



December 14, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Music Sunday

One Star



Rev. Tommy Markham, Jr.

Honoring a Lifetime of Faithful Service

Join us for a joyful celebration as we welcome guest artist Mark Edward Oates on trumpet, hear scripture and inspiring readings from the early church fathers, lift our voices with beautiful choral anthems and songs of the season, and share a heartfelt tribute to Pastor Tommy.

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Honoring a Lifetime of Faithful Service

Churches Served as Pastor or Assistant Pastor

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| Ivy Creek UMC | 1965-1969 |
| Boydton UMC | 1969-1979 |
| Sterling UMC | 1979-1987 |
| Dumfries UMC | 1987-1991 |
| Chamberlayne Heights UMC | 1991-1994 |
| Charity UMC | 1994-1998 |
| Larchmont UMC (Assistant) | 1998-2009 |
| First UMC Fox Hill (Assistant) | 2009-2025 |

Ministries Among Us

Aside from all the work Pastor Tommy did as a full-time pastor through the years, including serving as an assistant pastor at Larchmont, Pastor Tommy produced a whirlwind of active ministries in our midst over the past 17 years. For example, Tommy:

- Found, visited, and delivered communion to our homebound and those in nursing homes.
- Began “Issues in Aging,” which helped many find help and support as caregivers
- Led 64 Emmaus walks as Spiritual Director, and participated in numerous other walks
- Mentored many pastors and pastors in training
- Delivered countless pastoral prayers, assisted in hundreds of memorial services, gravesides, and led quite a hundreds of services on his own.
- Started, sustained, and grew the “Fellowship of Circumstance” ministry for widowed men and women of our church and community
- Began and sustained the vital Reunion prayer group
- Provided counsel and support to innumerable people dealing with innumerable issues
- Was not only a valued pastor, but also a friend to all.

A Legacy of Love and Service

Because of Pastor Tommy – we are more loving, more knowledgeable, more aware of the needs of people around us, more engaged, more vital, and more like Jesus in every way. Just because Tommy has retired from active service does not mean his example, wisdom, prayers, and support have ceased to be. No – we will continue the best we can, because we, his friends, his family, his sheep are his legacy, the legacy of a shepherd who followed the Great Shepherd to the best of his considerable ability.

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Gathering

Lighting the Third Advent Candle

Steve Phillips

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy.
May the joyful promise of your presence, O God,
make us rejoice in our hope of salvation.
O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Welcome & Prayer

Mark Biondolillo

Prelude

"Ukrainian Bell Carol"
Traditional

Wesley Bell Ensemble

Trumpet Solo

"Angels We Have Heard on High"
Barnes

Mark Oates

Congregation Hymn

UMH 230

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Reading

From St John Chrysostom

Choral Anthem

"Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
McDonald

Worship Team

"Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)"
Andrew Bergthold | Ed Cash | Franni Cash | Martin Cash | Scott Cash

Reading

Numbers 24: 16 - 17

Choral Anthem

"Christmas Sanctus"
Dengler

Congregation Hymn

UMH 217

"Away In a Manger"

Choral Anthem

"Silent Night"
Baker

Jane Barbour, Soloist

Reading

Matthew 2:1-2, 10-11; 2 Peter 1:19-20

Choral Anthem

"Calypso Gloria"
McDonald

Reading

From Gregory the Great

Trumpet Solo

"Joy to the World"
Handel

Mark Oates

Benediction

Postlude

Please join us in the Narthex for a time of refreshment and fellowship following the service.

With Thanks to:

Wesley Bell Ensemble
First UMC Fox Hill Family Choir
Andrew Blackmon, Accompanist
Larissa Luma: Worship Leader
Mark Oates, Trumpet Soloist
Choir Team Ladies for our Reception
Our Pastor: Rev. Dr. Brian K. Sixbey

Merry Christmas!

Mark Biondolillo, Reader and Director of Music



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