

# THE SANCTUARY

First Sunday of Advent • December 1, 2024 • 8:45 AM & 11 AM

## GATHERING

Sellers

## CENTERING

“The King of Glory Comes”

*The congregation is encouraged to join in singing.*

**“The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.  
Open the gates before Him, lift up your voices.”**

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## \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

## \* GREETING

Brown

Leader: The Lord said: At the right time I answered you.

People: **The Lord said: On the day of salvation, I helped you.**

Leader: Look, now is the right time!

People: **Look, now is the day of salvation!**

## \* HYMN

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” No. 196

## \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Stevens Poirer

“The Apostles’ Creed” No. 881

## \* ADVENT GLORIA

“Gloria in Excelsis Deo”

**Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

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## \* WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Leader: We light this candle as a sign of our hope. May we stay awake to God’s activity in the world as we wait in expectation that even now God is with us, working to restore us to the fullness of life with God and one another. Amen.

All: **Our hope is in the Lord.**

“Shine In My Heart”

*The congregation is encouraged to join in singing.*

**“In him there is no darkness at all.**

**The night and the day are both alike.**

**The Lamb is the light of the city of God.**

**Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.”**

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## PASTORAL PRAYER

## CHORAL MEDITATION

“Prophets of Old”

“Prophets of old through Him foretold: Come, now prepare the way. O'er mountains grand, through desert sand, come, let us not delay. Look for a Child, one meek and mild: God's glory on display. The Prince of Peace, whose reign won't cease, comes for our sins to pay. And the glory, the glory of the Lord shall be revealed. Glory to God in this highest and peace on the earth, good will toward men, good will toward men. Myst'ry divine of Jesse's line, heaven has heard our pleas. On bed of straw, come one and all, before Him fall on your knees.”

Words by Randy Vader, music traditional carol (COVENTRY CAROL), arr. by Jay Rouse  
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## GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 1:17-23

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

“Holy Patterns and Helpful Methods”

Brown

## OFFERTORY

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

arr. Phillips

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**God of truth and God of salvation, we give you thanks for your long legacy of love for humankind and for good works on Earth. As we prepare our hearts in this advent season for your fresh arrival in our world, help us to stay on the lookout for opportunities to serve you and to join with you in holy ministry. Bless the offerings made by this church today, that through them the world would come to know the great hope that we have been given through Christ Jesus our Lord. We thank you for the ministry we share with one another, as we seek to follow in the footsteps of our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## \* HYMN

“Blessed Be the God of Israel”

No. 209

## \* BENEDICTION

## \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AND RECESSIONAL

*Please remain in place and join in singing.*

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;**

**Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!**

Words from 14th century Latin, music German melody, harm. by Gary Alan Smith, tune IN DULCI JUBILO  
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## \* POSTLUDE

“Rejoice, Rejoice”

Haugen

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**\*Rise in body or spirit.**

# THE HARBOR

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## WELCOME

Malambri

## OPENING PRAYER

## \* SONG

“Nobody”

## \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

## \* SONG

“Jesus Does”

## \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Apostles’ Creed”

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## CELEBRATION OF GIFTS

## SONG

“The Ballad of Matthew’s Begats”

## SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1:1

## MESSAGE

“Welcome to the Family”

Malambri

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

## HOLY COMMUNION

## \* SONG

“Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)”

## \* ANNOUNCEMENTS

## \* BENEDICTION

- Sermon Notes -

# BELIN MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Stephen Ministry Church

Clergy: Will Malambri, J.T. Brown, Sandra Stevens Poirer  
Ministers: Belin Congregation Minister Emeritus: Harold Lewis

Pastoral Cabinet: Mark Ale, Mike Alexander, Keith Clarke,  
Becky Forrest, Sam Hale, Wayne Sayre, Connie Stinson

# Announcements

■ **The Angel Tree Program** is in full swing and the trees in the narthex of the sanctuary and in the Family Life Center are filled with more Angel Tree tags. These gifts will help local foster children through the SC Youth Advocacy Program in Murrells Inlet have a brighter Christmas this year. All gifts must be returned by 1 PM next Sunday, December 8, to be delivered on Monday, December 9. For more information contact Sherri Henderson, Director of Missions and Outreach ([sherrih@belinumc.org](mailto:sherrih@belinumc.org), 843.357.5172).

■ **A Festival of Lessons and Carols** is next Sunday, December 8, at 8:45 AM and 11 AM in The Sanctuary. Based on the traditional English Lessons and Carols service, Belin Chancel Choir and Orchestra present a morning filled to overflowing with beloved carols and original seasonal songs. The story of Christ's birth is adorned with beautiful arrangements and meaningful scriptures, including moments for the congregation to join in on the singing of familiar carols.

■ **Christmas Under the Oaks** is Saturday, December 14, from 10 AM to 12 Noon. Join Belin Memorial for Christmas fun under the oak trees in front of the church office. There will be crafts, treats, cookie decorating and photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Come spread some holiday cheer.

■ **A Celebration of Light and Hope** is Monday, December 16, from 5 PM—7 PM (FREE). Join your friends and family on an evening stroll among hundreds of flickering candles and twinkling lights. Experience the sounds of the season, a petting zoo of manger animals, holiday photo opportunities, and more. We will have holiday fun areas for all ages.

■ Belin Memorial's annual **Dinner and Christmas Pageant** is Wednesday, December 18, at 5:15 PM in the Family Life Center. A scrumptious meal is planned, including pasta with spaghetti or alfredo sauce; salad; bread; and dessert. The costs are: adults \$10; children (ages 3-11) \$5; children under the age of 3 free. Proceeds go to cover the cost of ski trips for our youth this winter. Please register in advance so there is a headcount for dinner. The registration link can be found at [belinumc.org/now](http://belinumc.org/now).

## Dates to Remember

- **December 1**, MS 5 PM, HS 5:45 PM: Belin Youth Group (FLC)
- **December 2**, 6 PM: Church Council Meeting (Sanctuary)
- **December 3**, 7 AM: Youth Prayer Breakfast (Chick-fil-A)
- **December 3**, 9 AM: Sweet Grass Basket Classes (FLC)
- **December 3**, 6 PM: The Bible Year Zoom Discussion
- **December 4**, 7:45 AM: Man 2 Man (FLC)
- **December 4**, 5:30 PM: Dinner for Eight (FLC)
- **December 7**, 8 AM: Belin Community Basketball League (FLC)

# In Worship Together

**Our Mission:** *To make disciples of Jesus Christ.*

**Our Vision:** *To be a place for you to discover love, find purpose, and make a difference.*

**Our Journey:** *To connect, grow, and serve.*



## THE BIBLE YEAR

*A Journey Through Scripture  
in 365 Days*

MAGREY R. DEVEGA

### Daily Study Guide for The Bible Year:

#### Readings for week of December 2, 2024

Monday, December 2 - Matthew 6:1 to 6:34  
Tuesday, December 3 - Matthew 7:1 to 8:34  
Wednesday, December 4 - Matthew 9:1 to 10:42  
Thursday, December 5 - Matthew 11:1 to 12:50  
Friday, December 6 - Matthew 13:1 to 13:58  
Saturday, December 7 - Matthew 14:1 to 15:39  
Sunday, December 8 - Matthew 16:1 to 18:35

#### Ways to grow together in The Bible Year:

- Tuesday, December 3 - ZOOM at 6 PM
- Wednesday, December 4 - Dinner For Eight at 5:30 PM (register on "NOW" button at [belinumc.org](http://belinumc.org))

This is the sixth in a series of monthly historic notes leading up to our 2025 centennial:

In 1835, the Rev. James Lynch Belin formally established the Waccamaw Neck Mission. The Mission was supported by circuit rider ministers, and the Rev. Belin saw the need for a meeting place and a permanent residence.

In 1853, his Mission House was constructed at Cedar Hill, in a location not far from our current sanctuary. The Rev. Belin lived at this house with his wife, Charlotte, until his untimely death May 19, 1859. In his will, any property not left to Charlotte was given to the Trustees of the South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Some of the land included with that property is today's Belin Memorial UMC campus, and the Mission House is today a private Murrells Inlet residence.



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# Advent

The Bible Year



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