



CHRISTMAS

Eve

A SERVICE OF LESSONS
AND CAROLS

9:00 P.M.

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

Prelude

Greeting

Rev. Calissa Dauterman

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

Christ shines in our midst and the Holy Spirit illuminates 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

***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

Verses 1, 3, & 6

ADESTE FIDELES

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.

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.

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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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