



We are in urgent need of Innkeepers (2 church members who will stay overnight on Thursdays with our guests). Sign Up sheets are available in the Chapel and the Gathering Space.

We also need bus drivers for our church bus. No special certification is required-just a valid NC Drivers License. We do have folks available who will be happy to show you how everything works. Our guests need to be picked up from A Roof Above at 5:00pm on Thursdays, and driven back at 5:30am on Friday mornings.

We feed 200 children every week!

## BACKPACK BLESSINGS

PLEASE HELP US WITH OUR MOST NEEDED ITEMS

- canned chicken
- ramen noodles
- boxes of mac & cheese
- fruit cups
- 1 lb bags of rice
- granola bars

If you'd prefer to donate, please make your check out to MCPC, with Backpack Blessings in the memo line.

**we'll do the shopping for you!**

## Thank You

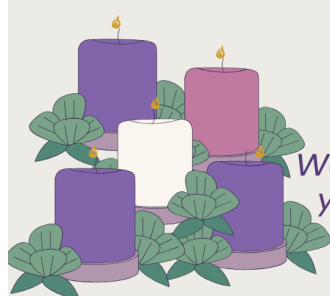
Through the Christmas Joy Offering, we come together to support past, present and future leaders, embodying God's perfect gift to us, Jesus Christ.

**WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE,  
IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.**



CHRISTMAS JOY  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 21



## 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!**



Scan the code to provide your contact information & communication preferences.

# Mallard Creek

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

[www.mallardcreekchurch.org](http://www.mallardcreekchurch.org)

The Lord's Day, December 28, 2025  
10:30 Service



A Service of Worship

PRELUDEHe Has Come For Us/God Rest Ye Merry GentlemenArr by Ingram

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROITGloriaTraditional

CALL TO WORSHIP

LeaderO come, let us bow down together in the worship of a newborn king.  
People**Let us sing with angels and rejoice with shepherds.**  
LeaderChrist is born anew within us and for us.  
People**Rejoice! Again, we say, rejoice!**  
LeaderLet us worship Christ the Lord together with heart and soul and voice.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

†HYMN # 151Good Christian Men, Rejoice

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Mighty God, The packages are opened. The gifts are exchanged. The food is eaten. The celebrations quiet. In that stillness, fill our hearts with the true gift before us-the gift of a child born to us, a Son given to us. May we repent and turn to him, offering our lives to him to be of use in building the communion of saints. O Lord, hear our prayers and abide with us. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

OFFERINGMary, Did You Know?Lowry/Greene

†DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE LESSONLuke 2:39-40

SERMONNow What?Rev. Rob Watkins

MUSICAL MEDITATIONThe First NoelTraditional

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

†HYMN # 158Away In A Manger

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSEGo Tell It On The MountainTraditional

POSTLUDEJoy To The WorldTraditional

†All who are able are invited to stand

CHURCH STAFF

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Financial Manager  
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**Mr. David Barnaba**  
Director of Music

**Mr. Patrick McCarthy**  
Pianist

**Mrs. Kristy Maddux**  
Preschool Director

**Terri Smith**  
Office Administrator  
*Office Hours are M-Th 8:30-4:30*

Sunday School Classes & Locations

Age 0-4 – Nursery  
K-4th grade – Youth Club room  
7th-12th grade – Teen room  
Younger Adults – Garrison Martin room  
Older Adults – Morrison room  
Confirmation Class– Upstairs, Activity Bldg

This week at Mallard Creek

Sunday, December 28

8:30 am Worship Service in Chapel  
9:00 am Coffee Fellowship (*Dining Hall*)  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30am Worship Service in Sanctuary

Monday, December 29

Tuesday, December 30

Wednesday, December 31

5:30 pm Room In the Inn Bed Setup

Thursday, January 1

**Church Office Closed**  
5:00 pm Room In The Inn Guests Arrive

Friday, January 2

**Church Office Closed**

*The flowers in the Sanctuary today  
were given in loving memory of Jill  
Garrison by her family.*



**Please remember** to sign the attendance book with all the names of your family that are attending church today.

**Thank you!**

OFFICERS ON DUTY

**ELDERS:**

Brian Wasko, Keri Wass, Jack Miles

**DEACONS:**

Phil Ashley, Eric Johnson,  
Debra Johnson, Rob Moore

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 from 9:30 am

Please let a Deacon know if you have any questions.

PRAYER LIST

Avonda Albright  
**Edward Apolinar**  
Clyde and Linda Benfield  
**Jessica Booth**

**Ralph Brand**  
Ann & **Jimmy Brown**  
Bobby Brown

**Bill Cochran**  
**Sheila DeArmon**

**Guy Eberhart**  
**Rima Frika**  
**Eliza Furr (friend of Linda Preslar)**  
Brenda Garrison

**Timmy Gray (Perry Deaton’s cousin)**  
**Ben and Carl Hatton**  
Jean Helms  
**Barry Hinson**

**Daisy Huber (5 year old friend of Suzanne Curtis)**  
Janet Hunter  
Shirley Hunter  
Phyllis Jones

**Debra Johnson**  
**Don Killian**  
Betsy Killian  
**Lana Lamkin (friend of Doris DeArmon)**  
**Sheila Letica**  
Elaine Lord

**Tamara Massey**  
**Beth McLamb (Joe Crapster’s Cousin)**  
**Bobbie Misenheimer**  
Donnie Oehler

Tommy Oehler  
Jenny Parker  
**Eddy Pitsenbarger (friend of the Whitmires)**  
**Bryan Pouliot (friend of the Alexanders’)**  
**Susan Roddey**

Donna Seaford  
**Pete Taylor (Terri Garrison’s Brother-In-Law)**  
Earl Thomas  
Lois Treadway