


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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**DECEMBER SCHEDULE**

**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. **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.

**THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH**

**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.**



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The Lord's Day, December 31, 2023 10:30 am



Prelude A Service of Worship  
*Hark, The Herald Angels Sing!* by Mendelssohn and Wesley

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Rob Watkins

Call to Worship  
 Leader Behold! The Lord is come!  
**People All praise be to God because we have beheld his glory!**  
 Leader Give thanks and sing praise to God, for God reveals himself to us!  
**People Glory be to God! Glory in the highest!**  
**ALL LET US WORSHIP GOD!**

Prayer of Invocation  
 † Hymn #145 *O Come All Ye Faithful*  
 Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession  
**Most Merciful God**  
**Christmas has come and gone; a new year awaits on the horizon. We confess that our hope is mixed with anxiety; our wonder with worry; and our expectation with dimmed outlooks. May we see and behold the Christ before us, leading us into each moment to come with grace and beauty; joy and assurance; and may we seize hold of our faith's promises. Have mercy upon us. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon  
 † Passing of the Peace  
 Time with Children

Offertory *Once in Royal David's City* by Alexander and Gauntlett

† Doxology  
 Scripture Lesson Luke 2:22-39  
 Sermon On the Way to the Temple Rev. Rob Watkins

Affirmation of Faith  
**We believe in God, the Creator of all that is.**  
**We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, the redeemer of all who ever lived.**  
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the giver of life to all that breathes.**  
**Amen.**

Musical Meditation *New Star Shining* by John and Joanna Hall  
 The Downing Family - Mack, Jayden, Jane & Steve Sechler, and Greg Armistead

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer  
 † Hymn #166 *We Three Kings*

† Benediction  
 Postlude *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* Arr Tornquist

† All who are able are invited to stand.

This week at Mallard Creek	
Sunday, December 31	
9:00 am	Fellowship Time
10:30 am	Workshop Service in Sanctuary
Monday, January 1	
Happy New Year	
Tuesday, January 2	
10:30 am	Circle Mary- Anna
5:30 pm	Girls Scouts
Wednesday, January 3	
7:00 pm	Choir
Thursday, January 4	
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.



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| 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   | Leslie Hatton       |
| 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) |                  |                     |

**PRAYER LIST**