!

God IS with us! **Rev Day**

Bible Study with Reverend Day will **not be meeting on December 30**, the next meeting will be **January 6, 2021**.

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MAY ALL THE BLESSINGS  
..... OF THE LORD .....  
BE YOURS IN ABUNDANCE  
IN THE *New Year.*

ISAIAH 43:19



*Joy to the world!  
The Lord is come!*