

ORDER OF WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
A SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS
December 21, 2025 10:00 AM Blue

GATHERING
RINGING OF THE HOUR
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
♣LET US GREET OUR WORSHIPPING NEIGHBORS
PRELUDE: Christmas Gloria
INTROIT: Prepare the Way of the Lord Chancel Choir
THE BIDDING PRAYER Rev. Paula J. Stover
♣PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Oh Come, All Ye Faithful UMH #234
♣RINGING OF THE TRINITY

FIRST LESSON Genesis 3:17-19
God announces in the Garden of Eden and Eve’s punishment for their rebellion and that seed of woman shall bruise the serpents head.
CHOIR – COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

SECOND LESSON Genesis 22:15-18
God promises to Abraham that by his descendants all the nations of the earth shall obtain blessing.
CHOIR – Emmanuel is Born Medley
LET US LIGHT THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE Micah 5:2-5a
Lindsay Jackson & Family

BAPTISM Wesson Jack Singleton

CALL TO PRAYER: O Lord Hear Our Prayer Chancel Choir
MORNING PRAYER / The Lord’s Prayer

THIRD LESSON Isaiah 9:2,6-7
The prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness.
HYMN – UMH #219 WHAT CHILD IS THIS

FOURTH LESSON Isaiah 11:1-4a,6-9
The king is coming and will usher in a reign of justice for the poor.
HYMN - UMH #230 O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

FIFTH LESSON Luke 1:35-38
The angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mary that she will give birth to God’s promised Son whose kingdom shall never end.
BELL CHOIR – JOY TO THE WORLD

LET US WORSHIP WITH OUR COINS OF CHANGE

CHILDREN’S TIME
SIXTH LESSON Luke 2:1-7
Against the backdrop of emperors and taxes.
Jesus is born.
CHILDREN’S CHOIR – AWAY IN A MANGER

SEVENTH LESSON Luke 2:8-16
The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world, lying in a manger.
CHOIR – Infant Holy Medley

LET US WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY: What Child is This
♣DOXOLOGY UMH #95

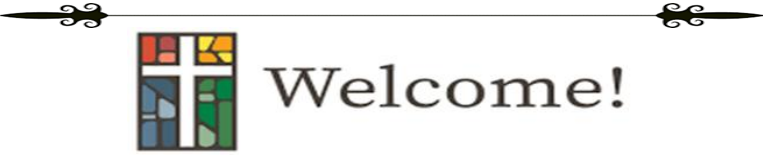
EIGHTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-11
The wise men follow a star to find the child Jesus, the King of the Jews.
HYMN – UMH #245 THE FIRST NOEL

NINTH LESSON John1:1-14
John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.
CHOIR – ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

CLOSING PRAYER
DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

♣RECESSIONAL HYMN - It Came Upon a Midnight Clear UMH #218

♣POSTLUDE:
♣Congregation Stands [Please stand as you are able in body or in spirit.]



We welcome you to Socastee United Methodist Church!
Thank you for worshipping with us today. We love our new and returning guests and ask that you please put your name and contact information in one of our red pads found in the pews so we can welcome you and get to know you.

NURSERY & CHILDREN’S CHURCH
Nursery is available at the rear of the sanctuary. 0-age 4.
Children’s Church is available for ages 4yrs – 3rd grade in the Fellowship Hall after Children’s Time.

STAFF LOVE OFFERING
Our church staff thanks you for your generous donations. You have made their Christmas even better. God bless you all!

COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS
The regular coffee and doughnuts will not be available on December 28, though the Keurig will have water and pods for anyone who cares to use it. Regular doughnuts and coffee will resume in January.

COVENANT KEEPERS
Covenant Keepers will not meet on Sunday, December 28. We will resume class with a new study on Sunday, January 4.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK AT SUMC	
Today:	December 21
10:00 AM	Worship NS
4:00 PM	Blue Christmas Service NS
Monday:	December 22
5:00 PM	Cub Scout Pack 891/FH
7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop 891/FH
Tuesday:	December 23
9:00 AM	Stitchers/John Wesley
5:30 PM	Girl Scouts/FH
Wednesday:	December 24
10:00 AM	Christmas Eve Service 1875 Sanctuary
6:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service NS
Thursday:	December 25
	Office Closed
Friday	December 26
Saturday	December 27

SERVING TODAY
Choir Director: Lauren Willis
Organist: Marianne Eaton
Pianist: Lauren Willis
Ushers: Craig Campbell, Sunny Fry, Susan Williamson, Wayne Rogers
Steward: George Grzeszkowiak

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flower chart for 2026 is now up in the Narthex. Flowers can again be ordered from Ginger Ford at 919-812-7441 or from any venue you choose (grocery store, florist etc.) The price for flowers provided by Ginger Ford for 2 flower arrangements has increased to \$45. Please also notify the church office by email of your tribute for the bulletin: sumc@socasteeumc.org

OUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT

In Hospital: Lee Marin

In Rehabilitation: No one at this time.

In Home Visitations: Kate Eley, Charlotte Minnick, & Emily Michael

REMEMBER OUR MILITARY MEMBERS IN PRAYER

The addresses of all our military family members will be held in the office and can be made available to anyone who would like them.

♣ Major Jon-Michael Farino (USAF)	♣ CT4 Halle Rae Anderson
♣ Captains Jennifer and Marc Melfi	♣ SSgt. Warren Scoggin
♣ Airman First Class Cassie Edwards	♣ CM Sgt. Jessica Heilman
♣ Captain Melisa Hedges	♣ M/Sgt. Nicolas McLaughlin
♣ Specialist Isaac Hedges	♣ Airman William Rogers

BLESSING BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS

The Women of Hope have partnered with Dale Willoughby to ensure that we have adequate food to be placed in The Blessing Box. Food Lion has donated reusable grocery bags which can be picked up in the narthex. For your convenience a list of appropriate items is attached to each bag. You may return your bag/s to the narthex on the first Sunday of each month, or you may drop them off at the church office, Monday-Thursday, between 8:30AM and 3:30PM.

MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

We will receive new members on Sunday, January 25, 2026. If you have questions about joining the church, please contact Pastor Paula by calling the church office at (843) 650-3373.

ADVENT WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

December 21 - The Longest Night (Blue Christmas) Service 4:00PM
Christmas Eve- Worship Services 10:00AM and 6:00PM

A LOOK AT OUR FAITHFULNESS & ATTENDANCE

December 14, 2025

Sunday School – 25 10:00 AM Service – 135

Kidz United – 0 Online Views – 68

BUDGETING OPERATING FUND [12/14/2025]

Received this week9,076.33

Received this week online.....1,470.00

Received this year313,280.23

Operating expenses thru November 2025.....384,593.26

Carryover Funds used thru November 2025.....89,349.22

BUILDING TOGETHER FOR TODAY & TOMORROW

"I will not offer to God that which cost me nothing"

2 Samuel 24:24

Received for Epworth.....100.00

Received to complete Fellowship Hall **[12/14/2025]**245.00

Loan Balance as of **[11/23/2025]** on Fellowship Hall...159,548.41

Balance of Fellowship Hall Campaign Fund.....2,365.00

YTD contributions for Fellowship Hall Campaign.....13,280.00

1875 SANCTUARY CONTRIBUTIONS [12/14/2025]

Received for 1875 Sanctuary.....0.00

Balance of 1875 Sanctuary Fund6,875.00

IMPROVEMENTS FOR PRESENT BUILDINGS/GROUNDS

[12/14/2025]

Received in Coins of Change for Improvements.....75.00

Improvement Fund & Coins of Change Balance [CIF]...18,528.34

GIVING QR CODE



To make it easier for regular attenders and visitors to give online, we have included a QR code on the bulletin. Simply scan the code with your smart phone and the link will take you directly to our secure online giving site in Realm.

WELCOME

Please join us in welcoming our new Office Administrator, Deidra (Dee) Grimm.

Fourth Sunday of Advent



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NEW OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.