

First Methodist Church of Swainsboro

Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025 Broadcast over WXRS 100.5 FM

Have you found Jesus yet?

Prelude Savior of the Nations, Come Enchiridion Oder Handbuchlein

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King ?

With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior ?

With garlands of pine and fir, with wreaths of holly and ivy.

How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lamb of God ?

By hearing again the words of the prophets, who foretold His arrival.

How shall we prepare our lives for the coming of the Son of God ?

By repentance, confession and making His paths strait, for His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, the Prince of Peace.

Invocation

*Hymn It Came upon the Midnight Clear MH 218

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed MH 881

*Gloria Patri

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Mary

Abi Torpy

Passing of the Peace

*Gathering Chorus Something Good Is Going to Happen to You

On Screen

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Offering and Prayer

Offertory O Come, O Come, Emmanuel arr. Mark Hayes

Doxology

Children’s Moment

Melinda Hall

CHRISTMAS PRESENCE

A Gathering of Hope, Peace, and Love

Featuring our Chancel Choir

*Benediction

Postlude Excerpts from Christmas Presence

* Please stand as you are able. **Our chancel rail is open for prayer.

Nursery: 11:00 a.m. Sky Ware

December Altar Guild: Yonna Bailey

Ushers: Carson Cross, Chance Flanders, Zac Frye, Justin Morris, Eric Wheeler

Our beautiful flowers this morning are given by

Frank and Teah Canady

in honor of Judge Kathy S. Palmer.

Yonna Bailey and her Family would like to thank their church family and everyone who showed them an abundance of love during her Mother’s passing. The prayers, cards, flowers, food and many unexpected acts of kindness from so many people who loved “ Miss Ann “ and her family. Just to say “ THANK YOU “ doesn’t seem to be enough.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Church Members:

Linda Baker, Ada Lee Correll, Cherry Curry, Peggy Denny, Nancy Flanders, Marilyn Freese, Butch Frye, Jerry Hooks, Beverly Johnson, David Kettles, Karol Key, Bonnie Lanier, Gail Lewis, Bob Neil, George Smith, Sue Stockholm, Richard Smith, Pat Tiller, Kim Waters

Extended Church Family:

Georgia Kate Anderson, Tracy Avery, Brandi Brown, Lee Canady, Larry Canady, Marie Canady (Melissa Canady step-mother), Randy Carter, Lynn Chance, Cindy Claxton, Keri Grimm Claxton, Sam Daniels, Rev. Wayne Defore, Jim Derden (John Derden’s brother), Brandon Dickens (Cathy McDaniel’s nephew), Kenny Doss, Deborah Duckworth, Jean Hunnicutt DuPree, Kevin Edenfield, Wanda Ellison, Teresa Ely, Ruby Fagler, Martha Flanders, Judy Garrett (Kelli Torpy’s Mother), Maralyn Graham, Georganne Hairr (Kim Hooks’ mother), Phyllis Hutcheson (Karol Key’s mother), Clay Johnson, Fay Key, Cleve Kinard (Tony Waters brother), Brenda Kirby, Jerry Lawson, Aubrey Long (Nancy Lisenby’s niece), Brit Marchman (George Smith’s son-in-law), Gloria Mason, Ken McGee (Sharon Edenfield’s father), Scott McRae, Bob Mitchell, Sandy Moody, Judy Moore, Emma Moran, David Morgan, Mike Morris, Belins Muniz, Joy Nasworthy, Joan Neil (Bob Neil’s Mother), Eliza Noles, Tim Palmer, Marty Payne (Teresa Mason’s brother), Bobby & Kay Peacock, Wade Peebles, Clark & Bonnie Petersen (Kathy Palmer’s sister & brother–in-law), Charles Price, Gayle Rainwater, Chandler Rogers, Doris Lewis Small, La’Rose Tapley, Wes Terry, John Terwilliger, Julie Todd, Gail Thompson, Kal Thompson, Roy Thompson, Connie Thurman, Heather Townsend, Shirley Underwood, Frances & Lee Vaitha, Ashley Walling, Lamar Way, Margaret White, Macy Wiggins, Sara Wilkes (George Smith niece), Gregg Wolff, Vicki Youmans

This Week’s Scripture Verses

Isaiah 35:1-10

Luke 1:46b-55 (MH 199)

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

This Week's Schedule
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Sunday, December 14, 2025

9:00 a.m. - **NO** Early Service

10:00 a.m. - Sunday School

**11:00 a.m. - CHANCEL CHOIR
 PRESENTATION
 "CHRISTMAS PRESENCE"**

**6:00 p.m. - "B. O. K."
 & CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS
 PRESENTATION**

Reception to follow
 in Social Hall

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

**5:30 p.m. - CHURCHWIDE
 CHRISTMAS CAROLING and
 dine out afterwards**

Saturday, December 20, 2025

**9:00 a.m. - SUMMERTOWN
 FOOD DISTRIBUTION
 (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)**

ADVANCE NURSERY SCHEDULE:

**12/21 - Tabitha Flanders
 12/28 - Stephanie Fagler
 01/04 - Agatha McRae
 01/11 - Leah Frye**

Access the church calendar from
 your mobile device.



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**The Thrift Shop is
 accepting used toys in good
 condition to be given to
 Children in our community
 that may otherwise not
 have a Christmas.**

**Wednesday, Dec. 24th,
 5:00 p.m. will be the
 "CANDLELIGHT
 COMMUNION SERVICE"**

**The Church Office will be
 closed Thursday and
 Friday, Dec. 25th & 26th.**

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Last Sunday's Attendance

10:00 a.m. Sunday School	40
9:00 a.m. Early Service	18
11:00 a.m. Worship Service	87
6:00 p.m. Evening Service	10
Total Worship	148

Last Sunday's Gifts

Weekly Budget	\$ 9484.00
Received for Budget	\$ 7532.00
Amount over (Under)	\$ 1952.00
YTD Budget	\$ 464716.00
YTD Rec'd for budget	\$ 400902.76
Amount over (Under)	\$ 63813.24
Received for Budget	\$ 7532.00
Designated Giving	\$ 511.00
	\$ 8043.00
"B. O. K. OFFERING" (to date)	\$ 40.00



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