

White is the liturgical color for Christmas Eve and the Christmas season in the United Methodist Church, symbolizing joy, light, and celebration. It reflects the glory of Christ's birth and proclaims God's redeeming love made visible in the world, inviting the Church to rejoice in the gift of new life and hope.

> ₩ Please stand in body or spirit. Spoken liturgy is printed in **bold**. Sung liturgy is printed in bold italics.

**GREETING** Rev. Gillian Walters

German Carol Fantasy

*Sing We Now of Christmas* **PRELUDE** Carol of the Bells

arr. Diane Bish Mark Hayes arr. Bish

## **★** CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Wilson Newell

Long ago, the prophets spoke of light breaking into darkness, of hope born in the night.

We gather to witness the promise fulfilled and the Word made flesh.

They dreamed of peace, of justice, of God dwelling with the people.

Tonight, that promise draws near; heaven leans toward earth.

In the stillness of this holy night, Christ comes among us.

We welcome Emmanuel, God with us.

Let us worship the One foretold and now revealed.

With wonder and joy, we come to adore the newborn King.

#### **★** PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

**UMH 234** 

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem. Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

Chorus: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

Christ the Lord Chorus: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

Christ the Lord

**OPENING PRAYER** 

Rev. Walters

THE PROPHECY OF THE MESSIAH

Isaiah 9:2; 6-7

THE COMING OF IESUS IS ANNOUNCED TO MARY AND JOSEPH

Luke 1:26-38

Matthew 1:18-25

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear | UMH 218

It came upon the midnight clear that glorious song of old From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all gracious King. The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

## THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Luke 2:1-5

O Little Town of Bethlehem | UMH 230

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by; yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light. The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight. **IESUS IS BORN** 

Away in a Manger | UMH 217

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing the Baby awakes but little Lord Jesus no crying He makes I love You, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

## IESUS' BIRTH IS ANNOUNCED TO THE SHEPHERDS

Luke 2:8-14

Luke 2:6-7

Angels We Have Heard on High | UMH 238

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains, And the mountains in reply *Echoing their joyous strains.* Gloria, in excelis Deo! (2x)

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heavenly song? *Gloria, in excelis Deo! (2x)* 

## THE SHEPHERDS FIND THE BABY IESUS

Luke 2:15-18

In the Bleak Midwinter | UMH 221

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, *In the bleak midwinter, long ago.* 

What can I give him, poor as I am, *If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; If I were a wise man, I would do my part; Yet what can I give him: give my heart.* 

## ADVENT LITURGY

Rev. Kathy Jorgensen

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

**HOMILY** A Silent Night? Rev. Walters

PRAYERS OF DEDICATION

Rev. Newell

**OFFERTORY** 

arr. Clausen O Holy Night

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON Rev. Darrin Scott Isaac

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**AGNUS DEI** 

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

Come forward at the direction of the ushers to receive the elements. Please notify the usher if you wish to receive communion at your seat. *The altar rail is always open for prayer.* 

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

The Work of Christmas

Dan Forrest

## **★** CAROL

Silent Night, Holy Night

**UMH 239** 

1. Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round you virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

3. Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born. Christ the Savior is born!

2. Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light; radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

4. Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born. Christ the Savior is born!

## **★** BENEDICTION

Joy to the World

Rev. Walters

**UMH 246** 

# **★** CHORAL BENEDICTION

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing, And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

2. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders, of His love.

# ₩ POSTLUDE

Toccata sur French Noel: Il est né le divin enfant

Denis Bédard

## PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

**PASTORS** 

Rev. Gillian Walters Rev. Wilson Newell Rev. Kathy Jorgensen

PASTOR OF MUSIC & WORSHIP Rev. Darrin Scott Isaac

**GUEST ORGANIST** Tommy Watts

## **ACOLYTES & USHERS**

Thank you to our dedicated acolytes and ushers for your service and participation in today's worship.

## **CHILDCARE**

Today's special service is family-friendly, and we invite your children who are 4-years-old or older to stay with us during worship. For children 3-years-old or younger, childcare will be available. Infants up to 2-years-old may go to the Nursery, while toddlers up to 3-years-old may go to the Treehouse. All children should be picked up at the conclusion of the service.

# PASTORAL CARE

If you or a loved one are in the hospital, need prayer, or you would like to have a conversation with a pastor about your faith and relationship to Jesus, then please don't hesitate to reach out to us at pastoralcare@dauphinwayumc.org. You can also call the church office at 251-471-1511 and set up a time when we can talk with you.

# **GET INVOLVED**

For more info, visit dauphinwavumc.org.

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SUNDAYS	8:00 AM	Sunday Morning Donuts	McGowin Hall
CONDINIO	8:10 AM	Children's Nursery Opens	
AT		- Infants	The Treehouse
111		- Walkers – 2-Years-Old	E115
DAUPHIN		- Ages 3 – 4K	E109
Ditorinit	8:20 AM	Chapel Worship	Adkins Chapel
Way UMC	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School	
		Covenant Class	McDavid Library
		Faith Development Class	Dill Parlor
		Open Hearts Open Minds	Family Life Room
	9:30 AM	Friends In Faith	E125
		Contemporary Worship	Moore Hall
	9:50 AM	Children's Church	
		- Kindergarten – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	E215
	10:30 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	The Sanctuary
		Fellowship for Everyone	McGowin Hall
	11:00 AM	Traditional Worship	The Sanctuary
	11:20 AM	Children's Church	
		- Kindergarten - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	E215
		WEEKLY SCHEDULE	_
Mon – Fri	8:00 AM	Meals On Wheels	Kitchen
Mon – Tue	9:00 AM	Society of St. Stephen	E120
Mondays	10:00 AM	Prayer Group	Dill Parlor
Tuesdays	7:00 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast	McDavid Library
Wednesdays	6:00 AM	Youth Morning Devotion	Off Site; Carpe Diem
	10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Bishops' & Family Life Rooms
	1:30 PM	Centering Prayer	Dill Parlor
	6:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
	Tl	HIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGH	TS
Dec 24-26	All Day	Church Office Closed	DWUMC
Wed, Dec 24	Varies	Christmas Eve Services	DWUMC
	10:30 AM	Children's Pageant	The Sanctuary
	4:00 PM	Contemporary Service	Moore Hall

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Sanctuary

5:30 PM Sanctuary Service

Sun, Dec 28	10:30 AM	Combined Service	The Sanctuary
Sun, Jan 11	4:30 PM	Raising Kids in a Digital Age	McGowin Hall
Jan 16 - Jan 19	All Day	Youth Winter Retreat	Off Site: AL 4H Center
Tue, Jan 20	5:30 PM	DW Leadership Training	McGowin Hall
Sun, Jan 25	5:00 PM	Dill Lecture	The Sanctuary
Fri, Jan 30	3:00 PM	Children's Winter Retreat	Off Site; Blue Lake Camp
Sun, Feb 1	4:30 PM	<b>Anxious Generation Book</b>	McDavid Library
		Club Meeting: Option 1	
Wed, Feb 4	12:00 PM	<b>Anxious Generation Book</b>	McDavid Library
		Club Meeting: Option 2	

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

TODAY'S CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING: Through the leadership of our Finance Committee, our church is now sales tax exempt in addition to being income tax exempt—an important step that will save thousands of dollars each year. To maintain this status, we will dedicate 100% of this year's Christmas Eve offering to support our Meals on Wheels. Meals on Wheels is one of the most meaningful ministries of Dauphin Way UMC, bringing Christ's love to our neighbors in need. If you'd like to contribute to this offering, your gifts must be given by cash or by check, made payable to the Worldwide United Appeal Fund, which retains none of the funds and passes them directly through for this mission. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus—the One who feeds, welcomes, and cares—let our giving reflect His heart. Your generosity will both support a vital community ministry and help our church steward its resources wisely.

**LEINKAUF VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** As the new year approaches, Dauphin Way UMC is excited to continue partnering with Leinkauf Elementary School for their weekly "Student of the Week" recognition. Volunteers are needed to provide and deliver two dozen doughnuts to the school on Fridays at 8 AM. The doughnuts may be dropped off in the school office, or you may stay to help give them out to the students being recognized (30-minute commitment or less). This is a great opportunity to spend a few minutes with these students and help recognize their academic and behavioral efforts and success! Contact **Lee Hoagland** at **sceniclee@att.net** for more information, or use the following link to volunteer: **dauphinwayumc.org/volunteer-at-leinkauf.** 

**UPCOMING COMBINED SERVICE:** Our worship services on Sunday, **December 28**, will be combined. Instead of meeting at our normal times, we will gather for ONE service only at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary. Nursery care for children ages 4 and under will be available, but we will not have Children's Church. See you soon!

RAISING KIDS IN A DIGITAL AGE: Have you ever found yourself wondering how to raise kids in today's digital world? Our workshop on Sunday, January 11, at 4:30 PM will explore this topic and feature Stephanie Bradford, a school counselor at Mary B. Austin Elementary, and Micah Wright, a certified counselor and Minister of Outreach at Foley UMC. Our prayer is that this workshop will be a gift to the Mobile community, helping all of us find grace-filled, faithful ways to guide the next generation in a world that's constantly changing. Register at dauphinwayumc.org/raising-kids.

**YOUTH WINTER RETREAT:** From **January 16** to **January 19**, we will be heading back to the Alabama 4-H Center! All 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us for a truly incredible weekend. Please note that any remaining balance of the registration fee is due by Sunday, **January 11**.

**DILL LECTURE SERIES TO BE JANUARY 25:** Dauphin Way and the Dill Lecture Committee are pleased to announce Bishop L. Jonathan Holston as the Dill Lecture speaker on Sunday, **January 25.** He will deliver the sermon at the combined worship service at 10:30 AM and then speak again at 5PM. Bishop Holston is the resident bishop of the Alabama-West Florida and North Alabama Conferences of the United Methodist Church. He brings outstanding leadership on both the conference and general church levels. His love for missions has taken him around the world and gained him recognition as a mission specialist. Mark your calendar to join your church family in worshipping together on January 25.

**ANXIOUS GENERATION BOOK CLUB:** You are invited to join Dauphin Way's book club! The next book we are reading is "The Anxious Generation" by Jonathan Haidt. We will have two meeting options for you to chose from: meet with us on Sunday, **February 1,** at 4:30 PM OR Wednesday, **February 4,** at 12 PM. This reading accompanies the *Raising Kids in a Digital Age* workshop on January 11, which will feature speakers on wise use of technology in families. Be sure to order your book now and read it before our book club meeting if you'd like to participate!

CHILDREN'S WINTER RETREAT 2026: We are excited to announce our Children's Winter Retreat 2026 will be at the beautiful Blue Lake Camp in Andalusia! This special weekend retreat is for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students, and will take place January 30 – February 1. During this weekend, students will make new friends, grow in community, and explore God's presence in their lives and the plans He has for each of them. All programming is provided by the Blue Lake staff, so our adult volunteers will not be asked to teach or lead activities—just to enjoy the experience alongside our students! The registration deadline is Thursday, January 15. To register, email Heather.White@dwumc.org. We hope your kids will join us for this meaningful weekend of faith, fun, and fellowship!



Dauphin Way United Methodist Church Mobile, Alabama

# CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE DECEMBER 24, 2025

5:30 PM SERVICE OF WORD

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