

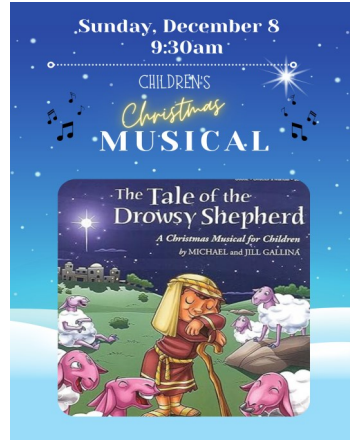
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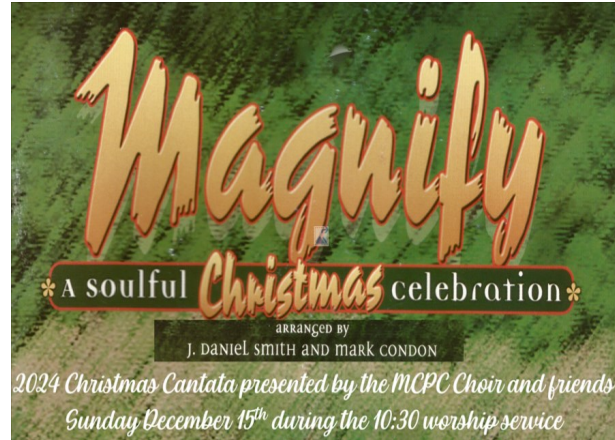


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MCPCP's  
Christmas  
Program

Please join us on Thursday,  
December 19<sup>th</sup>,  
at 11:30 a.m. in the Church  
Sanctuary for the Story of  
Jesus' Birth and singing by  
the MCPC Preschool children.

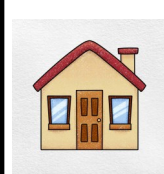


Please **WELCOME** our new church  
members joining MCPC today!

**Jan and Bob Mullmann**  
and their daughter and son-in-law  
**Brittany and Stanson Heath**

Brittany and Stanson are the proud parents of  
Brock (4) and Brett (2), and live in Concord.  
Jan and Bob live in Highland Creek.

**Welcome! We're glad you're here!**



**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Ernie Jones has moved!

Abernethy Laurels  
102 Leonard Avenue Room 1027  
Newton NC 28658



2024-2025 Dates

- 12/05 & 12/19
- 1/02, 1/16, 1/30
- 2/13 & 2/27
- 3/13 & 3/27



We especially need help for the following roles:

- Laundry** (Thurs 5-8pm)-gather dirty clothes from guests and wash/dry them.
- Innkeeper** (Overnight Thurs)-stay overnight & help if needed
- Breakfast** (Fri 4:30-5:30am)-wake up guests & serve breakfast

We have an additional need for certified bus drivers. Our guests need to be picked up from the church at 5:30 AM, and driven Uptown to both the Transit Station and A Room Above. At 5:30 PM, they'll need to be picked up from those same Uptown locations, and brought back to the church. Please call Robin Fuller or the Church Office if you can help with driving.



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The Lord's Day, December 8, 2024



## A Service of Worship

PRELUDE (8:30) Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Arr by Tornquist  
 (10:30) Hallelujah (Light Has Come) Arr by Tornquist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Rob Watkins

INTROIT (10:30) Let the Beauty of the Lord Floyd Hawkins

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: The Candle of Peace  
 (8:30) *Tom, Robin, and Willow Fuller*  
 (10:30) *The McConnell Family—Lee & Charlotte, Katie Weinbach, Luke Weinbach, Reagan Weinbach*

†HYMN # 145 O Come, All Ye Faithful

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God**

**Hear our prayers as we gather before you. We confess our need for your presence, for there is little peace within the world. Conflict comes too easily. Dislike blooms into hatred. Unity devolves into pettiness and division. Peace seems far from us. Forgive our rejection of your way of love. Forgive the harm we have done to others. Forgive the harm we have done to ourselves. Draw us to yourself and bless us with your reconciling grace, for we are lost without it. Hear our prayers made in the holy name of Jesus. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

OFFERING (8:30) The First Noel Arr by D. Huntsinger  
 (10:30) He Has Come For Us (God Rest ye Merry ) Arr by Tornquist

†DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 1:18-25

SERMON Good News of Great...What? Rev. Rob Watkins

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in Jesus the Christ, the Prince of Peace, whom God sent into the world to redeem all people from sin and death. Through his death, he atoned for all sin. Through his resurrection, he broke the bonds of death once and for all. Through his life, he taught us the way of grace, the work of mercy, and how we are to be the children of God. We await his return, bringing the New Creation into being. Amen.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION (10:30) You Think of Me Richard Nichols  
*MCPC Choir*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

†HYMN # 128 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION (10:30) Rejoice! Rejoice! Traditional

POSTLUDE (8:30) For Unto Us a Child is Born Arr by Mark Hayes  
 (10:30) Jesus Messiah Carson/Tomlin

†All who are able are invited to stand

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**Mrs. Kristy Maddux**  
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 Office Administrator

**Sunday School Classes & Locations**

Age 0-2 – Nursery  
 Age 3-5 – Preschool room  
 K-4th grade – Youth Club room  
 7th-12th grade – Teen room  
 Younger Adults – Garrison Martin room  
 Older Adults – Morrison room  
 Confirmation Class– Upstairs, Education Building

**This week at Mallard Creek**

**Sunday, December 8**

8:30 am Worship Service in the Chapel  
 9:30 am Children's Christmas Musical  
 10:30 am Worship Service in Sanctuary  
 6:30 pm Bible Study via Zoom

**Monday, December 9**

1:00 pm Preschool Happy Birthday Jesus (DH)  
 6:30 pm Cub Scouts  
 6:30 pm Admin Meeting (Parlor)  
 6:30 pm Property Comm Mtg (Dining Hall)

**Tuesday, December 10**

1:00 pm Preschool Happy Birthday Jesus (DH)  
 10:30 am Quilting Ministry & Christmas Lunch  
 5:30 pm Girl Scouts  
 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 148  
 6:30 pm Session/Church Officers

**Wednesday, December 11**

1:00 pm Preschool Pancakes for Jesus (DH)  
 6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
 6:00 pm Bible Study (Gathering Space)  
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 248 Court of Honor

**Thursday, December 12**

6:30 pm BSA Crew 148

**Friday, December 13**

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

**Thank you**

**OFFICERS ON DUTY**

**ELDERS:**

Mack Downing, Alan Garrison, Bob Oehler

**DEACONS:**

Julie Mingus, Sue Bishop,  
 Jane Geracimos, Susan Mach,  
 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 from 9:30 am

Please let a Deacon know if you have any questions.



**PRAYER LIST**

JW and Vivian Avant	Alan Garrison	Stephen Lisi, Jr (deployed)	Earl Thomas
Tom Baker	Ben Hatton	Elaine Lord	Juanita Untz
Linda Benfield	Jean Helms	Katie Moore	Caroline Williams
Jackie Brand	Shirley Hunter	Donnie Oehler	Myrtle Wall (friends of the Walkers)
Bobby Brown	Ernie Jones	Lee Ann Oehler	
Ken and Suggie Christenbury	Phyllis Jones	Tommy Oehler	
David Clemmer	Lynn Kelley	Judith Rankin	
Bill Cochran	Betsy Killian	Donna Seaford	
Guy Eberhart	Roy Kinnamon	Lois Spradley	