

THE SANCTUARY

Fourth Sunday of Advent • December 22, 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.”**

Words by Willard F. Jabusch, music Israeli folk song, arr. by John Ferguson, tune PROMISED ONE
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* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* GREETING

Malambri

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

People: **He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his child David.**

Leader: Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and has remembered his holy covenant,

People: **that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness in his presence all our days.**

* HYMN

“People, Look East”

No. 202

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Apostles’ Creed”

Stevens Poiré

No. 881

* ADVENT GLORIA PATRI

“Gloria in Excelsis Deo”

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Words from French carol, music French melody, arr. by Edward Shippen Barnes,
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* WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Leader: We light this candle as a sign of the love that transforms us. May love grow within us, transforming us into bold witnesses of God’s salvation with our voices and our lives.

All: **Our love is from the Lord. Amen.**

“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.”**

Words and music by Kathleen Thomerson, tune HOUSTON
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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Hebrews 11:1-3

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL MEDITATION “The Midnight Rose”

“Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung, Of Jesse's lineage coming as saints of old have sung. It came a tender floweret bright, O such a wondrous sight. Amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind: with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind. She bore to us a Savior, a flower with beauty bright. And still that Rose is blooming, for seekers of the light. This flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, dispels with glorious splendor, the darkness ev'rywhere. From heaven's garden came a bloom, a Rose of God's design. And still that Rose is blooming, a Gift of love divine. A Gift of love divine.”

Words from 16th century German, trans. by Theodore Baker and Harriet Krauth Spaeth,
with additional words by Barbara Furman (BMI), music by Richard Storrs Willis, arr. by Brad Nix and Wanda Cooley
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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN “Rock-a-Bye, My Dear Little Boy” No. 235

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 1:39-45

SERMON “Blessed” Malambri

OFFERTORY “Mary, Did You Know?” arr. Doran

* ADVENT DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heav'nly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Words by Thomas Ken and from Latin hymn, music Plainsong, tune VENI EMMANUEL
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* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, you inspired the virgin Mary, mother of your Son, to visit Elizabeth and assist her in her need. Keep us open to the working of your Spirit, and with Mary may we praise you forever. We return your tithes and add our offerings in obedience and with gratitude to you, our Provider, Savior, and Lord. Amen.

* HYMN “Love Came Down at Christmas” No. 242

* 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 “All Earth Is Waiting” TAULE

***Rise in body or spirit.**

THE HARBOR

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WELCOME

Brown

OPENING PRAYER

* SONG “It’s Christmas”

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

* SONG “A Baby Changes Everything”

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Apostles’ Creed”

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CELEBRATION OF GIFTS

SONG “Labor of Love”

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:8-18

MESSAGE “Transformative Love” Brown

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* SONG “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

* ANNOUNCEMENTS

* BENEDICTION

- Sermon Notes -

BELIN MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Stephen Ministry Church

Clergy: Will Malambri, J.T. Brown, Sandra Stevens Poiré
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 Community Christmas Dinner** is Wednesday, December 25. Belin Memorial UMC is a host site. Take-out and dine-in are available from 12 Noon to 2 PM on Christmas Day in the Family Life Center (FLC).

■ Belin Memorial **Centennial Celebration** is Sunday, January 19, 2025, at 12:30 PM in the Family Life Center. A fellowship gathering is planned to greet special guests, enjoy a "lite lunch" catered by Inlet Affairs, and see Belin history in photos, books and video. Visit the "100 years of Joy" room with period toys for children and the young at heart. Tickets can be purchased at the Family Life Center, church office and online. For more information contact Mike Speranzella at mike.speranzella@sccoast.net.

■ Due to the holidays, the **Rollie Hanna Breakfast** group will next gather on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 8:30 AM.

■ **Belin Youth** will not meet this afternoon, but will resume on Sunday, January 5, 2025. Youth Prayer breakfast will resume on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 7 AM at the Chick-fil-A in Murrells Inlet.

Year-end Contributions

All year-end contributions for 2024 to Belin Memorial UMC must be received in the church office by 2 PM, Tuesday, December 31, 2024.

Mail-in contributions must be postmarked by December 31, to be credited as a contribution for 2024. Electronic contributions should be made before Friday, December 27 to ensure they clear by December 31.

Dates to Remember

- **December 22**, 10 AM: Birthday Party for Jesus (FLC)
- **December 23**, 6 PM: Candle Lighting Service (Sanctuary)
- **December 24**, 4 PM & 6 PM: Harbor Candle Lighting Services (FLC)
- **December 24**, 6 PM & 11 PM: Candle Lighting Services (Sanctuary)
- **December 24**, **Church Office and FLC closed for Christmas Eve**
- **December 25**, **Campus closed for Christmas Day**
- **December 25**, 12 Noon–2 PM: Community Christmas Dinner (FLC)
- **December 28**, 8 AM–5PM: Youth Basketball games (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 23, 2024

Monday, December 23 - Mark 15:1 to 16:20
Tuesday, December 24 - Luke 1:1 to 1:80
Wednesday, December 25 - Luke 2:1 to 2:52
Thursday, December 26 - Luke 3:1 to 4:13
Friday, December 27 - Luke 4:14 to 5:39
Saturday, December 28 - Luke 6:1 to 6:49
Sunday, December 29 - Luke 7:1 to 8:39

Ways to grow together in The Bible Year:

- **Zoom Meeting**
resumes on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 6 PM
- **Dinner for Eight:**
resumes on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 5:30

Candle Lighting Services

- **Monday, December 23:** 6 PM in The Sanctuary
- **Tuesday, December 24:** 4 PM & 6 PM in The Harbor
- **Tuesday, December 24:** 6 PM & 11 PM* in The Sanctuary
(*11 PM service includes Holy Communion)

Child care is available at 4 PM and 6 PM on Christmas Eve.



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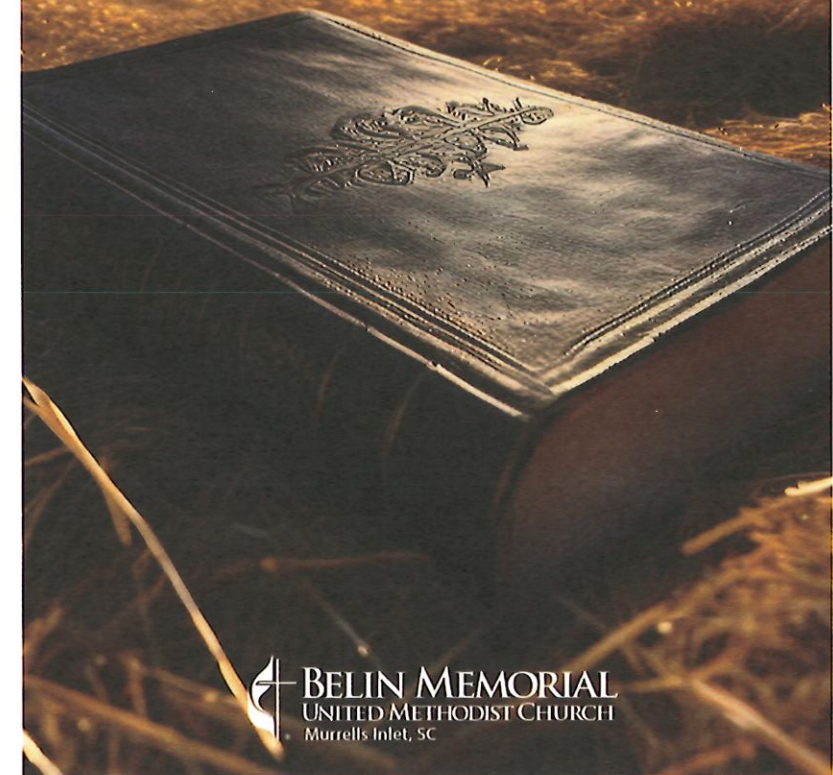
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The Bible Year



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