Macedonia United Methodist Church

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Welcome to the four week season of Advent. Advent is literally about waiting on the Lord and comes from the Latin *adventus* meaning "Coming" as we prepare for the coming of Jesus as a baby at Christmas and as we continue to prepare for Christ's second coming in final victory. The Jewish people waited for hundreds of years for the birth of the promised Messiah. We continue today to wait for his return as we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus, Come."

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Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2025

Prelude Bobbie Wright
Acolyte Braxton Vitt
Words of Grace and Greeting Rev. Tammy Talbert

Opening Prayer

Hymn #203 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Hymn

Mark and Patty Wood

"Now It's Time to Light the Candles"

Children's Story

Solo

**Like a Child, I Wait"

Mission Moment Larry Watson

First Scripture Liturgist: Larry Watson 2 Peter 3:8-13

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer #895

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem "Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus"

Doxology 95

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Second Scripture Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Message "Watch and Wait"

Hymn "God Almighty, We are Waiting"

Announcements

Benediction

Chiming of The Trinity

Postlude Bobbie Wright

A special welcome to our guests visiting with us! We hope you quickly find that you are no stranger here.

A nursery for our little ones is staffed by our coordinator and volunteers.

Directional signs will lead you to our Educational Wing.

Restrooms are located directly outside of the sanctuary as y

Restrooms are located directly outside of the sanctuary as well as between the sanctuary and Spirit Hall.

Hearing assistant devices are available. Please ask a greeter.

This year's Christmas Eve offering will be distributed from the pastor's discretionary fund to assist our **NEIGHBORS IN NEED**. With growing needs within our Southmont community for rent, groceries, gas, water and electricity, money given to **NEIGHBORS IN NEED** will be used to aid those in our community. If you aren't able to be with us at our 5pm Christmas Eve service, you may label checks or envelopes **NEIGHBORS IN NEED** and place in the offering plates or drop it by the church office anytime.



Looking ahead to make a 2026 New Year's resolution? How about to read the Bible in a year?

With daily readings from the Old Testament, New Testament, Psalms, and Proverbs, this Bible is divided into 365 sections so that you can read through the entire Bible in one year by reading just 15 minutes per day! And thanks to a generous donation, you can purchase your Slimline, Large Print, NIV copy for just \$10.

Sign up for your copy at the exits. There will be 30 available and will be here before Christmas.

5th Sunday Update: Thanks to your terrific response to last Sunday's offering of \$29,635.00 to the Building Fund, Church Treasurer Larry Watson was able to make a special 1-time mortgage principal payment on December 2nd in this same amount. This payment reduced the principal balance from \$428,684.45 to \$399,049.45. Thanks be to God!

Unused Christmas cards that will be sent to first responders may be left in the marked totes.

Coming Up		
Today	11:15am	UMW Christmas Hat Party and lunch
December 8	8:00am	Breakfast Blessings
	2:00pm	Circle of Friends at Applebee's
	5:30pm	Yoga
December 10	5:30pm	Wonder Wednesday
	6:00pm	Youth
	6:00pm	Prayer Group
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
December 11	8:00am	Breakfast Blessings
	10:00am	Yoga
	6:00pm	Bell Practice
December 12	9:00am	MOMCO/KIDCO
December 13	10:00am	DAYAS painting and ice cream
December 14	10:00am	Children's Christmas Music during worship
	4:00pm	Southmont Community Tree Lighting
December 24	5:00pm	Christmas Eve Service

Christmas Hat Party and Lunch

Today following the morning service the UMW will sponsor a Soup and Dessert lunch. After lunch we will have a hat exchange party. Bring your own hat, needs to be wrapped. The crazier the better. Come enjoy a great lunch and a fun time!!

Advent Devotions can be picked up at the exits.

Southmont Christmas Tree Lighting

Come on Sunday afternoon, **December 14** from 4:00-6:00pm as we prepare for Christmas by lighting the Southmont Community Christmas Tree. Bring your family, friends, neighbors to enjoy free pizza from Domino's, donuts, popcorn, hot chocolate, coffee, and more.

There will be activities for children, free gifts and a clothes giveaway!

Hopefully we will get a visit from Santa and his elves!

If you would like to help welcome and serve our community let anyone from Outreach know

To give through PayPal on church website:



Nursery Hannah Hogan Children's Church Taryn Heinrich The Puppet Corner
The Puppets are
Coming 12/28!