



DUNWOODY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



CHRISTMAS  
*Love*

A SERVICE OF LESSONS  
AND CAROLS

*9:00 P.M.*

# *A Service of Lessons and Carols*

**Wednesday, December 24, 2025 | 9:00 p.m.**

## **Prelude**

## **Greeting**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**Christ shines in our midst and the Holy Spirit illumines our hearts.**

Do not be afraid, for the God of hope and peace is here.

**Let us worship the Son, the very Word of God made flesh**

Rev. Calissa Dauterman

## **\*Processional Hymn #250**

*Once in Royal David's City*

IRBY

Leland Solem (Verse 1); Congregation (Verses 2-4); Chancel Choir (Verse 5)

## **\*Bidding Prayer**

Rev. Eric Burton-Krieger

## **Lighting the Christ Candle**

The Dempsey Families

## **Response Chorus #246**

*Joy to the World*

ANTIOCH

Verse 1

## **Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Kathy Brockman

## **The First Lesson**

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

Rev. Garrett Wallace

## **\*Hymn #211**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

Verses 1, 2, 6, & 7

## **The Second Lesson**

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Rev. David Melton

## **Choral Carol**

*There Shall a Star From Jacob Come Forth*

Mendelssohn

Chancel Choir

## **The Third Lesson**

Luke 1:26-35, 38

Rev. Joy Melton

## **Choral Carol**

*Bogoroditse Devo*

Rachmaninoff

Chancel Choir

## **The Fourth Lesson**

Luke 2:1-7

Rev. Kathy Brockman

## **Choral Carol**

*The Quiet Heart*

Collin

Musica Gloria

## **\*Hymn #240**

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

## **The Fifth Lesson**

Luke 2:8-20

Nicholle Hansen

## **Choral Carol**

*Angels' Carol*

Rutter

Chancel Choir

**The Good News of Christmas**

Dr. Phil Schroeder

**\*Hymn #234**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

Verses 1, 3, & 6

**Mission Offering**

Rev. Garrett Wallace

*The Christmas Eve offering this year supports DUMC's annual Habitat for Humanity build and disaster response. By giving on Christmas Eve you help DUMC provide stable, affordable housing for a family in our community. You will also make a difference for communities in Eastern Georgia and Western North Carolina as they continue to recover from last year's hurricanes. Please scan the QR to give online.*



**Offertory**

*All is Well*  
Chancel Choir

Smith, arr. Huff

**The Sixth Lesson**

Matthew 2:1-2, 7-16

Rev. Calissa Dauterman

**Choral Carol**

*Three Kings of Orient*  
Chancel Choir

Rutter

**The Seventh Lesson**

John 1:1-5, 10-14

Rev. Eric Burton-Krieger

**Lighting the Christmas Candles**

Dr. Phil Schroeder

*The light of Christ is passed to all. Please tip unlit candles toward the flame, taking care to hold lit candles upright at all times. Please stand for Silent Night, and remain standing for O Holy Night. Lift your candles high as we sing the final chorus ("Christ Is the Lord").*

**\*Hymn #239**

*Silent Night, Holy Night*  
Verses 1-2

STILLE NACHT

**\*Choral Carol**

*O Holy Night*  
Chancel Choir; Jan Estrada, tenor

Adam

**\*Christmas Blessing**

Dr. Phil Schroeder

*Please extinguish your candle before leaving your seat.  
There are boxes for candles at all exits.*

***\*Please stand as you are able.***

*To help your family worship, we're glad to provide the following:*

- We have a Nursing Mothers/Cry room off of the Narthex.*
- If you or someone in your family needs a quiet space, we have a respite room located off of the Narthex.*
- We know that the holidays are not always easy, especially if you are missing a loved one. Stephen Ministers are available in the Chapel following this service to speak with you or to pray with you as you light a candle in memory of someone you love.*

*Please ask an usher or greeter for assistance.*

## WORSHIP

### POINSETTIAS

The poinsettias that decorate our worship space have been given by members of our congregation in memory or honor of loved ones. A full list of poinsettia dedications can be found at each of our Welcome Desks. Purchased plants can be taken home after tonight's 11:00 p.m. service.

### LAST SUNDAY OF 2025

Sunday, December 28, 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary. DUMC will offer one church-wide worship service to give thanks and praise for 2025 and to look forward with hope to the new year. This will be a family worship service, so children of all ages will remain in worship with their families. Nursery and Dunwoody Kids will resume their normal Sunday morning schedules on Sunday, January 4, 2026.

### KICK OFF 2026 IN WORSHIP

Sometimes the only solution to a tricky problem is a total reset. Whether in our work, our families, or our relationships - the new year is a perfect time to take stock of what's working and what could be better. Join DUMC this January for our new year's worship series "Reset," as we explore scriptural examples of new beginnings. Together, we'll experience the joy of fresh starts and learn how God is making things new for us in 2026.



### WEEKLY WORSHIP

REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SCHEDULE (Resuming January 4, 2026)

8:30 a.m. | Communion Service, Chapel  
9:00 a.m. | Modern Service, Fellowship Hall  
11:15 a.m. | Traditional Service, Sanctuary

## CONNECT

### "STARTING OUT" LAUNCHES SUNDAY, JANUARY 11TH

Our church is growing with families of preschoolers and those who are expecting! We're making room for a new Sunday School class to encourage your faith and grow new friendships. If you're "starting out" in this season of life, we hope you'll join our Senior Pastor, Dr. Phil Schroeder from 10:05-11:00 a.m. in the library. Nursery is provided, no need to pre-register. Contact Pastor Eric with questions at [eric.burton-krieger@dunwoodyumc.org](mailto:eric.burton-krieger@dunwoodyumc.org).

### NEW SMALL GROUPS LAUNCHING IN THE NEW YEAR

In the 40 days before Easter, (a season we call Lent that starts Feb. 18), we're creating over 50 new small groups (of 8-12 people) with the goal of building new friendships. You'll meet once a week for 60 minutes (at the church, in people's homes, coffee shops or on Zoom) to reflect on the sermons each week (you can listen online) and to serve once together. You choose the day/time/group demographic that work best for you. Sign-ups will launch on Jan. 11. Maybe this is the new start you need in the New Year! Contact Pastor Eric with questions at [eric.burton-krieger@dunwoodyumc.org](mailto:eric.burton-krieger@dunwoodyumc.org).

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## LEADING IN WORSHIP

**Clergy:** Dr. Phil Schroeder, Rev. Garrett Wallace, Rev. Kathy Brockman, Rev. Calissa Dauterman, Rev. Eric Burton-Krieger, Rev. David Melton, Rev. Joy Melton

**Pastoral Resident:** Nicholle Hansen

**Director of Music:** Mark Lamback

**Organ/Piano:** Mary Ruth Solem

**A/V:** Sean Penn, David Majors, Angelo Go, Heather Sanders, Nathan Sparks



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