



The Candle of Joy

As we take time to mark the journey toward the celebration of Jesus’ birth let’s light the third candle.

Advent: Week 3

You are cordially invited to help us celebrate the true meaning of Christmas at MCPCP’s Christmas Program on Thursday, December 18, in the church sanctuary at 11:30 a.m.

Our staff, along with volunteers, will present the Nativity Story and our students will sing Christmas songs for you.

We hope you will join us!!!
You do not want to miss it!



A LUNCH BUNCH CHRISTMAS

Join our Older Adults Ministry on Tuesday, December 16 for one of the most fun events of the season!

This year we’ll be having an

UGLY SWEATER CONTEST

sing Christmas carols, & ask attendees to bring 3 dozen cookies to share— 2 dozen will be delivered to our homebound members, and you get to take home a dozen of your favorites!

Lots of laughter and so much fun!

This month’s menu will feature a full turkey dinner catered by Melissa Shoupe.



Room In The Inn

Below are the names of last week’s guests, and we would ask you to keep them in your prayers as they continue their journeys.

Samantha C.
Ashley .
Gloria C.
Tracie H.
Hellena J.
Sharon J.
Alexis M.
Hazel B
and her 5 year old twin boys
Zynhary & Zannahary



Welcome Newcomers!

We are glad you’re here.

We would love to follow up to answer any questions you might have about the programs and ministries of Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church.

Thanks for visiting!



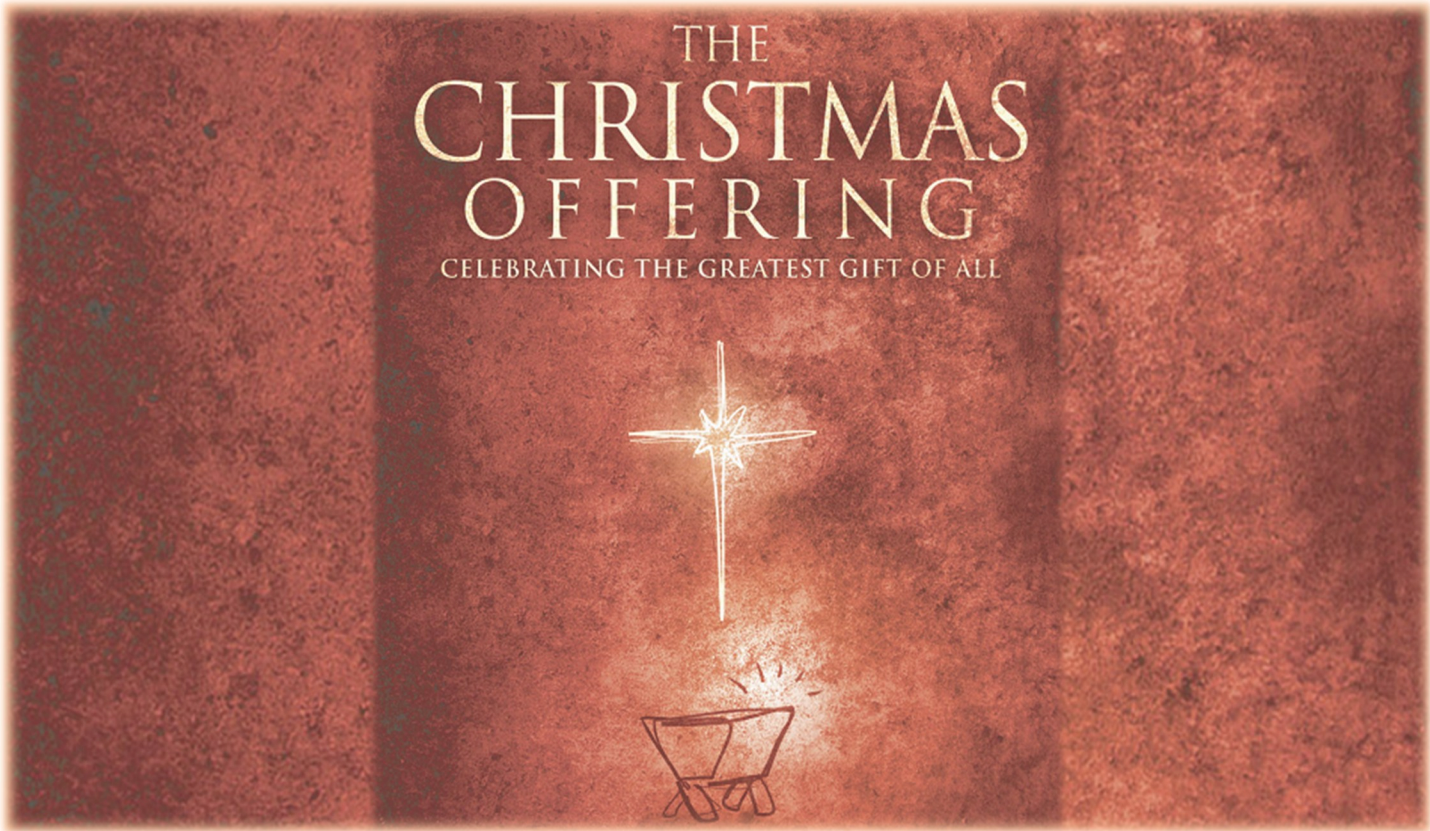
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The Lord’s Day, December 14, 2025



A Service of Worship

PRELUDE	Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus	Thomas Keesecker
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Rob Watkins
CHORAL INTROIT	Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence	Traditional
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: <i>Georgie and Perry Deaton</i>		The Candle of Joy
†HYMN # 125	Joy To The World	
PRAYER OF ADORATION		
Great God, We rejoice and sing. We shout from the mountaintops, and we sing within the valleys below. Our Savior is born anew within us. Grace reigns triumphant within your fellowship. We praise and adore you, offering our lives to you as an offering of thanksgiving. Come, Lord Jesus, renew us inside and out. May your Spirit rule our hearts and minds. Glory be to you! Amen.		
PASSING OF THE PEACE		
OFFERING	Let There Be Peace on Earth	Tornquist
†DOXOLOGY		

The Christmas Offering—Celebrating the Greatest Gift of All
Created by Luke Gambill, Sue Smith and BJ Davis
Arranged by BJ Davis and Luke Gambill

- 1) The Christmas Offering (Solo-Finn McCarthy)
- 2) Carol Praise Medley
- 3) A Humble Bed (Solo-Finn McCarthy)
- 4) My Soul Does Magnify (Solo-Lynne DiMarco)
- 5) One King (Solos-Lynne DiMarco, Debbie Dowling, Karen Koerth, Clara Barnaba
- 6) This Must Be the Place (Solo-Lynne DiMarco, Debbie Dowling, Drew Dowling)
- 7) Carol Worship Medley
- 8) The Christmas Offering (Reprise) (Solo-Finn McCarthy)

Cantata Personnel

Music Director	David Barnaba
Pianist	Patrick McCarthy
Clarinet	Josh Adams
Percussion	Greg Armistead
Violin	Adrienne Bridges
Keyboard	Eric Stine

Narrator

Jane Isenhower

BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	The Christmas Offering	Luke Gambill
	<i>MCPC Cantata Band</i>	

†All who are able are invited to stand

<div><div><div>CHURCH STAFF</div><div><div>The Rev. Rob Watkins</div><div>Senior Pastor</div><div>revrobwatkins@gmail.com</div><div>706-825-1132</div></div><div><div>The Rev. Hunter Roddey</div><div>Transitional Associate Pastor</div><div>hunterr@mallardcreekchurch.org</div><div>704-607-0368</div></div><div><div>Ms. Amanda Booth</div><div>Financial Manager</div><div>Office Hours are Mondays, 8am-10am</div></div><div><div>Mr. David Barnaba</div><div>Director of Music</div></div><div><div>Mr. Patrick McCarthy</div><div>Pianist</div></div><div><div>Mrs. Kristy Maddux</div><div>Preschool Director</div></div><div><div>Terri Smith</div><div>Office Administrator</div><div>Office Hours are M-Th 8:30-4:30</div></div></div></div> <div><div>Sunday School Classes & Locations</div><div>Age 0-2 – Nursery</div><div>Age 3-5 – Preschool room</div><div>K-4th grade – Youth Club room</div><div>7th-12th grade – Teen room</div><div>Younger Adults – Garrison Martin room</div><div>Older Adults – Morrison room</div><div>Confirmation Class– Upstairs, Education Building</div></div>	<div><div>This week at Mallard Creek</div><div>Sunday, December 14</div><div>8:30 am Worship Service in the Chapel</div><div>9:00 am Bonappeteens</div><div>9:30 am Sunday School</div><div>10:00 am Session Meeting (<i>Parlor</i>)</div><div>10:30am Christmas Cantata in Sanctuary</div><div>3:00 pm Youth Group Party</div><div>4:00 pm Teens End of the Year Party</div><div>6:30 pm Bible Study via Zoom</div><div>Monday, December 15</div><div>9:00 am Preschool Dress Rehearsal(<i>Sanctuary</i>)</div><div>6:30 pm Cub Scouts</div><div>Tuesday, December 16</div><div>12:00 pm Lunch Bunch</div><div>5:30 pm Girl Scouts Troop 285</div><div>6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 148</div><div>Wednesday, December 17</div><div>1:00 pm Preschool PreK Event (<i>Dining Hall</i>)</div><div>6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal</div><div>6:00 pm Bible Study</div><div>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</div><div>Thursday, December 18</div><div>8:00 am Preschool Christmas Play (<i>Sanctuary</i>)</div><div>1:00pm Preschool Event (<i>Dining Hall</i>)</div><div>5:00 pm Room In The Inn</div><div>6:30 pm BSA Crew 148</div><div>Friday, December 19</div><div>Church Office Closed</div></div>	<div><div>Please remember – Sign the attendance book with all the names of your family that are attending church today.</div><div>Thank you</div><div>OFFICERS ON DUTY</div><div>ELDERS:</div><div>Brian Wasko, Keri Wass, Jack Miles</div><div>DEACONS:</div><div>Phil Ashley, Jane Geracimos, Debra Johnson, Rob Moore</div><div>A Note For Parents With Small Children:</div><div>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:</div><div>1. There are Children’s Worship Bags and Bibles available in the back of the church.</div><div>2. There is a cry room in the Gathering Space, if you need to take a quick “time out” during the service.</div><div>3. There is a nursery for infants through age 4 downstairs from 9:30 am</div><div>Please let a Deacon know if you have any questions.</div></div>
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PRAYER LIST

Avonda Albright	Timmy Gray (Perry Deaton’s cousin)	Cecil Massey
Edward Apolar	Ben and Carl Hatton	Beth McLamb (Joe Crapster’s Cousin)
Clyde and Linda Benfield	Jean Helms	Bobbie Misenheimer
Jessica Booth	Barry Hinson	Donnie Oehler
Ralph Brand	Daisy Huber (5 year old friend of Suzanne Curtis)	Tommy Oehler
Ann & Jimmy Brown	Janet Hunter	Jenny Parker
Bobby Brown	Shirley Hunter	Eddy Pitsenbarger (friend of the Whitmires)
Bill Cochran	Phyllis Jones	Bryan Pouliot (friend of the Alexanders’)
Sheila DeArmon	Debra Johnson	Susan Roddey
Guy Eberhart	Betsy Killian	Donna Seaford
Rima Frika	Lana Lamkin (friend of Doris DeArmon)	Pete Taylor (Terri Garrison’s Brother-In-Law)
Eliza Furr (friend of Linda Preslar)	Sheila Leticia	Earl Thomas
Brenda Garrison	Elaine Lord	Lois Treadway