

An Order of Sunday Worship

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.

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.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Gillian Walters

PRELUDE *Advent Triptych* Rebecca K. Owens

✠ CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Kathy Jorgensen

Comfort, O comfort my people.

We come to receive the mercy God speaks.

A voice cries in the wilderness.

We turn our hearts to prepare the Lord's way.

Every valley shall rise; every rough place made smooth.

We seek the God who levels what burdens us.

The Shepherd gathers us close.

In hope and reverence, we come to worship.

✠ PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Lift Up Your Heads,
Ye Mighty Gates* UMH 213

✠ 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

**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.**

ADVENT CANDLE LITURGY The Markle Family

RESPONSIVE HYMN *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* UMH 211
Verse 2

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Jorgensen

CALL TO OFFERTORY

**New every morning is Your grace arising like the dawn.
Your love has drawn us to this place, Your love will lead us on.**

OFFERTORY *A Time for Advent* Harris

During the singing of the Doxology, children in kindergarten through third grade are invited to come forward to go to Children's Church.

✠ DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER FOR THE NATION

**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.**

**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.**

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 40:1-11 Rev. Walters
The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *A Voice in the Wilderness* Rev. Walters

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Wilson Newell

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All pray in silence.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

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

Our Father in heaven, holy is Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on Earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, forgive us our sin as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever and ever. Our Father in heaven, holy is Your name.

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.*

✠ HYMN OF INVITATION *Of the Father's Love Begotten* UMH 184

✠ BENEDICTION Rev. Walters

✠ CHORAL BENEDICTION *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* Praetorius

✠ POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* S. Karg-Elert

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	USHERS
Callie Streety Maddox Deen Paul Streety Sarah Frances Warren	Chris Phillips (HU) Scott Hunter Walter Meigs Irvin Rentz, Jr. Norman Waldrop

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joe McCorquodale by Bobby and Elizabeth Percy.

SYMPATHY

Our love and sympathy are extended to the family of Ann Smith Bedsole upon her death on December 1, 2025.

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 will be brought back to the Sanctuary for Communion and should be picked up by their parents after the service concludes. 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 E125
	9:30 AM	Friends In Faith Contemporary Worship	Moore Hall
	9:50 AM	Children's Church - Kindergarten – 3 rd Grade	E215
	10:30 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal Fellowship for Everyone	The Sanctuary McGowin Hall
	11:00 AM	Traditional Worship	The Sanctuary
	11:20 AM	Children's Church - 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

Sun, Dec 7	4:00 PM	Guided By Grace	Off Site; Greer's Xmas Town
	4:30 PM	Birthday Party for Baby Jesus Messiah Advent Study	DWUMC Dill Parlor
	5:00 PM	Youth Christmas Party	Moore Hall
Wed, Dec 10	12:00 PM	Messiah Advent Study	Dill Parlor

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sun, Dec 14	5:30 PM	White Christmas Service	The Sanctuary
Mon, Dec 15	<i>All Day</i>	DEADLINE: Order Your Poinsettias	
Wed, Dec 17	10:30 AM	Celebrate Marsha McGehee	McGowin Hall
Wed, Dec 24	<i>Varies</i>	Christmas Eve Services	DWUMC
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
Sun, Jan 25	5:00 PM	Dill Lecture	The Sanctuary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MESSIAH ADVENT STUDY: Get in the spirit of Christmas and join us for a 2-week book study on Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann's *Names of the Messiah*. The study focuses on the names given to the Messiah in Isaiah 9 and complements our Advent sermon series and White Christmas oratorio, Handel's *Messiah*. The class will meet on Sundays, **November 30** and **December 7**, at 4:30 PM in the Dill Parlor, OR Wednesdays, **December 3** and **December 10**, at 12 PM. You are encouraged to order the book ahead of time so that you come prepared! Sign up at dauphinwayumc.org/adult-discipleship or just come!

WHITE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION 2025: Join us for a special evening of music and worship as we celebrate the joy of the Christmas season on Sunday, **December 14**, at 5:30 PM. The Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, Orchestra, and guest soloists will present *Handel's Messiah, Part I: Christmas*. This inspiring service will also serve as a fundraiser for Embrace Alabama Kids, supporting their ministry of care and compassion for children and families. All are welcome—members, friends, and neighbors alike, to share in this beautiful offering of praise.

SOCIETY OF ST. STEPHEN POINSETTIAS: Every year, our worship spaces are decorated with beautiful poinsettias for the holiday season. This year, we will have 60 poinsettias available for purchase at \$15/set. Monetary donations can be made to the Society of St. Stephen, as well. On Sunday, **December 21**, the poinsettias will be displayed on the altar, and the honorariums and memorials will be listed in the bulletin. To order, visit dauphinwayumc.org/poinsettias-2025. To donate, visit dauphinwayumc.org/sss-gift. Paper forms are also available in the Gathering Place and at the Welcome Desk. The deadline is Monday, **December 15!**

MARSHA MCGEHEE'S RETIREMENT RECEPTION: On Wednesday, **December 17**, from 10:30 AM -11:30 AM, we will honor and celebrate our Hospitality & Food Services Director, Marsha McGehee and her husband, Billy, for her 11 years of ministry in Dauphin Way's kitchen. She is set to retire at the end of the year, and we want to recognize all she has done for our church and community. To say "thank you" for her service, we are collecting a love offering to gift to Marsha. If you'd like to contribute, you can go to dauphinwayumc.org/give and select "love offering" or you can write a check to Dauphin Way and designate "For love offering." We'd love for our church family to help us send her off well! Please drop in during her reception to enjoy a light lunch, and to express your gratitude and well-wishes to Marsha and Billy.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES 2025: This Christmas Eve, join us at one of our special Candlelight Christmas Eve Services and surround yourself with music, community and the light of Christ. Our Children's Service will be at 10:30 AM, our Contemporary Service will be at 4 PM, and our Sanctuary Service will be at 5:30 PM. Bring your family, invite your friends and experience the wonder, joy and peace of Christmas this holiday season!

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!

ADVENT DEVOTIONS 2025: This year, our Advent Devotions will be the Society of St. Andrew's "Embrace Joy!" This devotional is more than a spiritual resource. It's also a way for your community to join SoSA's mission of feeding the hungry, reducing food waste, and building caring communities that reflect the love of Christ. Whether you enter Advent brimming with joy or longing to rediscover it, Embrace Joy is for you. Copies are available in McGowin Hall, Moore Hall, and the Gathering Place, or you can download it at dauphinwayumc.org/advent-devotions.

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. Registration will be open until Friday, **December 12**. A deposit will be due upon registration with the remaining balance due at the Parent Meeting on Sunday, **January 11**. Register at dauphinwayumc.org/y-winter-retreat.



Dauphin Way United Methodist Church
Mobile, Alabama

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 7, 2025

11:00 AM SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE