

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. 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) beginning December 3).



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

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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

Thanks for the tremendous response to this year's **Angel Tree project**. Because of your generosity Mallard Creek provided Christmas gifts to 120 children and their families from University and Parkside Elementary Schools. These families will wake up Christmas morning and enjoy a holiday that they would otherwise not have had.



Backpack Blessings is feeding 81 Children weekly from Parkside Elementary and between 80 and 100 children from University Meadows when food is needed. Our ability to continue this program is only possible because of your generous food and monetary donations. **THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH** If you'd like to support this program through a donation, please make checks payable to MCPC, noting "Backpack Blessings" on the memo line. Once again, your support is greatly appreciated.

The 92nd MCPC BBQ was a tremendous success, besides once again thanking you all, we wanted to update you on the Final numbers. In addition to the Fellowship, and service to our Community – **we raised \$83,050.27. According to our adopted guidelines, the net revenue will be split 15% for Missions and 85% for the Building Fund.**



**1600 West Mallard Creek Church Rd.
Charlotte, North Carolina 28262**

www.mallardcreekchurch.org

The Lord's Day, December 24, 2023 7:00 pm



A Service of Worship

Prelude *Go Tell It on the Mountain*
 THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

J. Wayne Kerr
 Jim and Karen Koerth

Call to Worship

Leader Arise, shine, your light has come!
People Rejoice, all God's people, for God is with us, our Emmanuel!
 Leader The angel sings before us, 'I bring you good news of great joy!'
People Unto us is born this day a Savior who is Christ the Lord!
 Leader Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth for one and all!
ALL O COME AND WORSHIP CHRIST THE NEWBORN KING!

Rev. Rob Watkins

Prayer of Invocation

† Hymn #133 *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*
 Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God
On this night of nights, as angels sing and shepherds worship, we confess our unreadiness for the gift of grace dawning before us. We confess our weariness and waywardness.
But we also confess our hope, for you are with us. Your light shines through all the earth. Settle our souls this glorious night, allowing us to gather in worship and praise of Christ, the newborn King. Gather us at his table where we will be fed mind, body, heart, and soul. Gather us at his table where all division ends and communion begins. May we celebrate and sing.
Come, Lord Jesus, amen.

Rev. Rob Watkins

Assurance of Pardon

† Passing of the Peace
 Musical Meditation *What Child Is This?*

Jim and Karen Duet

Scripture Lesson

Sermon "Terrified to Amazed"

Rev. Hunter Roddey

Musical Meditation

O little town of Bethlehem

Jim and Karen Duet

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation
 Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer
 Words of Institution
 Sharing of the Bread & Cup
 Prayer

SHARING OF THE LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS

Carol *Silent Night*

† Benediction

Postlude *Oh Come, All Ye Faithful* arr. Tornquist

† All who are able are invited to stand.

This week at Mallard Creek

Sunday, December 24

9:00 am Fellowship Time
 10:30 am Christmas Eve Service in Sanctuary
 5:00 pm Family Christmas Eve Service
 7:00 pm Candlelight Communion Service

Monday, December 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Tuesday, December 26

Office closed

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
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Amanda will be at the Financial Office on December 26 from 10 am to 2 pm. Thank you.

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.

Christmas BLESSINGS

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Blanche Hodges– Aunt in law of Bonnie	Tommy Oehler	Linda Benfield	Donny Brown
The Montgomery Family	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	Lynn Davidson	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)	Leslie Hatton	

PRAYER LIST