

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Sign up to give the sanctuary flowers in memory or honor of a person or occasion. The schedule is now located in the Narthex on Sundays or you may call the church office.

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Andrew By-The-Sea is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Friday, January 12, 2024, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Make your reservation by contacting the blood bank at oneblood.org.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. ANDREW

Director of Family Ministries - As part of the St. Andrew staff, the Director of Family Ministries will work full-time, developing ministry for children (grades 5 and below) and youth (grades 6-12) to carry out ministry to, with, and by young people at St. Andrew. An ideal candidate would be well-acquainted with United Methodist theology and practice. Salary range: \$50,000--\$60,000/year

Audio/Visual Coordinator - This staff position will oversee our Sunday worship live-streaming and screen presentation on a weekly basis. Duties primarily include coordinating online streaming and in-person audio/visual presentation on Sunday mornings assisted by a volunteer team, and producing screen content in coordination with worship staff (can be done remotely). Professional training and tutorials on our presentation software will be provided. Rate of pay is \$20 - \$40 per hour based on experience for up to 10 hours per week year-round.

Send resumé to Kim Likins, Staff Parish Relations Chair at kimlikins@roadrunner.com

COMING UP

TONIGHT	Traditional candlelight and communion services at 4:30 and 7:00 pm
Dec. 25	Church office closed
Dec. 31	Christmas Hymn Sing Worship Service, 10 am
Jan. 7	Epiphany Sunday
	Two worship service schedule resumes:
	9:00 - Traditional Worship
	10:15 - Sunday classes for all ages
	11:09 - Modern Worship
Jan. 15	Church office closed
	Hilton Head MLK march

OUR PURPOSE

To grow a welcoming community where people of all ages and stages on their faith journey can come to experience the love, grace and compassion of Jesus Christ. Provide various worship and other spiritual growth opportunities communicating the Gospel to inspire and encourage a deeper understanding of God while developing relationships with each other, leading to service locally and beyond.

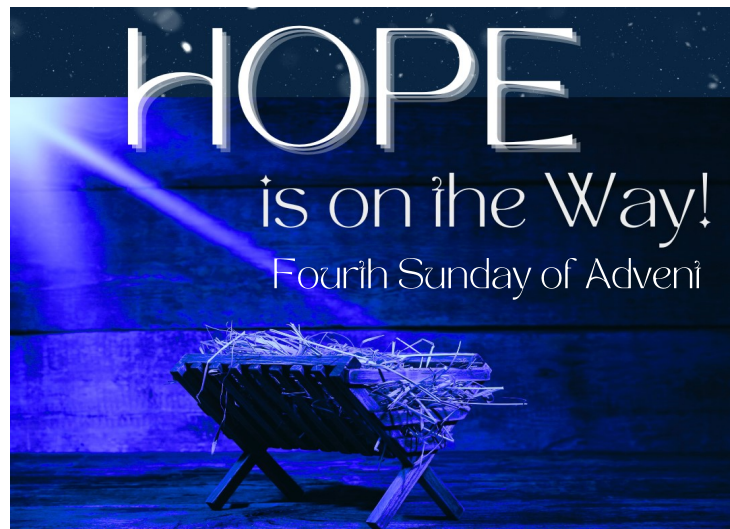
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The Work of the People for December 24, 2023

The liturgical color is blue, symbolizing the color of the sky before the breaking of the dawn

GATHERING FOR PRAISE

PRELUDE *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* arr. L. Smith

RINGING OF THE TRINITY CHIMES

***CAROL OF PRAISE - UMH #211** VENI EMMANUEL
O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v 1, 7)

***A READING FROM THE PROPHET** Alan Prochazka
Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MORNING PRAYER Rev. Frank Lybrand

ANTHEM/OFFERTORY *Mary, Did You Know?* arr. D. Coates
We acknowledge with gratitude all who give in-person and online

HEARING GOD'S WORD

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE The Gorrell Family
All children and young people are invited to come forward at this time

ADVENT CANDLE RESPONSIVE READING

Do you hear it? The desert is rejoicing, the dry places are bursting into bloom.

We wait for you again, Lord Jesus.

To those who are weak: be strong! To those who are panicking, do not fear! God will come to save you.

We wait for you again, Lord Jesus.

He will open your eyes and your ears, he will move your legs and your lips, he will overwhelm you with joy as grief and groaning flee.

We wait for you again, Lord Jesus.

As we wait, we light four candles today, the candles of HOPE, LOVE, PEACE, and JOY, four little lights to knock holes in the darkness.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot put it out! Amen!

ADVENT CANDLE SONG - TFWS #2090
{verse 4}

ADVENT CANDLE SONG

***SCRIPTURE READING** Mary Elizabeth Tompkins
James 1:2-4

***CHRISTMAS HYMN SING**
UMH #238 *Angels We Have Heard On High* {v 1,3}
UMH #240 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* {v 1, 3}

HOMILY Rev. Jonathan Tompkins
Hope is on the Way! series
'Hope for Joy'

CHILDREN'S PAGEANT
'Gather 'round the Manger Once Again'

GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

***CAROL OF DISCIPLESHIP**
(sung to the tune of Morning Has Broken)
Come With Rejoicing
Come with rejoicing covenant people
God's love is voicing hope for the earth
Bringing salvation to all the people
Your restoration comes in this birth
Gone is the darkness gone is the sorrow
Ending all starkness by the new light
God is now bringing hope for tomorrow
Welcome with singing heaven's delight
Join in thanksgiving sing with the angels
Perfect your living, mirror God's love
Refresh your spirit drink from the deep wells
Receive the Spirit sent from above
This invitation comes with a warning
An expectation: live in the Lord
With him you are sent, mission is forming
In your commitment, Christ is adored

***SENDING FORTH** (sung to the tune of Away in a Manger)
Awaken Us, God (Joy)
We pray that your Word may be born in our hearts
That we may shine bright with the joy it imparts
We pray as we wait for Emmanuel's birth
The light of our hope may illumine the earth

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***POSTLUDE** *Voluntary on Two Carols* arr. D. Kidwell

**Please stand as you are able*

Acolytes: Elsie Klahr and Violet Wild



ILL OR CONVALESCING

Claire Wheeler, Kendall Brodie, Jane Giddings, Will and Cheri Jobbins

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathies to Darrin Shoemaker at the passing of his mother, Betty Shoemaker, on December 20, 2023. Services to be held at a later time in Maryland.

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

		Date	In-Person Worship	Online Worship
December 17 Budget needed	\$18,400	12.03	228	312
December 17 Giving to Budget	\$12,623	12.10	219	345
Special Year-End Gifts	\$11,352.31	12.17	161	640
December Special Gifts (designated)	\$3,250			

THANK YOU!

Scan the QR code or visit our website at hhiumc.com/donations or to see several convenient ways for your weekly or monthly giving.



YEAR-END GIVING

Prayerfully consider fulfilling your 2023 stewardship goals, and then consider a special year-end gift to help us finish the year strong. Any gift given in the offering plates through Sunday, December 31 or postmarked by December 31 will be accounted for as a 2023 gift. Please note on your check or envelope if any year-end gifts are to be considered as a pre-pay against your 2024 pledge or giving. If you are giving a gift from an IRA, brokerage account, or bank check, please notify the church to ensure we can properly credit your account. Questions or information about any gifts should be directed to our Financial Administrator Paula Refice at 843.785.4711 or email to paularhhiumc@gmail.com. Thank you for your faithfulness and gifts in the name of our Savior.

CHRISTMAS HYMN SING SERVICE

Sunday, December 31, 10:00 am
Even though it's New Year's Eve, it's still Christmas! Worship with us as we continue to light the Christmas candles, hear from the Prophet, retell the Christmas story, and begin the 'Work of Christmas.' In lieu of a sermon that day, we will sing Christmas hymns by request--have your choices from the hymnal ready.

TWO-SERVICE SCHEDULE RESUMES

Sunday, January 7, 2024, Epiphany Sunday

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship
- 10:15 am Sunday Classes for Adults and Kids
- 11:09 am Modern Worship

Join us as we begin the new year welcoming the Wise Men, lighting the Epiphany candles, and beginning a new series, 'The B.I.B.L.E.: Making Sense of our Sacred Scripture.' For more info about our new modern service, see our YouTube page for the 'Why? What? and When?' videos.

BE PART OF OUR SCREEN TEAM

Are you familiar with an iPad or iPhone? Can you follow along with a worship service and tap a screen at the same time? Have we got an opportunity for you! We need folks to be part of our Screen Team, operating the Sunday morning worship screen presentation. Ideally, we would love to have enough people that could serve for one hour, one Sunday a month (8-10 people, with each person choosing either the early or later service). Contact Bob Gentzler at regentzler2@gmail.com if you would like to serve.



FISHING GUIDE

Sunday, December 24, 2023

10:00 am

Hope is on the Way series

'Hope for Joy'

Scripture: James 1:2-4 (NIV)

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

James 1:2-4 (The Message)

Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.

*In the Word was life,
and the life was the light for all people.*

Navigational Markers (thoughts and ideas to guide you)

Depth Finder

(adapted from *The Voices of Christmas* Advent Devotional, Wk 4)

You may wish to review the stories of the following characters:

Elizabeth (Luke 1:40-45 MSG), Mary (John 2:1-5 TLB), Joseph (Luke 2:46-52 MSG), Shepherds (Luke 2:20 CEB), Wise Men (Matthew 2:9-11 MSG)

Which character did you most identify with this week in their experience of joy? Why? How has reflecting on joy in this week of Christmas perhaps opened your eyes more deeply to the joy of Advent?

What circumstances, people, activities, etc. in your life steal your joy? What might you do to eliminate this?

Gabrielle Roy says 'The more the heart is sated with joy, the more it becomes insatiable.' How does this quote speak to you in this week of Christmas? How will you 'repeat the sounding joy' this Christmas and in the new year?

Prayer as We Put Out to Sea

*Joy to the Earth, the Savior reigns,
let all their songs employ.
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy
repeat the sounding joy
repeat, repeat the sounding joy!*

(Continued on the back)

(from 'Joy to the World' UMH #246)