

Ways to give at Mallard Creek



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We give because  
**GOD GAVE FIRST**

*"For God so loved the world he gave his only Son."  
- John 3:16*

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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)

**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**

**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



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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.

**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 MCPCP Preschool children.



**Tuesday evening the Troop 148 Advancement Committee met and conferred the rank of Eagle on Bobby Lyda.**

We'd like to invite the congregation to congratulate Bobby on achieving this lofty goal!



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The Lord's Day, December 17, 2023



A Service of Worship  
*Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements  
Minute for Mission– Preschool  
Lighting of the Advent Wreath: The Candle of Joy  
Call to Worship

John Mason Neale  
Rev. Rob Watkins  
Kristy Maddux  
The McConnell Family

Leader There is good news of great joy coming for all the earth!  
**People Rejoice, all God’s people, rejoice, for God draws near!**  
 Leader Let the good news resound from mountain to shore, from hills through the valleys; let all the earth sing praise to God!  
**People Rejoice, again we say, Rejoice!**  
**ALL LET US WORSHIP THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!**

Prayer of Invocation  
 † Hymn #131 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

Call to Confession  
 Prayer of Confession *Adapted from Ross Reddick* Rev. Hunter Roddey  
**Mighty and powerful God, Your word says, “Rejoice always.” But we would rather sulk about the things that don’t go right. Your word says, “Pray without ceasing.” But we go for days without even thinking about You. Your word says, “Give thanks in all circumstances.” But our thankfulness is fleeting, because we think we deserve blessings. Your word says “Hold fast to what is good,” while we hold fast to sinful ways of thinking and acting. Forgive us and bring us back to Your path. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen**

Assurance of Pardon  
 † Passing of the Peace

Offertory *Hark The Herald Angels Sing* by Charles Wesley

**"Season of Joy" - A Celtic Christmas Cantata** (All Songs by Daniel Semsen)

A Celtic Christmas Overture  
 Christmas Pipes  
 Joy has Dawned  
 The Wexford Carol / I Wonder as I wander (Solo - Paul Zeman)  
 The Carolin' Reel  
 Emmanuel  
 A Celtic Christmas Blessing

**Cantata Personnel**

Music Director	David Barnaba
Pianist	Kristin Reyes
Percussion	Greg Armistead
Pennywhistle/Irish Flute	Eddie Ferrell
Violin	Dennis Spring

**Narrator**  
Jane Isenhour

† Benediction  
 Postlude *A Celtic Christmas Blessing (Reprise)* Daniel Semsen

† All who are able are invited to stand.

**This week at Mallard Creek**

**Sunday, December 17**

9:00 am Fellowship Time  
 10:30 am Worship Service in Sanctuary  
 6:30 pm Bible Study -zoom

**Monday, December 18**

11:30 am MCPCP Christmas Program

**Tuesday, December 19**

12:00 pm Lunch Bunch  
 5:30 pm Girls Scouts  
 6:30 pm Session

**Wednesday, December 20**

6:00 pm Bible Study (Garrison-Martin)

**Thursday, December 21**

4:30 pm Room in The INN

**Please do not forget** – Sign the attendance book with all the names of your family that are attending church today. **Thank you**

**CHURCH STAFF**

**The Rev. Rob Watkins**  
Senior Pastor

**The Rev. Hunter Roddey**  
Transitional Associate Pastor

**Ms. Amanda Booth**  
Financial Manager

**Ms. Claudia Perez**  
Administrative Assistant

**Mr. David Barnaba**  
Director of Music

**Mrs. Kristy Maddux**  
Preschool Director

**Mrs. Kristin Reyes** Pianist

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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!

Registration for For **Mallard Creek's Rise Against Hunger** meal packing event on February 3 is now open. Register by clicking on this link:  
<http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/MCPC2024>

Please call or email Paul Menconi (704-574-8039) with any questions.

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.



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	Mary Snow	Betsy Killian	Teddy Preslar
Lois Spradley’s granddaughter, Danika	Dee Dee Larkin (Linda Wallace’s daughter)	<b>Leslie Hatton</b>	
The Montgomery Family	<b>Lynn Davidson</b>		

**PRAYER LIST**