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**COME JOIN OUR BIBLE Study**  
Join Pastor Rob for his Sunday Bible Study.  
It is held at 6:30 pm at zoom

**DECEMBER SCHEDULE**

- Dec. 17** Choir Cantata at **10:30 AM**
  - Dec. 24** Morning Christmas Eve Service at **10:30 AM**  
Family Christmas Eve Service at **5:00 PM**  
Candlelight Communion Service at **7:00 PM**
  - Dec. 31** New Year's Eve Watch Service at **10:30 AM**
- PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO 8:30 AM SERVICE DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER!**

There will be an Advent Devotional available on the church Facebook page during December (hard copies will be available in the Gathering Space)



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**MCPC hosts Room in the Inn every other Thursday night December through March**

**Event Schedule Winter 2023 - 2024**

- December:  
• 12/07 and 12/21
- January:  
• 01/04 and 01/18
- February:  
• 02/01, 02/15 and 02/29
- March:  
• 03/14 and 03/28



**The Lunch Bunch program for Tuesday, December 19**

will be our Christmas Party, singing Christmas Carols, having a Cookie Exchange (bring 3 dozen cookies), and a White Elephant gift exchange.

This will be lots of fun so please join us.

Thanks be to all of you for the cards, texts, visits, meals, and phone calls received during these last long months of illness. God's love and blessings have brought me and my daughter through a very difficult time. We are now doing very well, and she will be going back to work next week. My amazing family at Mallard Creek has brought us so much peace, comfort, and love. Praise be to God and may He bless you all.  
With love and gratitude, **Jane Geracimos**



A Celtic Christmas Celebration

SEASON OF JOY

Choir Cantata

Dec 17  
10:30 am

**MCPCP's Christmas Program**

Please join us on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 a.m. in the Church Sanctuary for the Story of Jesus' Birth and singing by the MCPC Preschool children.

**Sunday School Classes & Locations**

- Age 0-2 – Nursery
- Age 3-5 – Preschool Classroom
- 1st-4th grade – Youth Club room
- 7th-12th grade – Teen room
- Young and Middle Adults – Garrison Martin classroom
- Older Adults – Morrison classroom
- Confirmation Class– Upstairs in the Education Building

NOV 1ST - DEC 15TH

MEALS ON WHEELS CHRISTMAS BOX

ITEM DRIVE

DROP OFF IN THE GATHERING SPACE!

Through the month of November and December we will be collecting items to make Christmas Boxes for homebound people through Meals on Wheels. Below is the list of what we're collecting.

Thank you!

EXAMPLES:

BATHROOM ITEMS, HAND MIRROR WITH STAND ANNUAL WALL CALENDARS, FESTIVE SOCKS OR SLIPPERS (ONE SIZE FITS ALL PLEASE), LARGE PRINT WORD PUZZLES AND SUDUKOS, WRITING MATERIALS, STAMPS/ENVELOPS, SOFT/WARM BLANKETS, OTHER CHRISTMAS-THEMED ITEMS (NOTHING BREAKABLE OR FRAGILE PLEASE), AND BIG CHRISTMAS BOXES TO PACK THE STUFF IN



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The Lord's Day, December 10, 2023





A Service of Worship  
*One thing remains, Jesus never fails*

Prelude Arr Victor Labenske  
 Welcome and Announcements Rev. Rob Watkins  
 THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: THE CANDLE OF PEACE The Wasko Family  
 Call to Worship

Leader The peace of Christ be with all of you!  
**People And with your spirit!**  
 Leader The peace of Christ passes all understanding!  
**People The peace of Christ brings reconciliation to all the earth!**  
 Leader Let these gifts of grace lead to praise and adoration!  
**ALL LET US WORSHIP THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!**

Prayer of Invocation  
 † Hymn #145 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Call to Confession  
 Prayer of Confession  
**Prince of Peace**  
**We confess how peace is in short supply throughout the world. We confess our own restlessness and impatience with one another. We confess our endless division and controversy that tears at us and eats away our spirits. We confess our deep need for your reconciling grace and mercy. Forgive us, Lord Jesus. Create a new and right spirit within us. Help us to see one another as friends and compatriots instead of rivals. May your peace reign over us now and always. In your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon  
 † Passing of the Peace  
 Time with Children

Offertory *The Coventry Carol* Arr. Noel Piercy  
 Joy Ringers

† Doxology  
 Scripture Lesson Colossians 1:21-23  
 Sermon What Child Is This? Rev. Rob Watkins

Affirmation of Faith John 1:1-6  
**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him and without him, not one thing came into being. In him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it. Amen.**


Musical Meditation *Bring a Torch/We Three Kings* Arr. Martha Thompson  
 Joy Ringers

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer  
 † Hymn #137 *What Child Is This?*

† Benediction  
 Postlude *Our God/How firm a Foundation* Arr Victor Labenske  
 † All who are able are invited to stand.

<b>This week at Mallard Creek</b>	<b>Please do not forget – Sign the attendance book with all the names of your family that are attending church today. Thank you</b>
<b>Sunday, December 10</b>	
9:00 am Fellowship Time 10:30 am Worship Service in Sanctuary 3:00 pm Youth in activities building 4:30 pm Teens in activities building 6:30 pm Bible Study -zoom	<b>CHURCH STAFF</b>  <b>The Rev. Rob Watkins</b> Senior Pastor  <b>The Rev. Hunter Roddey</b> Transitional Associate Pastor  <b>Ms. Amanda Booth</b> Financial Manager  <b>Ms. Claudia Perez</b> Administrative Assistant  <b>Mr. David Barnaba</b> Director of Music  <b>Mrs. Kristy Maddux</b> Preschool Director  <b>Mrs. Kristin Reyes</b> Pianist
<b>Tuesday, December 12</b>	
10:30 am Prayer Quilt Ministry 5:30 pm Girls Scouts	
<b>Wednesday, December 13</b>	
6:00 pm Bible Study (Garrison-Martin) 6:00 pm Bells 7:00 pm Choir	Rev. Rob Watkins can be contacted at: revrobwatkins@gmail.com or at 706-825-1132 Rev. Hunter Roddey at hunterr@mallardcreekchurch.org or at 704-607-0368
<b>Thursday, December 14</b>	
6:30 pm Band Rehearsal	
<b>Saturday, December 16</b>	
9:30 am Band and Choir Cantata Rehearsal in Sanctuary	

Folks please place your **pledge cards** in the offering plate during worship. You will find your 2024 **contribution envelopes** in the Gathering Space. Thank you.



**OFFICERS ON DUTY**  
**ELDERS:** Harvey Alexander , Mark Johnson, Jamie Garrison  
**DEACONS:** Leigh Johnson, Jean Mac-Neil, Andrew Coore, Allston Oehler, Chris Mingus

**A Note For Parents With Small Children:**  
 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." We celebrate these words as we welcome ALL ages in worship with us. Our desire is to help you make the most of this worship experience. Here are a few reminders:  
 1. There are Children's Worship Bags and Bibles available in the back of the church.  
 2. There is a cry room in the Gathering Space, if you need to take a quick "time out" during the service.  
 3. There is a nursery for infants through age 4 downstairs 09:30 am  
 Please let a Deacon know if you have any questions.

**Youth and Teen Christmas PJ Party in Dec 10.** 3:00 pm Youth and 4:30 pm Teens in the Activities building. **The Teens should bring a \$10 white elephant gift.** Fun and food provided. Thanks!!!!



Looking for a way to get involved, but not quite sure how? **The Education and Spiritual Nurture committee is looking for new members!** Please reach out to **Brian Wasko, at waskobrianjr@gmail.com** if you have any questions or if you're interested!

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*In Our Thoughts & Prayers*

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|---|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Blanche Hodges– Aunt in law of Bonnie       | Tommy Oehler                                     | Linda Benfield       | Donny Brown          |
| Brenda Dodds - friend of Sara Haynes        | Shirley Hunter                                   | Cecil Massey         | Donna Seaford        |
| Donna Garrison— wife of Eddie Garrison      | Juanita Untz                                     | Roy Kinnamon         | Suggie Christenbury  |
| Larry Carroll - husband of Ann Carroll      | Ruby Downing                                     | Tommy Almond         | Bobby Brown          |
| Steve Sechler– brother in law of Mack       | Donnie Oehler                                    | Ken Christenbury     | Carolyn Sheehan      |
| Linda Taylor - sister-in-law of Nancy Busch | Beth Massey                                      | Judith Rankin        | Lynn Kelley          |
| Caroline Williams                           | Ann Brown  | Carlita Hunter       | Ralph Brand          |
| Joey Munday– Mack's friend                  | Jane Geracimos                                   | Elizabeth King       | Dale McLaughlin      |
| JW and Vivian Avant                         | <b>Mary Snow</b>                                 | <b>Betsy Killian</b> | <b>Teddy Preslar</b> |
| Lois Spradley's granddaughter, Danika       | <b>Dee Dee Larkin (Linda Wallace's daughter)</b> |                      |                      |

The Montgomery Family **PRAYER LIST**