



ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2600 Ashland Road, Columbia, SC 29210

Rev. Jonathan Harris, Pastor

Festival
of LESSONS
and CAROLS

December 14, 2025

11:00 AM

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

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Third Sunday of Advent

Prelude	Prelude in C Major	Hao Wu
The Lighting of the Advent Wreath		Jim and Nina Newcomb
Carol	Advent Lullaby	Choir
*Processional Hymn	Once In Royal David's City	UMH p. 250
*The Bidding Prayer		Rev. Jonathan Harris
*The Lord's Prayer		
*The Blessing		
The Offertory	He Shall Feed His Flock	Hindel Garrison
First Lesson	Genesis 3: 8-15, 17-19	Rev. Harris
Congregational response after each lesson: Thanks be to God!		
*Carol	Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus	UMH p. 196
Second Lesson	Genesis 22: 15-18	Rev. Harris
Carol	Gesu Bambino	Austin Means
Third Lesson	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7	Rev. Harris
Carol	Little Jesus Came to Town	Choir
Fourth Lesson	Micah 5: 2-5a	Rev. Harris
Carol	Ave Maria	Judith Shirley
Fifth Lesson	Luke 1: 26-35, 38	Rev. Harris
Carol	Before the Marvel of this Night	Choir

Sixth Lesson	Luke 2: 1-7	Rev. Harris
*Carol	O Little Town of Bethlehem	UMH p. 230
Seventh Lesson	Luke 2: 8-16	Rev. Harris
Carol	O Holy Night	Marissa Harris
Eighth Lesson	Matthew 2: 1-11	Rev. Harris
Carol	Tidings of Comfort and Joy	Choir
Ninth Lesson	John 1: 1-14	Rev. Harris
*Carol	O Come, All Ye Faithful (Stanzas 1, 3, 6)	UMH p. 234
*Prayer		
*Dismissal		
*Congregational response: Amen.		
*Blessing		
*Congregational response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.		
*Postlude	Chaconne	Robert Neese
*Please stand as able.		

Organ: Robert Neese
 Piano: Hao Wu
 Soprano: Hindel Garrison
 Tenor: Austin Means
 Flute: Marissa Harris
 Oboe: Judith Shirley

Assisting in Worship:
 Crucifer: Herman Lightsey
 Altar Steward: Kaye Easterling
 Ushers: Clare Allen, Joan & Chuck Wilcox, Jimmy Smith
 Sound: Duncan McClive
 Production: Ryan Keith

Attendance
December 7, 2025
The Path Service: 58 Traditional Service: 76 SS: 88

Gift
In Memory of **Barbara Motley** by Jim & Nancy Bradley

This Week at Ashland

Today	3:00 PM, Grief Support Group, #138 4:30 PM, ACME & MYF
Dec. 15	9:30 AM-Noon & 5:30-8:00 PM, ESL Classes Noon, Deadline for items for the January Newsletter (office@ashlandumc.org)
Dec. 16	9:30 AM, Select Shepherd's Center Classes 5:00 PM, Choir Rehearsal, #128
Dec. 17	9:30 AM-Noon & 5:30-8:00 PM, ESL Classes, Ashland Hall
Dec. 18	9:30 AM-Noon & 5:30-8:00 PM, ESL Classes 10:00 AM Newsletter Distribution, #129 10:30 AM, Ladies Prayer Group, #138 5:30 PM, The Path Music Rehearsal, Ashland Hall

Christmas Eve Worship Service
5:00 PM, Sanctuary

Safe Sanctuary Training
January 11th following the Traditional Service
A light lunch will be provided.

ASAP - NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

December 31, 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Celebrate with good friends, great food with an international
flavor, and a fun and happy time.

(\$5 suggested minimum donation.

Canned goods for Blessing Box will also be appreciated.)

We'll countdown to 12:00 noon here, while they're counting down to 12:00 midnight
in Bangkok, Thailand.

*** Sign up in SS class, use this tear-out, or call the church office. Registration deadline - Dec. 24th
Name _____ No. Guests _____