

Morning Worship on the Lord's Day
A Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols

December 24, 2017

10:00 am



Welcome and Invocations

Prelude "Come, Sing unto the Lord" Henry Purcell

*Carol#246 "Joy to the World"

The Bidding Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Blessings

The almighty God bless us with divine grace,
Christ give us the joys of everlasting life,
and unto the fellowship of the citizens above
may the King of angels bring us all. **Amen.**

Lighting the Advent Candle

Anthem "Mary, Did You Know?"
Caity Lenthall

First Lesson Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

God announces in the Garden of Eden

Adam and Eve's punishment for their rebellion

and that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head. **Thanks be to God**

*Carol UMH#230 "O, Little Town of Bethlehem"

Second Lesson Genesis 22:15-18

God promises to Abraham that by his descendants
all the nations of the earth shall obtain blessing. **Thanks be to God**

Solo Roger Fulp

Third Lesson Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness. **Thanks be to God**

*Carol UMH#240 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

Fourth Lesson Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

The king is coming and will usher in a reign of justice for the poor
and peace for all of God's creation. **Thanks be to God**

*Carol "O Holy Night"
Kim Cherry Martin

Fifth Lesson Luke 1:26-35, 38

The angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mary
that she will give birth to God's promised
Son whose kingdom shall never end. **Thanks be to God**

*Carol UMH#245 "The First Noel"

Sixth Lesson Luke 2:1-7

Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born. **Thanks be to God**

*Carol "When Love is Born" Michael Taylor

Children's Message

Seventh Lesson Luke 2:8-16

The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world, lying in a manger. **Thanks be to God**

*Carol UMH#218 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

This Week at SUMC

Sunday December 24

- 10:00 am A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols (Sanctuary)
3:00 pm Spontaneous Children's Christmas Pageant
5:00 pm Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)
5:00 pm Christmas Eve Beacon Worship Service (Assembly Hall)
7:00 pm Candlelight/Holy Communion Service (Sanctuary)

Monday December 25 Christmas

Tuesday December 26 Church Offices closed for Christmas

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Thursday December 28

- 7:30 am SUMM Bible Study (Bldg 1, LL13)
7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Bldg 1, Choir Room)

Friday December 29

Saturday December 30

PASTORS

Pastor Scott Dodson: pastorscott@swansboroumc.org

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Church offices will be closed for the Christmas holiday on December 25, 26 and 27.

A pamphlet with pictures and descriptions of the ornaments on our **Chrismon tree** is available from the homepage of our website under "Look Here".

The youth ski trip sign-up is now active! 7th-12th graders & their parents are invited to go online at the SUMC website, under Look Here, to sign up. If you, as a parent, would like to go, please contact Andrew Harper before signing up. If you need financial assistance to go, we can help.

A BIG thank you to those SUMC members who were generous in their participation in our **2017 Angel Tree**. I would like to also thank **George Gardner** who, with the help of Manna, Lowes Foods and others, provided a Christmas dinner to 19 families! My gratitude goes to the **Emmaus class** always! Together we gave toys, clothing, candy, health care items, and Bibles to 50 children. That's over 200 gifts! The families were very pleased and many overwhelmed by the generosity of SUMC. Blessings! *Bren Feutz & Kristi Pitchford*

Two sessions (Sundays & Thursdays) of **The Genius of American Religion** will begin the week of January 14th. The six-week course is an overview of the history of Faiths in the New World & how they work together (or not) in a unique diverse culture. Jim Brewster, retired UM pastor, former adjunct instructor, "Ancient Messiahs and Modern Cults" at UNCW will teach the classes. Sunday classes, Jan 14-Feb. 18 are at 9:45 a.m., Room 35, lower level, Bldg 2. An identical session will be on Thursdays, Jan. 18-Feb. 22 at 4:00 p.m., same room. It is not necessary to pre-register. Information, jamesbrew@juno.com, or 910-431-0382.

Registration is now open for the **Junaluska Peace Conference** to be held March 1-4. For further information, please contact Jim Brewster, chair of SUMC Church & Society at jamesbrew@juno.com.

We're sharing the worship experience! Our worship services are recorded and available online. Our 9:45 and 11:15 Beacon services are also streamed live online!

All contributions received in the church office by noon, Dec 29, 2017 or in the Sunday offering on Dec 31, 2017 will be reflected on 2017 contribution statements. Online contributions will need to be submitted no later than Dec 28, 2017. Any contributions received after this time will be reflected on the 2018 contribution statements. The church office will be open on Dec 29 from 9-12 for anyone wanting to drop off contributions. 2017 contribution statements will be mailed by Jan 15, 2018. Please write on your check if your contribution is for budget, building or \$20 Fellowship fund.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Members: Angie Cooper, Holly Bostic, Mel & Sue Guss, Dick McLeish, Olivia Ehler, Tim & Sharon Barefoot, Jan Yarborough, Eldene Truax, Nita Aman, Ginger Garner Jablonski, Britney Wood, Frances Harrison, Roberta Maness, Mary Bergazzi, Rebecca Hamm, Kathy Henriksen, Barbara Brown, Melanie Holstein, Sheryle Kinney, Christine Hoffacker*, Betty Hellams, Sara Wilson, Sara Bergazzi, Sylvia Sylvester*, Luz Marin, Joyce Bayley*, Ruth Hokum*, Kathy Campbell, Shirley Warren, Bob Bone, Christy Williams, Louise Fulp, Peg Fredeen*, Mildred Gallion*, Becky Miller (*shut in)

Friends & Family: Libby Garner, Brandon Bachik, Geriann Zaluzec, Richard Juhl, Lee Orwat, Karen Saunders, Helen Frasier, Pat Salair, Christopher Pate, Linda Guss, Lamont & Lauryn Cox, Walt Kapke, Phyllis Hodgkins, Mike Bergazzi, Red Redfearn, Frank Bartol, Pat Salair, Kathy Campbell, David Pinsky, Tucker Talley, Diana Sims, Collene Gander, Christie Rothstein, Betty Thompson, Tommie Bridges, Dave Goldberg, Jeff Albritton, Dr. Henry Schindelar, Donald Hickox, April Kegley, Sharon Kanavel, Anne Shaw, Lindsey Bell, Dana Shrout, Eric Hart, Sandie Journigan, Nancy Burnette

Deployed Military: Donny Henriksen*, A.J. Short, John Reed, Gonzalo Snowe, Brandon Hackworth*, Buck Bradley, Jon Eriksen, Craig Sampsel, Lewis Collins, James Pidgeon III, Martha Stolzenberg, Michael P. Smith, Lance Young, Cooper Redfearn, Matt Bagley, Scott Harper Jr., Erik Werhner (*Church Member)

The Prayer Focus for this week is for the Methodist church that was bombed in Pakistan with several fatalities; and for the victims of the train derailment in Washington state.

OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, December 17, 2017

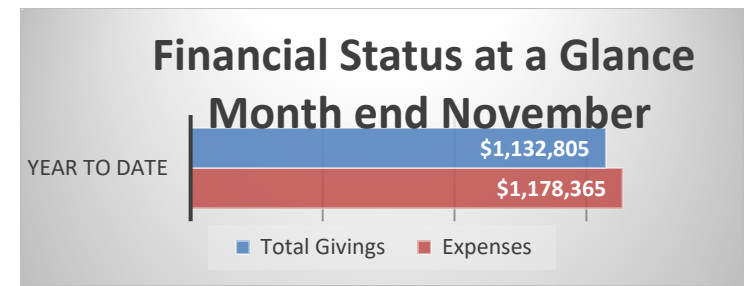
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Sunday School – 129

OUR GIFTS

In Memory of Randy Wilmoth's mother given by Harold & Louise Fulp
In Memory of Kathy Buckhold's mother given by Harold & Louise Fulp

The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God



FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>Financial Month End –</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Contributions	\$107,944	\$1,132,806
Less Actual Expenses	<u>\$105,502</u>	<u>\$1,178,365</u>
Net	\$ 2,442	(\$ 45,559)

OUR SERVICE

Nursery

Dec 24 10:00 Tabitha Chadwick & Laura Hartman

5:00 Susan Fulp 7:00 Beverly Jenkins & Janet Morgan

Children's Church

Dec 24 10:00 Loretta Olmstead & Sarah Fulp

Dec 31 8:30 Erika Harlacher 11:00 Molly Fahy

Acolytes

Dec 24 10:00 Emma Holt, Evan Wilson, Matthew Rush

3:00 Aaron Castellano, Cadie Castellano, Ella Brown

5:00 Matthew Felipe, Walker Gladwell, Addie Gladwell

7:00 Tommy Kidwell, Ricky Kidwell, Matthew Felipe

Dec 31 8:30 Charlie Young, Aly Young, Millie Morris

11:00 Alana Ulin, Connie Pearce, Grace Egerton

Prayer Room

8:30 9:45 11:00 ~ Helen Bosic

OH! PRAISE THE LORD

- SUMC Child Care Center is fully staffed and nearly to capacity with children!