

Prayer and Care List

Please pray for those who are homebound, sick and grieving:

At home: Liz & Vann Johnson, Aubrey Roane, Anne Eastes,

Harriet Heath, Pat Spear

Churchland House: Ed Heath

Lake Prince Woods: Sarah Brown, Milt Brown

Mayfair House: Mary Alice Thomasson

Clergy and Staff

Pastor	Rev. Dr. H. Celeste Heath
Liturgist	Rev. Ellen Comstock
Lindauer Endowed Chair	Chris Titko
for Music and Fine Arts	
Administrative Assistants	Pam Snider, Dorothy Williams
Communications	Bonnie White, Chris Titko
Audio Visuals Control	Ray Comstock
Bookkeeper	Dianne Hunter
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Calendar

December 16	7pm Southside Band Rehearsal
December 18	12:30pm Violin Lessons 6pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal
December 19	6pm Girl Scout Meeting

Monumental

United Methodist Church

December 14, 2025

3rd Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *In Dulci Jubilo* *D. Buxtehude*

Call to Worship

**What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

**This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!**

Opening Prayer

Here, at the nativity of your birth, give us the courage to face this moment with an uncanny joy. Open us to new understandings of the unfolding story of your presence among us. Show us how to praise you even when songs and carols feel empty. We pray in the name of the Child, the One Who Uplifts our hearts and lives. Amen.

***Hymn** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, vs.1,4,6,7 Hymnal #211*

Scripture Reading *Luke 1:26-56*

Offertory

Anthem *Magnificat* *K. Getty/Curry*

Doxology

Hymn *To a Maid Engaged to Joseph Hymnal #215*

Sermon *Son of Mary*

Morning Prayers

SING **Star-Child 2095 TFWS**

**Star-Child, earth-child, go between of God
Love Child, Christ Child, heaven's lightning rod
This year, this year, let the day arrive when
Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!**

Prayers

SING

**Hope-for-peace Child, God's stupendous sign
Down-to-earth Child, Star of stars that shine
This year, this year, let the day arrive when
Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!**

Sending Forth

***Hymn** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Hymnal #240*

***Benediction**

Response

**This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!**

Postlude

In Dulci Jubilo

D. Lasky

***Please stand if you are able.**

Congregational Offering December 7, 2025

Received: \$6,983.00

Altar Guild (Poinsettias).....	\$104.00
Fine Arts (Lancaster Concert).....	\$40.00
Love Gift.....	\$56.00
Nativity Scene.....	\$108.00
TOTAL GIVING FOR 12/07/2025.....	\$7,291.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Vol. and Health & Safety Team Assignments:

Vol.1, S. Tarkenton (R1) check-in; Vol. 2, J. Epperson (R2) greeter at Chapel entry door; Vol. 3, D. Roane, greeter at Dinwiddie Street door/Acolyte; Vol. 4,R. Epperson (R3), Addnl. H&S Resp.

Christmas DinnerTheater-entitled "Another Cora Christmas" on Sunday, December 21st at 5pm. Reservations are required by Monday, December 15th by calling 757-397-1297 or emailing monumentalumc.office@gmail.com

Staff Christmas Gifts. As we prepare our hearts for the Christmas season, we invite you to prayerfully consider contributing to a special love gift for our dedicated church staff. Throughout the year, they serve our congregation with faithfulness, compassion, and joy, and this offering is a meaningful way to express our gratitude. If you feel led to give, please designate your donation as "Staff Christmas Gift", and place it in the worship offering or mail it to the church office. Thank you for helping us bless those who continually bless our church family.

Please check the **Caring Ministry** white board to see who may need a call, card or visit. Reach out to a church member to let them know you care.

Christmas Eve Service – Lessons and Carols, Wednesday, December 24, 5pm. Prelude begins at 4:50 pm.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the Altar are in celebration of Jay and Suzanne Slater's 55th wedding anniversary on December 5th.