

HOLLYWOOD UMC



Hope

FIRST
SUNDAY
OF

Advent

DECEMBER 1, 2024

WELCOME

JOIN US IN PERSON OR ONLINE AT 10:00 AM

PRELUDE

Ray Belcher & Mary Jane Seanor

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children’s Church Dismissal

* OPENING HYMN

UMH #202

“People, Look East”

* ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Choral Intro

“Advent’s Holy Light”

Leader: Our Advent journey begins today with the lighting of the first candle, the candle of Hope. Like the flame of a candle, may hope be ignited in our hearts, reminding us that brighter days are ahead. For those of us facing difficult challenges.

People: **Ignite our hearts with hope.**

Leader: For the end of wars wreaking havoc and pain in our world.

People: **Ignite our hearts with hope.**

Leader: For safety for those fleeing the tyranny of oppression.

People: **Ignite our hearts with hope.**

Leader: For the light of forgiveness to shine in our hearts.

People: **Ignite our hearts with hope.**

Leader: Gracious Creator, in moments of uncertainty, we turn to you with hearts heavy but hopeful. Grant us the strength to navigate challenges, the wisdom to see possibilities, and the courage to embrace the journey ahead. May hope be our guiding light, leading us to a future filled with grace, love, and possibilities beyond.

People: **Sing “Advent’s Holy Light”**

ADVENT’S HOLY LIGHT

Joel Raney

(on cue)

Lord, we are wait - ing for peace to reign.

Lord, we are lis - tening for love's re - frain.

For hope, peace, and joy and love to u -

nite in the beau - ty and won - der of

Ad - vent's ho - ly light.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 33:14–16

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ray Belcher & Mary Jane Seanor

“Carol Medley”

A COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

* **HYMN OF PREPARATION**

UMH #368

“My Hope is Built”

* **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Luke 21:25–36

SERMON

“Preparing for the Light: HOPE”

Rev. Matthew Tate

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH #882

The Apostle’s Creed

TITHES & OFFERINGS

See the back page for a variety of ways to give.

Offertory

Mary Jane Seanor

* Doxology

UMH #95

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

COMMUNION

UMH #12

* **HYMN OF CELEBRATION**

UMH #196

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Mary Jane Seanor

* We stand in body or in spirit to give glory to God.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS = The Faith We Sing

PRAYER REQUESTS

*Pray for the healing of our church family,
friends & relatives*

Pat Brown	Kyle Reed (9/23)
Linda Coppage (9/23)	Sue Rehder (9/26)
Estelle Elmore (10/15)	David Roberts (10/8)
Brian Frounfelker (9/12)	Keith Southworth (8/7)
Johnny Gatton (10/15)	Rev. Harry Spear (7/2)
Nelson Houchens (10/9)	Douglas Tucker (10/3)
Jim & Carole Lupis (6/20)	Richard Williams (10/9)

Pray for those who are battling cancer

Mike Britt	Pam Grace	Leanne Riley
Tim Buckheit	Curtis Graves	Lorena Stiefel
Christine Clontz	Nathan Gray	Rob Sutor
AJ Davis	Harold Insley	Yvonne Tabor
Melvin Dean	Gene Keller, Jr.	Janet Taylor
Sandy Denison	Mike Knight	Denny Woodruff
Jason Duke	Lance Lupis	Sarah Zsak
Connie Evans	Bob Napier	
John Felicitas	Steven Nourse	

REJOICE
ALWAYS,
PRAY
WITHOUT CEASING,
GIVE
THANKS
IN ALL
CIRCUMSTANCES
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NRSV

*Pray for Pastor Matthew & Danielle,
and Amelia, Simon, and Ambrose*

Pray for our Homebound

Robert & Sharon Hayes	John Porter
Connie Langford	CD & Judy Wood

To request prayer, fill out a Keeping in Touch card or call or [email the office](#).

Please keep us updated on the status of your prayer requests.

Names in bold indicate new prayer requests or those who need extra prayer this week.

DECEMBER

LUKE THRU

Begin today reading one chapter of the Gospel of Luke each day in December until Christmas Eve. Tune in to Facebook or YouTube each day and join with Pastor Matthew as he reads and discusses that day's chapter. Our youth participated in the creation of Pastor Matthew's discussion outlines! You want to catch each video! If you miss a video, you can catch previous videos on either our YouTube channel or Facebook page.

HUMC mugs are available on the counter in the narthex.

Take a mug.
Place some money in the jar. Give the mug as a Christmas gift. Use the mug during your devotional time. Use them as your guest mugs. Coffee! Hot chocolate! Hot tea! Soup! Enjoy!





Order poinsettias for Christmas now! There are several ways to submit your order: Use an offering envelope and write your information in the format below; **OR** Scan the QR code and submit your order online (be sure to hit **SUBMIT** once you have entered your info or we **will not** receive your submission); **OR** call or email the office to place or confirm your order. Poinsettias are \$10 each. Make your check payable to the church **OR** give online; either way, mark it "Flower Fund."

The poinsettias will be displayed on Sunday, December 22, and Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24. You may take your poinsettias home following the 7:00 Christmas Eve service.

The poinsettias will be listed in the bulletin like the examples below. Select "In Memory of" for loved ones who have passed away. Select "In Honor of" for those who are still living. Ask Wade why understanding this distinction is **important**.

If you have any questions, contact April Benham at 240-256-5818 or missippigirl97@gmail.com.

Permelia Jones
In Memory of
Her Husband,
Miley Jones

James & Mary Joy
In Honor of
Their Children



PAJAMA CONNECTION

Select a tag off of the tree in the Amen Corner and help provide Christmas presents for local children in need. Contact Danielle if you need more info.



CHRISTMAS OFFERING

This year's Christmas Offering will go to local ministries soon to be announced. All offerings received during the Christmas Eve services will be directed to the Christmas Offering. You can also use the Christmas Offering envelope from your numbered box or give online to the Christmas Offering all month long.



Thank you so much for supporting this ministry! These are the items we currently need in our pantry for local school children who need food during weekends of the school year.

- ♥ Pudding Cups
- ♥ Fruit Juice
- Boxes/Pouches

S M T W T F S

Bring in 2024 WALL calendars and place them in the Amen Corner or in the box on the shelves outside Pastor Matthew's office. They will be given to Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.



Stay tuned for January

HOLLYWOOD YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT 6:00 PM IN THE YOUTH ROOM

We'll be talking about HOPE and playing a fun game tonight!

THANK YOU to all who have donated snacks! Our Christmas Party is on December 15; bring a wrapped \$10-15 present for our white elephant gift exchange! Talk with Ryan if you are interested in sharing a testimony or providing dinner with the teens at one of our monthly Taste-imony nights!

Christmas Eve Services!

4:00 PM **Family Service**—Your whole family will enjoy this service!

7:00 PM **Candlelight Service**—Bring the whole family to this service featuring carols, choral music, special music, and candles.

11:00 PM **Vigil**—Featuring candles, carols, prayer, and communion.

LIVE ★ WITH ★ PURPOSE

We have reached our goal! Thanks to everyone who sponsored wreaths! Any extra sponsorships will carry over to next year. We hope you'll join us for the wreath-laying ceremony will be at noon on Saturday, December 14 at Joy Chapel, followed by Galilee Cemetery.

www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/MD0484



WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Service (In-Person/ YouTube) Youth Group
Tuesdays	9:00 AM	Jazzercise (GH)
Wednesdays	10:00 AM 6:30–8:00 PM	Wednesday Bible Study (Youth Room) Choir Rehearsal
Thursdays	9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Jazzercise (GH) Deadline for Bulletin Info for Next Sunday
Fridays	9:00 AM	Pastor's Sabbath Jazzercise (GH)

~~Event~~ indicates a weekly event that will not be held this week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 1		First Sunday of Advent Solomons Mission Center Collection 4:00 PM HVFD Christmas Tree Lighting
Tuesday, December 3		Giving Tuesday (Support OUR Preschool!)
Saturday, December 7	10:00 AM	Hospice of St. Mary's Festival of Trees (UMDSMD)
Sunday, December 8	4:00 PM	Second Sunday of Advent Encore Chorale Winter Concert (Pax Pres)
Wednesday, December 11	6:30 PM	HUB Meeting (GH)
Saturday, December 14	Noon 1:00 PM	Wreaths Across America Ceremony (Joy Chapel) Tuba Christmas (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
Sunday, December 15		Third Sunday of Advent Poinsettia Order Deadline
Monday, December 16	7:00 PM	Blue Christmas Service
Saturday, December 21		First Day of Winter
December 21–January 5		SMCPS Winter Break
Sunday, December 22	7:00 AM Noon	Fourth Sunday of Advent—CANTATA! All You Can Eat Breakfast w/Santa! (HVFD) Calendars for Charlotte Hall Donation Deadline
Tuesday, December 24	4:00 PM 7:00 PM 11:00 PM	Christmas Eve Kid Friendly Christmas Eve Service Christmas Eve Service Christmas Eve Vigil



Invite your friends and family
to join us on
Sunday, December 22,
at 10:00 AM
to hear our choir present our first
Christmas Cantata in several years!

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Monday—Friday 8:00 AM—2:00 PM

WAYS TO SUPPORT HUMC

✚ Mail a check to us at the address above!

✚ [Click here to give online or scan the QR Code.](#) We incur a smaller fee when you give directly from your bank account versus a credit card.

✚ You can give indirectly to HUMC through [iGive](#) as you shop online!

