FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOX HILL

# Christmas

December 25, 2022



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### December 25, 2022, 10:00 a.m. Traditional Service

#### Prelude

#### Welcome and Announcements

\* Call to Worship

The Word of God comes to each of us.

Do not be afraid.

You have found favor with God.

May it be as you have said. Amen.

\* Hymn UMH 246 "Joy to the World"

Children's Time Jean Bernstrom

Offering Prayer and Offertory

\* Hymn UMH 217 "Away in a Manger"

### **Prayer of Confession**

Lord, we your wayward children find ourselves worn out from all the hustle and bustle of getting ready for Christmas. We hardly have time to realize why we were doing what we were doing. Well, it is too late to do anything but relax in the recliner, meditate on the birth narratives, and ask forgiveness for rushing to the season. Our preoccupation with making others happy is the Christmas tradition. Let Jesus be born anew in each of our family and friends and in you and me. 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.

Morning Prayer & Lord's Prayer Jane Barbour

Reflection "God with Us" Worship Team

All Sons & Daughters

Scripture Select verses: Mathew & Luke

Sermon "Anticipation" Pastor Tommy

\* Hymn UMH 239 "Silent Night, Holy Night" (vss. 1-3)

\* Benediction Pastor Tommy

\* Benediction Response UMH 239 "Silent Night, Holy Night" (vs. 4)

Postlude

\*Please stand as you are able.



- Becca Cross
- The Family of Claudia Caricofe
- The Family of Carolyn Bradley
- Connie Gregory
- Max Smith (grandson of Glenda & Bob Helms)

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



## Congratulations!



Kathy & Greg Fisher are delighted to announce the December 17th graduation of Jessie E Fisher from Old Dominion University! Jessie has worked hard to earn her Bachelor's of Science in Human Services, and looks forward to working with local families who need support. Our family is grateful for so many people from this church, including the Monteith's, the Poinsett's, the Ward's and others who led Jessie to become the helpful, caring young woman she is.

Congratulations, Jessie!!!

### **Important Year-end and New-year Finance Information**

- End of year donations: To ensure your donations are counted in 2022 they should be received in the church office by noon December 30. Statements listing your 2022 donations will be sent before the end of January.
- New giving envelopes are in the mail. We have updated the church database and new giving envelopes for 2023 are in the mail. You probably have a new envelope number; be sure you do not use an old 2022 envelope in 2023 or a new 2023 envelope in 2022. If you do not receive giving envelopes and wish to, please let the church office know. Likewise, if you receive envelopes for 2023 and prefer not to receive them in the future, let the office know and we will code your record accordingly.

### **Quilts Needed**

Are you a quilter or do you have a quilt that has a special meaning to you? Lisa Hite would like to create a display of quilts on the Narthex Art Wall in January. Please get in contact with her at <a href="https://hitelw@gmail.com">hitelw@gmail.com</a>.

Thank You!

### **Holy Yoga**

Are you ready to do some Holy Yoga? Holy Yoga will begin on Monday, January 9 at 11 a.m. and will meet every Monday and Thursday in the Fellowship Hall. For more information please contact Wayne & Mary Lewis at wayne928@gmail.com.

### Thank you from the Food Pantry Team

THANK YOU First UMC congregation for your remarkable and heartwarming generosity in filling the vast majority of the requested items to the Food Pantry team for the December Food Pantry distribution. Your support in the themed New Year's Day meal will bless our neighbors that are in need of assistance and will be participating in our Food Pantry distribution. next week.

The Food Pantry team is blessed by how the congregation has embraced this outreach mission of First UMC Fox Hill to provide help to members of the community, most of whom are in the zip codes surrounding the church.

### Mary and the Food Pantry team

Last Week's Attendance 12/18/2022		Worship Assistants for December 25, 2022	
In person	<u>158</u>	Service Time:	10:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m. Service:	116	December Ushers:	Richard Shearer (Capt.), Bill Bryan, Brian Eubank, Dave
10:30 a.m. Service:	42		Sharp, Ronnie Steele
Sunday School:	68	Liturgist:	Jean Bernstrom
Internet Live Streaming	<u>99</u>	Projection:	Ajaylen Wright
9:00 a.m.: 62 Last Week's Tithes &	10:30 a.m.: 37	Sound & Lights:	Joey & Andi Meyer-Orozco
Total One Fund:	\$ 7,986.58	Camera Mix:	Cal
Year to Date:	\$ 599,983.90	Livestream:	Jim Branstetter
Pastor's Discretionary Fund		Ambassadors:	12/25 Nancy Geith & Joann Smith
Last Week:	\$ 0.00		1/1 Fred & Kay Foster
Year to Date:	\$ 3,485.12	Night Watchmen:	12/25 Jesse Barbour, 1/1 Ron Mayo, 1/8 Ben Benham

### Poinsettia Dedications

### In Honor of:

To the Glory of God
Given by Mike & Jennifer Williams

### In Memory of:

Our Parents Given by Jane & Jesse Barbou

Mom, Dad, and Brother Bill Given by Dave Sharp

Margaret & Bob Atchison Given by Pat & Mary Parker

Margaret Honeycutt & Bob Crain Given by George & Carroll Honeycut

Bud Harper
Given by Bonnie Harper

Wayne Grigg Given by Judy Grigo Bill & Ann Drummond, Gail Gulla, and Bonnie Harper Given by Don & Bonnie Hulton

Shirley Roberson
Given by Jimmy Robersor

Dorothy Phillips
Given by Steve & Family

Bobby & Mary Smith, Bob & Esther Branstetter Given by Jim Branstetter

Sarah & George Peake, and Al Markel Given by The Family

Jane & Conway Rogers, Evelyn & Bud Lee
David & Kathy Rogers

### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

### Sunday, December 25

9:00 a.m. Worship Team Rehearsal: Sanctuary 10:00 a.m. Worship Service: In-Person & Livestream

### Monday, December 26 Church Office Closed

### Tuesday, December 27 Church Office Closed

9:30 a.m. Bagging for Food Pantry

12:00p.m. Reception following funeral Claudia Caricofe: FH

12:00 p.m. Fellowship of Circumstance for Men 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 151 Meeting: FH 7:00 p.m. BSA Troop 151 Meeting: FH

### Wednesday, December 28

12:00 p.m. Food Pantry

6:00 p.m. BSA Venture Crew 1151 Holiday Overnighter (12/28-12/29 8pm)

7:00 p.m. Buckroe New Hope AA Group: FH Kitchen

### Thursday, December 29

11:00 a.m. Pastor Tommy's Reunion Group

4:30 p.m. TABS: Tri-X

5:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal: Vocalists & Instrumentalists

7:00 p.m. Elevate Youth Bible Study: Ed Wing 2nd Floor

### Friday, December 30

6:00 p.m. Buckroe New Hope AA Group: FH Kitchen

6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 1038 Meeting: ED Wing 2nd Floor

### Saturday, December 31

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

Next Sunday January 1, 2023 Becky Holland

"Making Room for God in Your Season"

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-13** 

Happy New Year!!