Announcements

***White Christmas Offering*** will be taken today during worship at a separate time from our usual offering. Please come forward to leave your gift when the month of your birthday is named.

***Church after Church:*** Children’s Ministries is hosting Breakfast With Santa. **Everyone** is welcome to attend

***Chancel Choir Rehearsals:***  Monday, December 4th and Thursday, December7th at 5:30 pm in the **Sanctuary.**

**Chancel Choir will present** *“The Glory of Christmas”* next Sunday during Worship.

***Prayer Request Cards*** are located in the Narthex and on the table by the Elevator

***Honey Baked Hams*** – Youth are still taking orders. Projected delivery will be on December 20th.

***Vredenburgh Christmas Party*** is Saturday, December 9th. We would like to put together some fun arts and crafts and serve lunch to the children. If you would like to help, we need the following: \*Youth or adult volunteers for crafts (**contactChristi Dunn**) \*Volunteers to help cook food (hamburgers & hot dogs) (**contact Sage Smith**). \*Donations of food and drinks (**contact Christi Dunn**) OR Donations of $ to purchase food.

***Missions Committee to Host Bake Sale on December 10th to benefit Children’s Home.*** Bakers are needed. Bake sale will be after Church in Norman Barnett Hall during Church After Church. Contact Karen Robinson or Christi Dunn

***Church after Church*** will **NOT** take place on December 24th or December 31st.

***Today we welcome*** Meri Palmar Hilburn into the Family of God and our Church. She is the daughter of Matthew and Anna Ray Hilburn and little sister of Ford Allen.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY

INVITED

TO A PORTRAIT DEDICATION

HONORING

Dr. Jack Whetstone

Sunday, December 10, 2023

2:00 pm

Monroe County Hospital

2016 S. Alabama Avenue

Monroeville, AL 36460

**November Giving Received:** $ 26,554.00

**November Giving Needed:** $ 39,688.00

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**YTD Giving Received:**  $ 336,284.50

**YTD Giving Needed:** $ 396,880.00

First United Methodist Church

324 Pineville Road

Monroeville, Alabama 36460

251-575-2790

December 3, 2023

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**Church Staff**

Senior Pastor: Rev. John Woodrow

Minister of Education: Rev. Pam Barnhardt

Director of Music Ministries/Organist: Nancy Carleton

Church Business Administrator: Caroline Hardin

Nursery Director: Christi Dunn

Nursery Attendants: Letitia Gibbs & Rosie Parker

**Morning Worship**

December 3, 2023 ‡ 10:05

**First Sunday of Advent**

**White Christmas Sunday**

**ENTRANCE**

Gathering  *The Little Drummer Boy* Joe Chambers  *Welcome and Opportunities* Rev. Pam Barnhardt

Invocation Rev. Barnhardt

Lighting the Advent Wreath *Candle of Peace* Family of Grant Wiggins

Offering Nancy Carleton

† Doxology Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow Hymnal, 95

† Hymn 229 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* Congregation



***Sing We Now of Christmas Ruth Elaine Schram***

***Little Donkey Carol Huffman Dickson***

***No Room Nan Grantham***

***For You Nan Grantham***

***Have You Heard the Good News? Lynn Shaw Bailes***

***Christmas Bells Are Ringing Becki Slagle Mays***

Children’s Sermon Rev. Barnhardt

**CAST**

**Fletcher Bradley Julia Brown James Brown Jack Chambers Joe Chambers**

**Marleee Kate Farish Mason Goneke Charlie Harrigan Thomas Harris**

**Ford Allen Hilburn McKenzie Kilpatrick Chapman Luker LibbaJane Luker Fielding Montgomery William Rainey John Martin Sawyer Palmer Sawyer**

**Narrator: Brad Lipscomb**

Director: Sammye Long Assistant: Melody Bradley Pianist: Nancy Carleton

Children’s Sermon Rev. Barnhardt

Message Misty Powell

White Christmas Offering Ceremony Pastor and Congregation

Sacrament of Baptism Hymnal, 36

**SENDING FORTH**

† Hymn 204 *What Child Is This*  Congregation

† Benediction Rev. Woodrow

† Three-fold Amen Congregation

Going Forth *Postlude*  Nancy Carleton

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† *Standing as able Please silence or turn off your cell phones*

**Attendance registration August 13, 2017**

Check one: 9:00\_\_\_\_\_11:00\_\_\_\_\_

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Address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Member(s)
* First time visitor
* Visitor
* Wish to join church
* Desire pastoral visit

Will you share your birthday below for our newsletter birthday list?

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**Continuing through Advent**

December 10 **Second** Sunday of Advent **Chancel Choir Cantata**

December 17 **Third** Sunday of Advent **Poinsettia Sunday**

December 24 **Fourth** Sunday of Advent **Christmas Eve**

**4:30** pm **Chancel Bells Chistmas Program**

**5:00** and **7:00** pm **Christmas Eve Communion & Candlelight Services**

December 31 **First Sunday After Christmas**

*The Altar Flowers today are given to the greater glory of God*

*and in honor of the Baptism of our daughter, Meri Palmar, our son Ford Allen, and the children blessing us with their Christmas Program today*

*by Matthew and Anna Ray Hilburn.*

Compiled, Edited, and Narration by Carol Huffman Dickerson

*The Altar Flowers today are given to the greater glory of God*

*and*

*by Cecelia Ingram/Pam Barnhardt.*