

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
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Calendar

December 9	7pm Southside Band Rehearsal
December 10	9am District Gathering at Monumental
December 11	12:30pm Violin Lessons
	6pm Handbell Rehearsal
	7:15pm Choir Rehearsal

Invite your friends to worship with us online. The service is on our website and on YouTube.

Monumental

United Methodist Church

December 7, 2025

2nd Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

On This Day

D. Shlasky

Call to Worship

**Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.**

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 new air in our lungs. Open us to new understandings of the unfolding story of your presence among us. Show us the true meaning of peace on earth, good will for all. We pray in the name of the Child, the Prince of Peace in our hearts and lives. Amen.

***Hymn** *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus* *Hymnal #196*

Scripture Lesson *Luke 1:5-25, 57-80*

Offertory

Anthem *I Wonder As I Wander* *K. Pederson*

Doxology

Hymn *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear, v.1,4* *Hymnal #218*

Sermon

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

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Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!

Service of Holy Communion

Sending Forth (on the screen)

***Hymn** *Let There Be Peace on Earth* *Hymnal #431*

***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 *Improvisation on Angels We Have Heard on High*
C. Titko

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

Congregational Offering November 30, 2025

Received: \$1,878.00

Altar Guild (Poinsettias).....\$142.00

Fine Arts (NoonDay Concert).....\$450.00

Missions/Outreach.....\$500.00

Nativity Scene.....\$64.00

TOTAL GIVING FOR 11/30/2025.....\$3,034.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

Annual Lancaster Concert- this afternoon at 4pm

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.

Olde Towne Holiday Music Festival – Saturday, December 13, 1pm in the sanctuary. Festive and fun holiday music offered by The Southside Community Band.

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.