

<div><i>An Order of Sunday Worship</i></div> <p><i>In the season of Advent, the United Methodist Church often uses purple as its liturgical color. Purple carries a double meaning in this holy season. It is the color of kingship, reminding us that we await the coming of Christ our King. Yet it is also a color of preparation and repentance, inviting us to ready our hearts, make room in our lives, and turn again toward God’s light.</i></p> <p><i>During Advent, purple calls us into a sacred waiting that is rich, deep, and expectant. It signals that this is a season of longing and promise, a time when we lean into the hope of Christ’s arrival and prepare ourselves for the miracle of God-with-us.</i></p> <div><div>✠ Please stand in body or spirit. Spoken liturgy is printed in bold. Sung liturgy is printed in <i>bold italics</i>.</div></div>		
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rev. Gillian Walters	
PRELUDE	<i>Sinfonia from Christmas Oratorio</i>	J.S. Bach
✠ CHIMING OF THE TRINITY		
✠ CALL TO WORSHIP	Rev. Kathy Jorgensen	
The Lord speaks again to a weary people, offering a sign of hope. We come longing for assurance in uncertain days. Look, the young woman shall conceive and bear a son. God comes near, dwelling among us. His name shall be called Emmanuel, God with us. We worship the One who does not abandon us. Come, let us trust the promise and rejoice in God’s presence. We gather to praise the God who is with us still.		
✠ PROCESSIONAL HYMN	<i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice</i>	UMH 224
✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES’ CREED		
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.		
✠ GLORIA PATRI		
<i>Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.</i>		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Rev. Darrin Scott Isaac	
THE LORD’S PRAYER		

CALL TO OFFERTORY		
<i>New every morning is Your grace arising like the dawn. Your love has drawn us to this place, Your love will lead us on.</i>		
OFFERTORY	<i>O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion</i>	Natalie Isaac, <i>mezzo-soprano</i>
<i>During the singing of the Doxology, children in kindergarten through third grade are invited to make their way to the front of the Sanctuary for the Children’s Moment.</i>		
✠ DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER FOR THE NATION		
<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.</i>		
<i>Our fathers’ God to Thee, author of liberty, to Thee we sing; long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light; protect us by Thy might, great God, our king. Amen.</i>		
CHILDREN’S MOMENT	Rev. Jorgensen	
✠ GOSPEL HYMN	<i>Emmanuel, Emmanuel</i>	UMH 204
SCRIPTURE		
Isaiah 7:10-16		
Rev. Walters		
The Word of God for the People of God. Thanks be to God.		
SERMON	For Unto Us a Child Is Born: <i>God with Us</i>	Rev. Walters
ADVENT PROCLAMATION		
Rev. Wilson Newell		
The word has been spoken, and the promise has been given. God is with us, even when the path ahead is unclear. The sign has been revealed in tenderness and trust. Hope takes flesh among ordinary lives. We have heard the promise of Emmanuel. Fear does not have the final word. The child has been named, and God draws near. We are not left alone in the waiting. Go now into the world bearing this promise. Live as signs of God’s presence. Carry hope into places of doubt. Proclaim with your lives: God is with us.		
<i>All pray in silence.</i>		
✠ HYMN OF INVITATION	<i>He Is Born</i>	UMH 228
✠ BENEDICTION		
Rev. Walters		
✠ CHORAL BENEDICTION	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i> Refrain	UMH 234

✠ POSTLUDE	<i>Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts</i>	Camille Saint-Saens
PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY		
PASTORS	PASTOR OF MUSIC & WORSHIP	GUEST ORGANIST
Rev. Gillian Walters Rev. Wilson Newell Rev. Kathy Jorgensen	Rev. Darrin Scott Isaac	Tommy Watts
ACOLYTES		
Logan Philips Garrett Philips Marsh Wilbanks, Jr. Olivia Pieczynski		
USHERS		
David Bush (HU) Josh Crawley Scott Hunter Sue King Walter Meigs		
2025 POINSETTIAS AND SOCIETY OF ST. STEPHEN CHRISTMAS DEDICATIONS		
<i>For this season’s honorarium and memorial donations, please see the separate bulletin insert.</i>		
COMMENDATION AND NEW MEMBER WELCOME		
We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and at Dauphin Way United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.		
CHILDREN’S CHURCH		
We will have Children’s Church for children in kindergarten through third grade during the sermon in today’s worship service. Children should be picked up by their parents from Room 215 in the Education Building after the service. Infants may go to the Nursery, while toddlers who are walking up to 2-years-old may go to Room 115, and 3 and 4-year-olds may go to Room 109.		
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 dauphinwayumc.org.

SUNDAYS AT DAUPHIN WAY UMC	8:00 AM	Sunday Morning Donuts	McGowin Hall
	8:10 AM	Children’s Nursery Opens - Infants - Walkers – 2-Years-Old - Ages 3 – 4K	The Treehouse E115 E109
	8:20 AM	Chapel Worship	Adkins Chapel
	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School Covenant Class Faith Development Class Open Hearts Open Minds	McDavid Library Dill Parlor Family Life Room
	9:30 AM	Friends In Faith	E125
		Contemporary Worship	Moore Hall
	9:50 AM	Children’s Church - Kindergarten – 3 rd Grade	E215
	10:30 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	The Sanctuary
		Fellowship for Everyone	McGowin Hall
		Traditional Worship	The Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Children’s Church	
	11:20 AM	- Kindergarten - 3 rd 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

THIS WEEK’S HIGHLIGHTS

Dec 24-26	<i>All Day</i>	Church Office Closed	DWUMC
Wed, Dec 24	<i>Varies</i>	Christmas Eve Services	DWUMC
	10:30 AM	Children’s Pageant	The Sanctuary
	4:00 PM	Contemporary Service	Moore Hall
	5:30 PM	Sanctuary Service	The Sanctuary

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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	<i>All Day</i>	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	Anxious Generation Book Club Meeting: Option 1	McDavid Library
Wed, Feb 4	12:00 PM	Anxious Generation Book Club Meeting: Option 2	McDavid Library

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 7th through 12th 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

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 21, 2025

11:00 AM SERVICE OF WORD