# Announcements

To register for any of these events, please visit our website: skidawaymethodist.org

# Wednesday Night Dinner

Join us for a mid-week fellowship meal on Wednesday, December 13 at 5:45 pm in Bailey Hall. The menu is sliced roast beef with mushroom sauce, roasted potatoes, rosemary and garlic green beans with almonds, and dessert. Following dinner, we will enjoy a friendly "roast" of Rev. Rob Groheer as we join him in celebrating his re-retirement. Please RSVP for the dinner on our website (skidawaymethodist.org) by Monday, December 11 at noon.

# Nativity Display this Advent

This Advent season SIMC will display nativity sets from our congregation on December 10th and 17th. We welcome nativity sets of all shapes and sizes, from delicate heirlooms to simple and rustic. If you'd like to have yours on display, please bring it by the church office durning business hours this week.

# 2024 Pledge Cards

Please return 2024 pledge cards over the next few Sundays. Extra pledge cards can be found on the table in the Narthex. Thank you for your generous support of the church ministries and outreach programs.

# Vivldi's Gloria

Special Music on December 10 at the 10:00 am Service includes highlights from Vivaldi's Gloria, accompanied by violin, cello, and piano. At the end of the Service, the choir and eager members of the congregation will sing the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah.

# For Our Families During the Sunday School Hour

- Children's Choir will rehearse on December 3 & 10 at 11:15 am; preschool through elementary children are welcome!
- Youth (6th 12th grade students) will meet upstairs on December 3 & 10 at 11:15 am with a kick-off brunch today.
- Young Adults will meet in the Parlor on December 3 & 10 for conversation about how to celebrate Advent in the home.

# Christmas Events & Services

Mark your calendars for the following events and services:

Dec 8 at 7:30 pm: I Cantori, A Choral Concert

Dec 10 at 12 pm: Family Christmas Caroling at Thrive on Skidaway

Dec 12 at 2:00 pm: Caroling at The Oaks

Dec 17 at 10:00 am service: Handbell Ensemble & Children's Choir Dec 17 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm: Churchwide Christmas Caroling

Dec 24 at 10:00 am: Morning Worship (one service) Dec 24 at 4:00 pm: Family Interactive Worship Dec 24 at 6:00 pm: Candlelight & Communion Service Dec 31 at 10:00 am: New Years Eve Worship (one service)

# Adult Sunday School Potluck Today

Our adult Sunday School classes will be gathering today at 11:30 in Bailey Hall for a potluck. You are welcome to attend regardless of if you brought a dish to share.



Welcoming people to Christ. Growing in our relationship with God. loving others through service.



# Prayer requests:

Email prayer@skidawaymethodist.org Weekly Emails: Contact the office to sign-up at (912) 598-8460.

# With Us

# Pastor Hale's Contact Information:

(912) 800-5345; hale@skidawaymethodist.org



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# Sunday School Opportunities

Our education classes meet to study God's word and share in fellowship together. Our classes are always open to visitors and new members! Here's a snapshot of what each class is studying.

# These classes meet at 11:15 am:

Encouragers Class - This class is beginning a new study called "Not a Silent Night" by Adam Hamilton today at 11:15 AM. This is a perfect opportunity to sample Sunday School to prepare for the upcoming Advent season.

**Spiritual Growth Class** - This class of active retirees digs into God's word to learn more about scripture as it connects to daily life.

Thorne Class - This class uses material from Cokesbury with a theme of "God Provides" to see how scripture touches our hearts and minds.

Youth Class - Our 6th - 12 grade students are starting a new class and will meet upstairs in the Youth Room with Mr. Steve.

## This class meets at 9:00 am:

**New Hope Class** - This class is beginning a new series focused on "God's Law is Love" to better understand God's loving relationship with us.

Church Staff

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Rev. Hale Bishop

Rev. Michelle Johnson

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Senior Pastor Director of Music Ministries

Rev. Rob Grotheer Associate Pastor

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Breakfast with Pastor Hale Every Wednesday at 8:00 am at Marshwood



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# Skidnway Island Methodist Church



December 3, 2023

The Order of Worship

December 3, 2023 at 8:30 and 10:00 am

Enter in prayer and meditation as we prepare for worship.

WESTMINSTER CHIMES

**GREETING** Rev. Michelle Johnson

O Come All Ye Faithful **PRELUDE** Kristin King, harp

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE Milling Family

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (10:00 AM)** 

A Candle Is Burning **AWAY IN A MANGER** 

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright, a candle of hope in December's dark night. While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky, our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.

\*HYMN 211 v 1-4 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel **VENIEMMANUEL** 

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransome captive Israel, that mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appear.

# Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go. (R)

O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe. (R)

O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy people be; before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call. (R)

\*AFFIRMATION 881 The 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 70 **MEINEKE** 

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.

YOUTH DUET

**Silent Night** Caroline Richardson & Fiona Gendelman

CHILDREN'S HYMN 277 (10:00)

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear: things I would ask him to tell me if he were here: scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea, stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Susan Donovan

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Rob Grotheer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy and every longing heart.

OFFERTORY SOLO (8:30 am)

**Advent Psalm** Damon Banks, vocal

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (10:00 am) J.S. Bach and Charles Wesley **Advent Psalm** Chancel Choir and Jeanne Mundy, violin

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS** 

Ushers

\*DOXOLOGY 95 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD 100th

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. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE** Mark 13:24-37 Pew Bible NT Page 47

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MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella What Child Is This O Holy Night Kristin King, harp

**VENIEMMANUEL** \*HYMN 211 v 5-7 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home. The captives from their prison free, and conquer death's deep misery.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thy justice here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. (R)

O come, Desire of Nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind. From dust thou brought us forth to life; deliver us from earthly strife. (R)

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BLESSING Emmanuel, Emmanuel McGee

**POSTLUDE** Hail to the Lord's Anointed **ELLACOMBE** 

\*Congregation, please stand as able.

Welcome to Our Church

Take a moment to sign the red attendance registration pads. Join us in Bailey Hall following the 10:00 am worship service for a time of fellowship. Children's Church is offered upstairs for children ages 3-5th grade following the Children's Gathering at 10:00 am. A nursery and quiet room are also available during both services. If you are visiting with us today, please pick up a visitor booklet in the lobby.