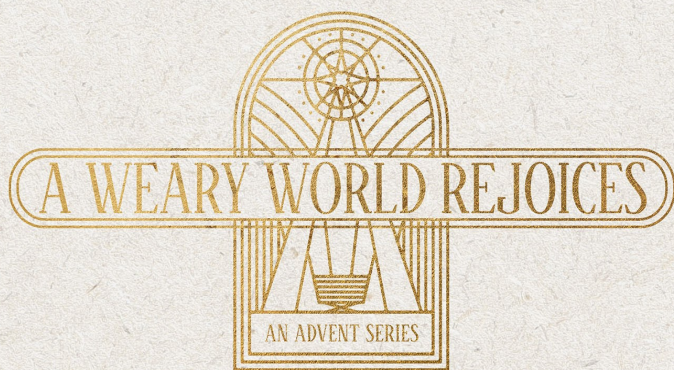


# First Sunday of Advent



**Proclaim the Word and equip disciples to draw  
others into a relationship with Jesus.**

December 3, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Dr. Webb Belangia

HYMN (No. 246)

“Joy to the World”

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Ray, Amy, Dowlen and Hunter Waldrop (8:45)

Ray, Amanda, Nate, Andrew and John Beattie (11:00)

CHORAL SPECIAL

“Comfort And Joy”

SERMON

Dr. Webb Belangia

Matthew 13:18-23

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Dick Herd

OFFERTORY SPECIAL

James Douglas

“The Lord’s Prayer”

DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dick Herd

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

HYMN (No. 251)

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

# December 3, 2023

WELCOME

Rev. Dick Herd

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Scott, Rebekah, Briggs and Reynolds Hill

OPENING PRAYER

Rett Crocker

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

SONG OF WORSHIP

“Away In A Manger”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rett Crocker

*Children’s Church Dismissal (K5-3rd Grade)*

OFFERTORY SONG

“Light of the World”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jon Brooks

SONG OF PRAYER

“Goodness of God”

SERMON-Matthew 13:18-23

Dr. Webb Belangia

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

“To the Table”

BENEDICTION

## **Poinsettias for Advent**

**Today is the last day to order poinsettias.** The poinsettias will be placed in the church by December 10th and remain through Christmas Eve. Order forms can be found at the Welcome Desk in the Son Room or Spirit Center.

## **Wreaths Across America-December 16 at 11am**

We are partnering with the City of Mauldin and Wreaths Across America to place wreaths on the graves of our Veterans. We need volunteers on Thursday, December 14th, at 12pm, as we will place a flag on the Veterans' graves and volunteers on Saturday, December 16th, at 11am, to place the wreaths. We have over 50 Veterans to honor and we hope you will consider joining us for this opportunity. Family members of Veterans are encouraged to attend and place the wreath on their family member's grave. To volunteer please contact Carol in the church office (carol@mauldinmethodist.com or 864-288-4728 ext. 121).

## **2024 Pledge Cards**

It is not too late to make your financial pledge to the church for the upcoming year. You can place your 2024 Pledge Card in the offering plate, make a pledge through your Realm account, or call Mary in the church office (864-288-4728 ext. 122). Thank you!

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## **Family Meal Registration-December 13-6pm- in the Spirit Center**

**Christmas Bingo for the entire family will follow dinner-plan to stay and play.**

Baked Ham, Baked Potato Bar, Salad Bar, Dessert

Register through Realm, place tear off in the offering plate, or call the church office by noon on Monday, December 11th.

\$10/Adults

\$5/Child (K5-5th grade)

Children under 5 free

Name \_\_\_\_\_

#Adults \_\_\_\_\_ #children \_\_\_\_\_

## **Walk to Emmaus Spring Retreat- March 2024**

Join us on an Emmaus Journey with Christ. The Walk to Emmaus will be held the first two weekends in March (7th-10th for the men and 14th-17th for the women). Applications deadline is December 31st and can be mailed to Libby Waldrep, PO Box 188, Drayton, SC, 29333.

For more information visit [foothillsemmaus.org](http://foothillsemmaus.org) or call Libby Waldrep (864-909-0292) or Alice Galloway (864-230-3196).

### **For Your Prayers**

Jan Campbell

Linda Smith

Eric McKee's father

Tonya Moore (Loretta Pressley's niece)

Continued prayers for our Tuesday evening Community Meal. Forty-six meals were served last week.

### **This week's Senior Adult focus**

Helen Pruitt

Ed & Carol Rohrman

Tennie Terrell

Irene Terry

### **Missionaries**

Jeff and Candy Campbell

Family in the Middle East

Steve Hendrix

### **Local, National and Global**

Israel

Our nation and our leaders

Ukraine

### **Long Term Concerns**

Pam Shinn

Joan Kenney

Deedie Belangia

Eloise Alexander

Gloria Benson

Larry Fousek

Faye Stroman  
Levi Holmes  
Fredna Scott  
Lila Childs  
Chris Etheredge  
Evelyn Zell  
Corporal Lucas Watts  
Joe Zelenak (Cindy Chinchar's son)  
Anthony & Hannah Lipp (Michelle McKee's family)  
Wayne Cooper (Fred Cooper's son and Trish Lemons brother)  
Melvin Truett (Dot Burnett's brother-in-law)  
Buddy Andrews (friend to Brad Porter)  
Tony DeYoung (Debbie DeYoung's husband)  
Linda Page (Angie Smith's mother)  
Diana Higareda (friend to Amy Waldrop)  
Tommy Mack (friend to Webb Belangia)  
Jesse (Dilsa Johnson's nephew)  
Roger Helms (Deb Helms' brother)  
DeEtte Morgan (Lisa De Norris' mother)  
Kory Scott (Fredna Scott's grandson)  
Tarah Hodges (David and Judy Hodges's daughter-on-law)  
Bill Flynt (Katie Flynt's father)  
Randy Herd (Dick Herd's brother)  
Raymond & Danielle Schneider (Jahna Reck's parents)  
Terri Porter (Brad Porter's sister)  
Mark Alexander (Earl & Joan Alexander's son)  
Frank Alexander (Earl & Joan Alexander's son)

*Email prayer concerns to: [pray@mauldinmethodist.com](mailto:pray@mauldinmethodist.com)*

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Church Office Hours  
Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4pm



# **MAULDIN**

## **METHODIST CHURCH**

### Sunday-December 3

8:45am-Worship  
10am-Sunday School  
11am-Worship  
5pm-GC (Malone)  
6pm-Kidz POP Musical

### Monday-December 4

6:30pm-Growing Through Grace

### Tuesday-December 5

1pm-Backpack Ministry Packing  
5:30pm-Community Meal  
6:30pm-GC (Cornwell)

### Wednesday-December 6

9:30am-Friendly Yarns  
6:30pm-Mission Kids  
6:30pm-Kidz POP Jr  
6:30pm-Confirmation  
6:30pm-Youth  
6:30pm-Jonah/Nahum Study  
7:30pm-Chancel Choir

### Thursday-December 7

5pm-Martha Circle  
6:30pm-MUMK Christmas Program  
6:30pm-GC (Cooper)  
7pm-GC (Meyer)  
7pm-Cub Scouts  
7:30pm-Basketball Games

### Saturday-December 9

9am-Basketball Games  
10am-Thrive (Cancer Support)

## **Advent Dates**

### December 3 (6pm)

Kidz POP Musical (Sanctuary)

### December 10

Handbell Choir performs in  
Traditional Worship

### December 13 (6pm)

Family Meal and Fellowship

### December 17 (11am)

“Promise of Light”-Chancel Choir  
Musical (Sanctuary)

### December 24

10am-Traditional Worship  
10am-Forge Worship  
3pm-The Forge Band presents  
“Behold the Lamb of God”  
5pm-Family Worship  
(Sanctuary)  
7pm-Traditional Worship  
(Sanctuary)

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