

## DISCOVER/SHARE

### Christmas MainStreamers

Our MainStreamers will enjoy a bonus, end-of-year event on December 17 as Thomas and Brenda Coker, Catrice Mays, and Stephen Bedford don their Dickens-era costumes and offer us a wonderful dose of Christmas cheer in song and fun. Games begin at 9:00 AM followed by lunch (\$15) at 11:30 AM and our musical program.

### Service of Hope and Remembrance

On December 18 at 6:00 PM in Westmoreland Chapel, we will gather to offer prayers, listen to soul-restoring music, and seek God's comfort as we remember our sorrows of this past year. The service offers healing in the form of an opportunity (if desired) to light a candle to memorialize the loss you've suffered. Your presence is encouraged on this special Wednesday evening as you attend ongoing suffering in your life or to provide support and comfort for others.

### Manna Christmas

You are invited to join our Manna Ministry at 2:00 PM on Christmas Eve at Trinity Pines Chapel to share Christmas with our neighbors who are homeless or hungry.

### Christmas Eve Services

On Christmas Eve, we gather at 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM for our traditional Candlelight Service to tell the beautiful and most consequential story of Christ's birth and to celebrate the impending arrival of Christmas. This story of question upon question culminates in an answer: the Christ child in the manger. Our 4:00 PM service will culminate in the singing of *Silent Night* in our Sanctuary, while the 6:00 PM service will conclude with singing the carol outside.

### Fellowship Lunch Today

After Bible study, join your church family in Turner Fellowship Hall for lunch (pot roast, green salad, jalapeño cornbread, and dessert for \$12 or fried chicken, green beans, roll, and dessert for \$8).

### MacGregor Elementary Concert Today

MacGregor Elementary is a nearby music magnet school that we partner with in many ways. Last year, there was a great need for instruments, so your missions dollars provided new instruments for the school. The students from MacGregor will share a concert in our Sanctuary at 2:00 PM today. Please support these kids by attending the concert.

# HOW CAN THIS BE ADVENT III



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WORSHIP

DECEMBER 15, 2024

10:00 AM

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – JOY

*“And the angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round about them.”*

Luke 2:9

### GATHER

(During Advent, children in second grade and younger will remain in the Sanctuary for the entire service.)

#### Prelude

*Toccata on In Dulci Jubilo*

(David Briggs)

*Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella*

(arr. Dan Goeller)

*Christmas Fantasy*

(arr. Dan Goeller)

#### Tolling the Hour

### PRAISE

#### Processional Anthem

*Personent Hodie*

(arr. Lara Hoggard)

Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

#### Lighting the Joy Candle

Brian and Lauren Henderson

Blair and Kyle

### REFLECT

#### Choral Proclamation

*Sing a Song on Christmas Morn*

(arr. Vicki Hancock Wright)

MainKids Choir

Brandon Bell and Luke Hubley, percussion

#### Hymn 103

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Stanzas 1, 3, and 4

#### Choral Reflection

*Where Shepherds Lately Knelt*

(Craig Courtney)

The 527 Tribe & Youth Choir

Melissa Williams, violin

#### Hymn 139

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

#### Anthem

*There Were Shepherds Abiding in the Field*

and *Glory to God*

(G.F. Handel)

Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

Leigh Anne Bryant, soloist

#### Good News

Steve Wells

Pastor

### RESPOND

#### Hymn 102

*Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*

Stanzas 1, 2, and 4

#### Offertory

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

(arr. Dan Forrest)

Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

#### Doxology (OLD HUNDREDTH)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below,  
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### Offertory Prayer

Amanda Villaseñor

### SHARE

#### Welcoming and Covenant with New Members

In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place. We offer you our love, our care, our kinship, and our hopes. We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you by God's grace.

#### Choral Benediction

*Sing Noel Medley*

(arr. David Hamilton)

Combined Choirs and Orchestra

Ruby Jefferies and Finley Walton, soloists

#### Postlude

*Toccata on Vom Himmel Hoch*

(Garth Edmundson)

Yuri McCoy

Organist

#### Guest QR Code



Welcome! We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today. Please scan this QR code to share your information so we can connect with you this week.



### YEAR-END GIVING NEED

Our annual "Christmas tree goal" for this December is \$1,416,232. Our current need is **\$1,367,681** to meet that goal. This is the amount that we, as a congregation, need to give between the time you read this email and the end of the year if we are to fully fund our 2024 church budget. That's a great deal of money, but we have the capacity to give every penny of it and more if we, as a church, give in accordance with our gratitude for all of the blessings God has bestowed upon us in the past year. To make a gift, please visit [smbc.org/giving](https://smbc.org/giving).