

December 24th
Christmas Eve Worship
Candlelight and Communion
6:00 & 11:00 pm

Selfish
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Less of Me.
More Like Jesus

Series begins January 4th

**Wednesday Evening
Fellowship
Resumes on January 7th
at 5:30 pm**



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December 21st, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Advent

JOY TO THE WORLD
A Ceremony of Christmas Carols
Compiled by Dan Holland, Director of Music
Marquita Someliana-Lauer, Organist
Cameron Someliana-Lauer, Lay Reader

Prelude	“Advent Hope” “Hope and Peace” The Handbell Choir	Derek K. Hakes Cathy Mocklebust
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Joel Wise
	<i>Please take a moment to sign the pew pad located at the end of the pew. Be sure to pass it down and see who you are worshipping with this week.</i>	
Congregational Carol	“O Come, All Ye Faithful” Verse 1 All, Verse 2 Choir, Verse 3 & 4 All	No.174
Choral Call to Prayer	“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”	No. 168
Bidding Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		Rev. Matt Seals
Congregational Carol	“Joy to the World” Verse 1 & 2 All, Verse 2 Choir, Verse 3 & 4 All	No. 201
Lighting of the Advent Candle		Evan & Vanna Johnson
All: Lord, help us make room for Your love to fill our hearts, our homes, and our world.		
Congregational Carol	“It Came upon the Midnight Clear” Verse 1 & 2 All, Verse 2 Choir, Verse 3 & 4 All	No.194
The Reading	St. Luke 2:1-7	Cameron Someliana-Lauer

Two Choir Carols

Congregational Carol

The Reading

Congregational Carol

Together We Build through God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Doxology

Congregational Carol

The Reading

The Collect and Blessing for Christmas

Congregational Carol

Postlude

"Away in a Manger"
"Silent Night" (Verse 3 Choir)

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"
Verse 1 & 2 All, Verse 3 Choir, Verse 4 All

"In Dulci Jubilo"

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"The Holly and the Ivy"
The Handbell Choir

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

St. Matthew 2:1-11

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"
Verse 1 All, Verse 2 Choir, Verse 3 All

"Angels We Have Heard on High" and
"Ding Dong, Merrily on High"

John Lowe, *trombone*; Carter Lowe, *euphonium*

CRADLE SONG
STILLE NACHT

No.192

Cameron Someliana-Lauer

No.195

arr. Cathy Mocklebust

No. 682

No.189

Cameron Someliana-Lauer

No.180

Cameron Someliana-Lauer

Rev. Matt Seals

No. 198

Arr. K. Agioritis

The Handbell Choir: Vevlyn Lowe, Marquita Someliana-Lauer, Alaina Lemon, Cameron Someliana-Lauer, Travis Jordan, Tyler Baxter, Carter Lowe, Jackson Lowe, and John Lowe.

First Methodist Church of Clinton Staff

Pastor: Rev. Matt Seals

Associate/Youth Pastor: Rev. Joel Wise

Children's Director: Abby Tomell

Director of Music: Dan Holland

Assistant Director of Music: Cameron Someliana-Lauer

Organist: Marquita Someliana-Lauer

Administrative Assistant: Victoria Bishop

Sexton: Stewart Raynor

By our Presence, Gifts and Service			Gifts	2025
Presence - December 14th			Budget	\$523,801.00
Sunday School	62		Received Last Sunday	\$6,527.00
11 AM Worship	134		Online Giving	\$5,567.84

Did you know you can give online?
Simply scan the QR code with your phone, and it will take you to the online giving site.

Reminder

All 2025 pledges and gifts must be made ***no later than*** January 4th, 2026.
Contact the church office with any questions.

Prayer List:

Dr. Mac Herring, Ann Herring, Jimmie Hall, Marvin Mitchell, Frances Pearson, Wayne Boyette, Ethan Youngblood, Mary Margaret Hobbs, Homer Morris, Debra Morris, Jane Waters, Pam Griffin, Wayne Tew, Louetta Carr, Pat Warrick, Emery Walker, JoAnn Westbrook, Janet Johnson, Wes Keen, Zachery Johnson, Steve Baker, Mike & Myra Humphrey, Glenn Brewer, Bryson Capps, Ed Owen, Merry Wicke, Greg Moore, Jimmy Smith, Donald & Carolyn Wrench, Wayne Reynolds, Angie Hall, Danny Dyson, Violet White

Those who are homebound:

Ruth Godwin, Barbara Carr

Those who are in long-term care:

Loraine Butler, Margaret Oates, Anthony Balkcum, Pat Green, Frances Pearson, Gerry Krivoniak

What's happening

Message from Jeff Swartz

Thank you to everyone for taking the time to bake and bring cookies for our community.

This Week at FMC

Sunday, December 21st

8:30 am – Churchwide Breakfast

10:00 am – Sunday School

11:00 am – Combined Worship

No Youth

Monday, December 22nd

No Intercessory Prayer

Tuesday, December 23rd

No Chat with M@

Wednesday, December 24th

6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Worship Service

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Bring a Friend or Two!

FMC Office Closed

Thursday, December 25th

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Merry Christmas

Happy Birthday

21st – Cody Stanley

21st – Dianne Cox

24th – Logan Wheeler

24th – Nancy Carr

24th – Wayne Moore

27th – Jane Spell

Service

Altar Guild: Mary Nell Darden & Lori Barwick

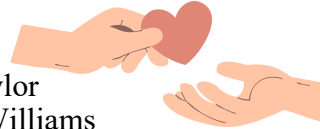
Church Greeters: NOW Team

Meals on Wheels:

December 1st: Elsie Taylor

December 12th: Steve Williams

December 29th: Holly McMillen



Nursery: Isabelle Tomell

Chancel Flower Dedication

The flowers are given today to the glory of God and His Son our Savior, Jesus Christ, whose birth we remember and celebrate.

Dan & Ruth Holland

2025 Flowers & Poinsettia Payments

If you have signed up for flowers this year and have not paid, please do so **no later than** December 28th. If you are unsure, please call or stop by the office before this deadline.

Thank you!

Flower Calendar

12/28	Rachel Grantham	Rachel Grantham
1/4	Dan & Ruth Holland	Dan & Ruth Holland
1/11	OPEN	OPEN
1/18	OPEN	OPEN

Looking Ahead

