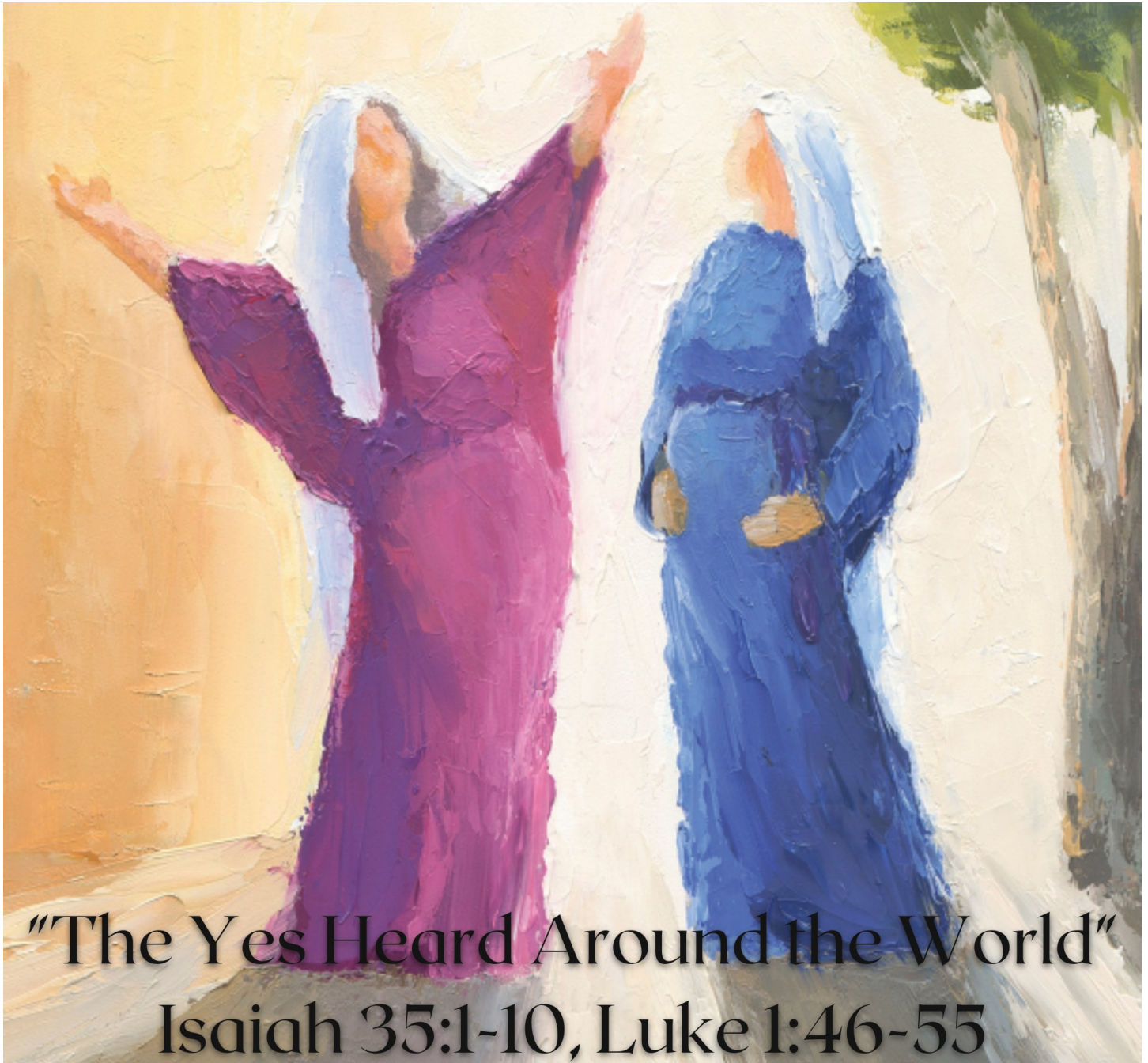


FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOX HILL

# Welcome

December 11, 2022



**"The Yes Heard Around the World"**

**Isaiah 35:1-10, Luke 1:46-55**

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December 11, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

Traditional Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\* Advent Candle Lighting

Sue, Jesse, and Beth Hughes

"The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus. It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing . . . A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray . . . And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

**We light these candles, the candle of joyous hope, of proclaimed peace, and of deep and everlasting joy, as a sign that we are those who walk with a skip in our step because we can see the destination, and it is pure joy. We are ascending to God's promise.**

\* Hymn UMH 220 "Angels From the Realms of Glory"

Children's Time Pastor Brian

Offering Prayer and Offertory

\* Doxology UMH 72 "Gloria, Gloria"

\* Hymn UMH 221 "In The Bleak Midwinter"

Prayer of Confession

**Today, we pause to give thanks for Mary for saying "yes" to the challenge of bearing Jesus, a yes that forever changed her life and our lives as well. We frequently underestimate the power of a simple act of love and devotion and so, we misjudge just how powerfully God can move through an obedient servant. May we learn to value God's grace and grow in obedience so that God can move through us as well, for we ask in Jesus' name.**

**Amen**

Words of Assurance

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer Pastor Tommy

Anthem "O Holy Jesus" 1st Fox Hill Family Choir  
Wilcocks

Scripture Isaiah 35:1-10, Luke 1:46-55

Sermon "The Yes Heard Around the World" Pastor Brian

\* Hymn UMH 238 "Angels We Have Heard on High" (vss. 1-3)

\* Benediction Pastor Brian

In this Advent season, we need to see, feel, and share hope.

**As you go out into the wonder of God's creations, share hope with those you meet. Amen.**

\* Benediction Response UMH 238 "Angels We Have Heard on High" (vs. 4)

Postlude

\*Please stand as you are able.

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**Singles Lunch Group**

Christmas this year falls on December's fourth Sunday, so we will meet on the **third Sunday (Dec. 18th) at King Street Diner (1319 North King Street) at 11:30 AM.** If you have questions please feel free to call Beth Hughes at 757-719-3281.

December 11, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

Modern Service

Prelude

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Andi and Joey Myers-Orozco

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\* Songs

“Yes and Amen”  
Housefires

“Raise a Hallelujah”  
Bethel Music

“Cornerstone”  
Hillsong Worship

Offering Prayer and Offering

Children’s Time

Pastor Brian

Scripture

Isaiah 35:1-10, Luke 1:46-55

Sermon

“The Yes Heard Around the World”

Pastor Brian

Reflection

“Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King”  
Gateway Worship

Worship Team

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Tommy

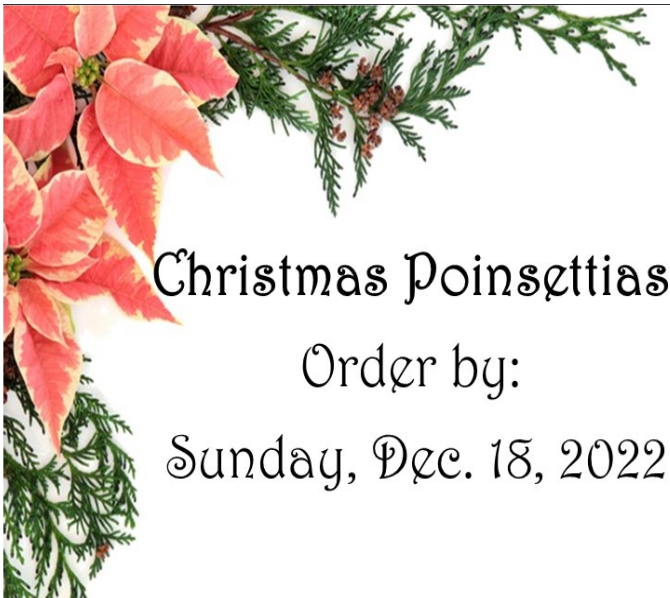
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Postlude



Christmas Poinsettias

Order by:

Sunday, Dec. 18, 2022

**Christmas Poinsettia Order**

Cost: \$20.00 Each

Deadline: Sunday, December 18, 2022

In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Poinsettias Ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print legibly. Attach payment and place in offering plate or turn into church office.

# Pastor's Column

## Chat Ministry

Do you like to chat? If you are comfortable, or know someone who is, with Facebook we'd like to start having one of our members playing the host to the comments on our Facebook livestream, prompting questions, feedback, etc. Interested people can contact Pastor Brian or one of the A/V team who can also speak to the ministry idea.

## Advent Lighters

Advent is here and we still have a few spots available. If you're interested in **lighting an Advent candle** one Sunday please see Pastor Brian.

## Holy Yoga

Wayne and Mary Lewis are available for conversation with anyone who might want to explore holy yoga, that is Christ-centered, and can be done in the traditional or chair version. For more info on holy yoga, you can check [www.hollyoga.net](http://www.hollyoga.net) or catch Wayne or Mary.

## Christmas Eve

As in prior years, we will host a 4pm and a 7pm Christmas Eve service. Both services will involve carols, candle lights, and communion. The 4pm service will be slightly more child-friendly and 7pm will feature our choir.

## Christmas Sunday!

Our Christmas Sunday service will be a combined 10am service with Pastor Tommy bringing the Word.



- Connie Gregory
- Carolyn Bradley
- The Worthington Family
- Max Smith (grandson of Glenda & Bob Helms)
- Ron Mayo
- The Eubank Family
- Tommy Thompson and family

We continue to pray for our homebound, those with chronic conditions that may require ongoing treatment, and those unspoken prayers.

## Angel Tree Update

Thank you, First UMC Fox Hill, for adopting 51 of Hampton's children and youth through our Angel Tree this year!!!

Your generosity is already bringing smiles to the Healthy Families Partnership staff and volunteers who implement this program with Hampton Social Services each year. Soon there will be smiles on the faces of 51 children/teens in Hampton, when they receive a Christmas gift intended clearly for them! This congregation is bringing joy to literally hundreds of Hampton residents (and employees!) through your generous and heart-filled gifts.

"Thank you" is not quite enough to say. We pray that God will bless your gifts in amazing and unexpected ways, both for those who receive your gifts — and also for the parents and caregivers who struggle to support these Hampton kids everyday.

Merry Christmas!

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## Staff Appreciation

As we remember our loved ones this Holiday Season, let's not forget those who work numerous hours behind the scenes to enrich our spiritual lives. It is easy to take for granted our dedicated staff, who spend time preparing a message, a song, a bulletin, or a clean restroom. Other staff members provide a nurturing safe place to leave our children during church services, spiritual development for our youth, and make sure all our bills are paid. Let's show our devoted staff how much we appreciate all they do for us throughout the year with a special Christmas Bonus. Donations will run through **this Sunday, December 11** so that the Christmas bonuses can be paid before Christmas.

Thank you,  
Woody Wilson

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## Women's Fellowship of Circumstances

**Change of Plans!** Park Lane will be unable to accommodate our group on **December 14**. **Mama Rosas'** in Phoebus will be our gathering place for **December on the 2nd Wednesday instead of 3rd because of the holidays**. Put this on your calendar and make plans to join us! Give me a call (757-851-3109) or send me an email (gboone2@cox.net). Looking forward to hearing from you! Evelyn

### Special Request for December's Food Pantry Items

The Food Pantry team tries to vary the products we place in the bags each month and sometimes we try to have a "theme" for that month asking for certain items to be donated and placed in the RED FOOD PANTRY TUB

We know what we want to do for December's Food Pantry distribution, December 28, but unfortunately the Food Bank will not have what we are looking for, in fact they have had painfully little for some months now.

We are hopeful the congregation will support us in giving out a "traditional" New Year's Day menu of ham (canned -- Ex DAK or Bristol), canned collards, canned black eyed peas, and corn bread (a box of corn muffin mix).

The traditional symbolism is that these items are for prosperity (pork), money (collards), luck (black eyed peas), and cornbread/muffins just go so well with the others.

We understand that during the holiday season there are many different requests to help out so many worthy causes and we are so grateful for any support that you can give, and all the support you have given throughout the year!

**If you are able to contribute please place your items in the RED FOOD PANTRY TUB no later than Sunday, Dec 18, so we have time to purchase what's still needed.**

Mary and the Food Bank Team

# fifty-plus

Our annual "Planning" Breakfast will be on **Saturday, January 7 at 8:30 am**. This year we will again be at an establishment that has been in business on the Peninsula since 1972 – **Vancosta's**. Located at **3830 Kecoughtan Road, Hampton**, this is not the original one on Warwick Blvd, but still a classic. We'll all pay for our own meals, **but we still need your reservation so we can have them set plenty of tables for us.**

Our future outings are still in the planning stage -- watch all the FUMC Fox Hill correspondence for updated information. Ask your questions or make your reservations with Anne and Bill Bryan at [abandbb1@cox.net](mailto:abandbb1@cox.net), or by phone to 757-851-0748.

<u>Last Week's Attendance 12/4/2022</u>		<u>Last Week's Tithes &amp; Offerings</u>	
<b>In person</b>	<b>144</b>	Total One Fund:	<b>\$ 24,486.16</b>
9:00 a.m. Service:	109	Year to Date:	<b>\$ 567,230.29</b>
10:30 a.m. Service:	35	<b>Pastor's Discretionary Fund</b>	
Sunday School:	72	Last Week:	<b>\$ 156.00</b>
<b>Internet Live Streaming</b>	<b>93</b>	Year to Date:	<b>\$ 3,450.12</b>
9:00 a.m.: 56	10:30 a.m.: 37		

<b>Worship Assistants for December 11, 2022</b>		
Service Time:	9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
<b>December Ushers:</b>	Richard Shearer (Capt.), Bill Bryan, Brian Eubank, Dave Sharp, Ronnie Steele	Tony Clement, Evelyn Graybeal, Julianna McDonald
<b>Liturgist:</b>	Joyce Winston	Jean Bernstrom
<b>Projection:</b>	Andi Meyer-Orozco	Ajaylen Wright
<b>Sound &amp; Lights:</b>	Tom Hite	Joey & Andi Meyer-Orozco
<b>Camera/Video:</b>	John Payne	Mike Williams
<b>Livestream:</b>	Jim Branstetter	Jim Branstetter
<b>Ambassadors:</b>	12/11 Joann Smith & Anne Bryan 12/18 Larose Richardson & Lisa Hite	12/11 Judy Grigg 12/18 Lynn Landrum
<b>Night Watchmen:</b>	12/11 Calvin Leary, 12/18 Fred Foster , 12/25	

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, December 11

- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service: In-Person & [Livestream](#)  
9:30 a.m. Intergenerational Small Group: Ed Wing 2nd Floor  
10:15 a.m. Faithlink Class: Classroom  
10:15 a.m. [Searchers](#) Class: FH Stage & Zoom; Passcode: 000846  
10:30 a.m. Modern Worship Service: In-Person & [Livestream](#)  
11:30 a.m. Elevate Youth/Young Adults: Cookies and Cards  
2:30 p.m. Music Sunday: In-Person & [Livestream](#)  
5:00 p.m. Elevate Youth Fellowship: Ed Wing 2nd Floor  
6:00 p.m. Confirmation/Reaffirmation Planning Meeting

### Monday, December 12

- 10:00 a.m. Tri-X Monday School: Tri-X  
1:00 p.m. Monday Bible Study Group: Tri-X  
6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting: ESR

### Tuesday, December 13

- 9:00 a.m. Women in the Word Breakfast  
10:00 a.m. Shawl Makers: ESR  
6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 151 Meeting: FH  
7:00 p.m. BSA Troop 151 Meeting: FH

### Wednesday, December 14

- 9:30 a.m. Soul Sisters: Faithlink  
12:00 p.m. Fellowship of Circumstance for Women: Mama Rosas'  
4:00 p.m. Love United: Faithlink Room  
5:50 p.m. Wesley Bells Rehearsal: Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. 1st Fox Hill Family Choir Practice: Choir Room  
7:00 p.m. Buckroe New Hope AA Group: FH Kitchen

### Thursday, December 15 Anchor Newsletter Deadline

- 11:00 a.m. Pastor Tommy's Reunion Group  
4:30 p.m. TABS: Tri-X  
5:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Karate For Christ: FH-Stage  
7:00 p.m. Elevate Youth Bible Study: Ed Wing 2nd Floor  
7:00 p.m. Ambassador Meeting: Choir Room

### Friday, December 16

- 6:00 p.m. Buckroe New Hope AA Group: FH Kitchen  
6:00 p.m. BSA Crew 1151 Meeting: Tri-X  
6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 1038 Meeting: ED Wing

### Saturday, December 17

- 9:00 a.m. Buckroe Men's AA Group: FH Kitchen



*Next Sunday* **December 18, 2022**  
**“The Name Angels Love to Sing”**  
**Isaiah 7:10-16 & Matthew 1:18-25**