

HOLLYWOOD UMC

Joy

THIRD
SUNDAY
OF

Advent

DECEMBER 15, 2024



WELCOME

JOIN US IN PERSON OR ONLINE AT 10:00 AM

PRELUDE

Mary Jane Seanor

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **OPENING HYMN** UMH #209
“Blessed Be the God of Israel”

- * **ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

Choral Intro “Advent’s Holy Light”

Leader: Today the candle representing JOY joins the candles of Hope and Peace. As we light this third candle, let the joy of the season fill our hearts. May we find joy in simple moments, and may that joy bring a sense of peace and well being into our lives. When we think of the countless blessings that fill our lives.

People: Our hearts are filled with joy.

Leader: For the warmth of relationships and the bonds we share with family and friends.

People: Our hearts are filled with joy.

Leader: When we pause to appreciate the beauty and wonder of nature.

People: Our hearts are filled with joy.

Leader: For the giving and receiving of simple acts of kindness.

People: Our hearts are filled with joy.

Leader: Gracious Creator, teach us to find joy not only in triumphs but also in the simple moments of everyday grace. Fill us with joy that surpasses circumstance, anchored in the unchanging truth of your love. Help us share this joy with others and may joy and laughter be a constant companion on our journey through life. Amen.

People: Sing “Advent’s Holy Light”

OLD TESTAMENT

READING

Zephaniah 3: 14–20



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.

to WORSHIP

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Children's Church Dismissal

SPECIAL MUSIC Tom & Jeanne Rothwell, Maggie Osborne, and Ellen Proctor
"O Come, Emmanuel"

A COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

* **HYMN OF PREPARATION** TFWS #2089
"Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice"

* **NEW TESTAMENT READING** Luke 3:1-18

SERMON "Preparing for the Light: JOY" 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 Tom & Jeanne Rothwell, Maggie Osborne, and Ellen Proctor
"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

* Doxology UMH #95

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

* **HYMN OF CELEBRATION** UMH #179
"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"

* **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

JOY to the **world**

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Pat Brown	Sue Rehder (9/26)
Linda Coppage (9/23)	Ethan Reuter (12/5)
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)
Kyle Reed (9/23)	

Pray for those who are battling cancer

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

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

Each day between now and Christmas Eve, read 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!





TODAY is your last chance to order poinsettias! 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

Christmas Brings
JOY

Preparing for
the Light
Hope in the Waiting



PAJAMA CONNECTION

So they can be distributed in time for Christmas, items from the tree are due **THIS MORNING!** Contact Danielle if you need more info.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

This year's Christmas Offering will go to the HUMC Needy Fund and Three Oaks Center. 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](#).

KITCHEN CREW

The Kitchen Crew is responsible for handling funeral luncheons/repasts, keeping the kitchen clean and orderly, and supporting any church groups or functions that include kitchen use. This is a help whenever you can, however you can ministry. Please let Terri Van Asdlen know if you would like to be on call for the Kitchen Crew.

Filling Empty Little Tummies

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.

- ♥ Oatmeal Packets
- ♥ Pop Tarts

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. Next Sunday, December 22, is the last day they will be accepted.



Stay tuned for January

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

Our Christmas Party is TONIGHT!! bring a wrapped \$10-15 present for our white elephant gift exchange! Pastor Wendy will be providing dinner. Next Sunday evening, we'll have a Christmas movie night! 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

Plan now to attend one or all and take a pack of invite cards to share with friends!

- 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.

WREATHS
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AMERICA

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Thanks to EVERYONE who participated in this year's wreath laying!

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Service (In-Person/ YouTube) Youth Group Christmas Party!
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)

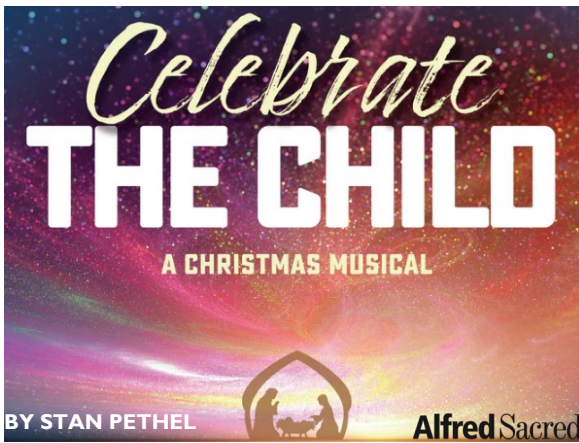


~~Event~~ indicates a weekly event that will not be held this week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 15		Third Sunday of Advent Poinsettia Order Deadline 3:00 PM Hope in Harmony Concert (LHS)
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 6:00 PM	Fourth Sunday of Advent—CANTATA! All You Can Eat Breakfast w/Santa! (HVFD) Calendars for Charlotte Hall Donation Deadline Youth Group Movie Night
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
Wednesday, December 25		Christmas Day—Office Closed
Thursday, December 26		Office Manager Vacation Day
Friday, December 27		Office Manager Vacation Day
Sunday, December 29	10:00 AM	12 Days of Christmas Service
Tuesday, December 31		New Year's Eve
Wednesday, January 1		New Year's Day—Office Closed





Invite your friends and family to join us **NEXT Sunday, December 22, at 10:00 AM** to hear our choir present our first Christmas Cantata in several years as part of the morning service!



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Monday—Friday 8:00 AM—2:00 PM

WAYS TO SUPPORT HOLLYWOOD UMC

✚ 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!

