

10:00 a.m. Service

Hanging of the Greens | December 3, 2023

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

Gathering for Praise

Choral Call to Worship 'Veni Emmanuel' TRUMC Handbells

A Reading from the Prophet Micah 5: 2-4 (CE) Rev. Christine Matthews

***Hymn of Praise** 'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel' (v. 1-2) UMH 211

Welcome and Announcements

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading Mark 13:24-37 Tali Nance

Message What is RIGHT with Christmas? Rev. Brian Gilmer

Responding to God's Word

Offertory 'Go Tell It On The Mountain' 251

Doxology UMH 94

The Litany of the Greens Miki Golden

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the king?

With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?

With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of His passion, death and resurrection.

How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?

By hearing again the words of the prophets who foretold the saving work of God.

Scripture: John 1: 1-5, 14 Teresa Hrab

The Preparing of the Advent Wreath

Advent Candle Liturgy & Lighting

The Turner Family

Though we might feel we are the least significant, our Shepherd will come!

We wait for you again, Lord Jesus.

He will shepherd us in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of God's name.

We wait for you again, Lord Jesus.

We will dwell secure because he will become one of peace.

We wait for you again, Lord Jesus.

As we wait, we light one candle today, one little light to knock holes in the darkness.

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

Scripture: Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

The Placing of the Ivy and Candles

Hymn: 'The Holly and the Ivy' on screen

Scripture: Jeremiah 23: 2, 5-6

The Placing of the Wreath and Greens

Hymn: 'People, Look East' UMH 202, (v. 1,4)

Scripture: Isaiah 55: 10-13

The Placing of the Garland

Song: 'God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen' Psalm 100 Band

Scripture: Matthew 1: 18-23

The Placing of the Poinsettias

Solo: 'Some Children Still See Him' Andrew Bryant

Scripture: Luke 1: 26-33

The Story of the Nativity Scene

Song: 'Oh Little Town of Bethlehem' TRUMPETS Children's Choir

Scripture: Luke 2: 1-7

The Decorating of the Christmas Tree

Songs of Christmas

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Going Forth to Serve God's World

***Hymn of Sending** Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus UMH 196

Responsive Sending Forth: 'Awaken Us, God (Grace)'

Awaken us, God, to the light of your dawn the day of your grace which is hastening on. Now open our eyes to the true, perfect light that shines in all things, that we, too, may burn bright.

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal TFWS: The Faith We Sing Hymnal
Jann Howell, Choir Director/Pianist Ginger Greer, Music Assistant

*Please stand if you are able.

Stewardship & Attendance Report

		Date	Online	In-Person	Sunday School
One Fund Monthly Goal 2023	\$47,808				
One Fund Actual MTD	\$36,609	11.5	33	233	89
Deposits week ended	\$5,422	11.12	32	205	76
Building Project Fund	\$1,361,038	11.19	27	228	87
as of October		11.26	TBD	218	91

Ways to Give:

- Scan the QR Code and fill out the form
- Online at trmethodist.net
- Text-to-Give: Text the amount you wish to give to (833) 948-2135 and continue with steps.



Prayer Concerns

HOMEBOUND

George Adamson, James White, Dee Hughes, Patrick O'Dell, Reggy O'Dell, Frances Lockaby, Barbara Floyd, Martha Foster, Mary Greene, Fred Dyal

TRUMC

Myra Robitalle, Martha Foster

LOSS OF A LOVED ONE

Judy Durant's sister

FRIENDS OF TRUMC

Lorretta Sigenow

OTHER REQUESTS

Israel & Gaza

Submit a prayer request to our Prayer Team: prayer@trmethodist.net

Connect with TRUMC

Worshiping here for the first time?

Stop by one of our Hospitality Stations on your way out of the sanctuary for a welcome bag and a greeting from one of our Hospitality Team members. Or scan the QR code and fill out our contact form. We'd love to hear from you!

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Upcoming Events & Announcements

TODAY'S MEETINGS 12/03

- **UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship)** - Caroling Event - Meet at 4pm at TRUMC and pick up at 6PM at The Woodlands at Furman.
- **TRUMPETS** - 12/3, & 12/10 at 5pm in the Chapel

UPCOMING EVENTS:

BUDDY BEAR 2023 PROJECT

- Donate to Buddy Bears project on TR Methodist site's giving portal for a tax-deductible contribution.
- Alternatively, contribute with a credit card (non-tax deductible) through the GoFundMe link at ElfInGreenville.com.

ADVENT STUDY

"Experiencing Christmas"

MEETING TIMES AND LOCATIONS

December 5 & December 10

Tuesdays at 10 AM at the Woodlands

Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the parlor of the Family Life Center

MISSION CIRCLE will have a Christmas Celebration on 12/6 from 9:30a-11:30a in the Parlor.

FOREVER 55 - Save the Date for our Christmas Gathering on Friday, December 15th.

WOODLANDS BIBLE GROUP meets each Tuesday at 10AM at the Woodlands at Furman in Brian and Mary's Apt 1208.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

This group provides a caring, nonjudgemental and confidential one-to-one relationship between a trained church member and a person experiencing a difficult time or transition in his or her life. For more information, contact Patti Crenshaw at (864)380-8421 or patticrenshaw1@gmail.com

HELP LEAD WORSHIP

Acolytes/Bible Bearers; Scripture Readers; Greeters/Ushers:
Sign up online www.trmethodist.net/online-sign-ups

Trail Guide

Sunday: December 3, 2023

Message: What is RIGHT with Christmas?

Scripture: Mark 13:24-37

24-25 “Following those hard times, sun will fade out, moon cloud over, stars fall out of the sky, cosmic powers tremble.

26-27 “And then they’ll see the Son of Man enter in grand style, his Arrival filling the sky—no one will miss it! He’ll dispatch the angels; they will pull in the chosen from the four winds, from pole to pole.

28-31 “Take a lesson from the fig tree. From the moment you notice its buds form, the merest hint of green, you know summer’s just around the corner. And so it is with you. When you see all these things, you know he is at the door. Don’t take this lightly. I’m not just saying this for some future generation, but for this one, too—these things will happen. Sky and earth will wear out; my words won’t wear out.

32-37 “But the exact day and hour? No one knows that, not even heaven’s angels, not even the Son. Only the Father. So keep a sharp lookout, for you don’t know the timetable. It’s like a man who takes a trip, leaving home and putting his servants in charge, each assigned a task, and commanding the gatekeeper to stand watch. So, stay at your post, watching. You have no idea when the homeowner is returning, whether evening, midnight, cockcrow, or morning. You don’t want him showing up unannounced, with you asleep on the job. I say it to you, and I’m saying it to all: Stay at your post. Keep watch.”

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