

**This Week's Schedule**  
**3rd Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday, December 12th, 2021**

9:00 a.m. - **NO** Early Worship Service  
 10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

**CHANCEL CHOIR  
 PRESENTATION**

5:00 p.m. - **NO** Youth Fellowship  
 5:00 p.m. - **NO** Evening Service  
**6:00 p.m. "B. O. K."**

**Celebration**

**Children's Christmas Play  
 Party in Social Hall**

**Monday, December 13th, 2021**

6:00 p.m. - 55 and Alive in Social Hall (bring Finger Foods) we will supply the Christmas Carols

**Tuesday, December 14th, 2021**

4:00 p.m. - Shirley Reid Circle in Social Hall

**Wednesday, December 15th, 2021**

**NO REGULAR ACTIVITIES**

**"CHURCH—WIDE  
 CAROLING"  
 PARTY TO FOLLOW**

(all ages)

**YOUTH NEWS!!!!!!**

Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. in The Youth Room

The trip to see the Christmas lights at Rocky Ford has been changed from this Saturday to Saturday, December 18th, due to inclement weather. Details will follow next week.

Access the church calendar from your mobile device.



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**F. Y. I.**

**Our Wednesday Evening Activities have been eliminated until Wednesday, January 12th, due to school holidays.**

**The Church Office will close Thursday, December 23rd, at 2:00 p.m. and remain closed until Monday, December 27th.**

**Friday, December 24th, we will have our traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service beginning at 6:00 p.m.**

**On Sunday, December 26th, we will have no 9:00 a.m. Early Service or 10:00 a.m. Sunday School only the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, No Youth Fellowship or Evening Service.**

*The November / December issue of the Upper Room is now available in the hallway by the Church Office. Please come and pick up your copy.*



**The Children's News**

**Be sure to join First United Methodist Church or Swainsboro Childrens Ministry Facebook group for videos, games and all the latest information.**

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**Last Sunday's Attendance**

Sunday School	47
9:00 a.m. Early Service	27
11:00 a.m. Worship	92
6:00 p.m. Evening Service	12
Total Worship	131

**Last Sunday's Gifts**

Weekly Budget	\$ 9544.00
Received for Budget	\$ <u>12739.42</u>
Amount (Under)	\$ 3195.42

YTD Budget	\$ 467656.00
YTD Rec'd for Budget	\$ <u>442708.66</u>
Amount over (Under)	\$ <u>24947.34</u>

Received for Budget	\$ 12739.42
Designated Giving	\$ <u>1051.99</u>
This Week's Giving	\$ 13791.41

"B. O. K." Offering \$ 76.00

**Donations left at the altar rail on Communion Sunday go to the Golden Harvest Food Bank.**



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*The Candle Of  
 JOY*

Rev. David Unkles, Pastor  
 Dr. Ennis Bragg, Choir Director  
 Melinda Hall, Children's Ministry Coordinator

Casey Webb Youth Director  
 Connie Terwilliger, Music Director  
 Judy Wells, Administrative Assistant

Swainsboro First United Methodist Church  
Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021

Broadcast over WXRS 100.5 FM

**Prelude** Savior Of the Nations, Come  
*Enchiridion Oder Handbuchlein, 1524; harm. J.S. Bach*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the King of glory may come in.

A voice cries out:  
“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”

Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion!  
**For lo, I will come and dwell in your midst, says the Lord.**

Many nations shall join themselves to the Lord in that day,  
and shall be My people; and I will dwell in your midst.

**Invocation**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle of Joy**

\*Opening Hymn Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming UMH 216

\*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed UMH 881

\*Gloria Patri

**Passing of the Peace**

\*Gathering Chorus We Have Come into His House

**Children's Moment**

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**“Plate-less” Offering**

\*Doxology UMH 94

**The Chancel Choir**

**Christmas Program**

**“Celebrating the Heart of the Season”**

**2021 Christmas Favorites**

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** Blessed Be the God of Israel Hal H. Hopson

\*Please stand as you are able.

\*\*Our chancel rail is open for prayer.

*Nursery: 9:00 a.m. No Service 10:00 a.m. Melinda Hall 11:00 a.m. Brooke Frye*

*Ushers: Frank Canady, Paul McDaniel, Richard McNeely, Bob Neil,  
Cliff Smith, Phil Tatum*

***Our flowers this morning are the beautiful Poinsettias that  
have been purchased by members and friends of our church.***

***THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! To the Worship  
Committee, and especially the Altar Guild for decorating  
our Church so beautifully for the Christmas Season.  
We also extend our appreciation to Bobby and Daisy Reeves  
for our beautiful Nativity Scene on our front lawn, and all  
the men of the church that helped put it in place.***

**This Week's Scripture Verses**

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Isaiah 12:2-6

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

**In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

**Church Members:**

Mae Bailey family, Cherry Curry, Chesley Flanders Jr., Nancy Flanders, Mary Foskey, Vernon Hardy, Richard Smith, Wilder Smith, Phil Thompson, Joe Ware, Virgil Wells

**Extended Church Family:**

Hailey Holden Allen, Donald Atkinson family, Tyler Bates, Pat & Wade Bedingfield, Buddy Bonds (Lori Bonds Mother-in-law), Frank & Rhunette Brinson, Susie Bryant, Don Canady, Lee Canady, Brenda Cannady family, Patricia Coleman, Marion Cuttino, Sam Daniels, Brandon Dickens (Cathy McDaniel's nephew), Carol Donaldson, Evelyn Doss, Frances Dryden, Kevin Edenfield, Judy Fennell (Milton Gray's sister), Helen & Tom Graves (Carolyn Derden's bother & sister), Georganne Hairr (Kim Hooks' mother), Harriett Hicks, Billy Holder, Rex Holt, Zade Scarboro Hullander, Phyllis Hutcheson (Karol Key's mother), Kay Johnson, Barbara Jones, Carlton Jones family, Fay Key, Kaylan Lamb (Terry and Tanya Lamb's granddaughter), R. L. Marshall (Kay Peacock's brother), Deborah Martin, Ken McGee (Sharon Edenfield's father), Billy McNeely, Sandy Moody, Art & Joan Neil (Bob Neil's parents), Tim Palmer, Marty Payne (Teresa Mason's brother), Clark Petersen (Brother-in-law of Kathy Palmer), Mitch Proctor, Vaughn Riner, Jack Sutton, Lynda Talmadge, Wes Terry, Keith & Kal Thompson, Roy Thompson, Frances & Lee Vaitha, Anne Wilkes, LeaAnn Williams

**We wish to thank Teah and Frank Canady for the beautiful Christmas tree that adorns our Sanctuary.**