



CHRISTMAS *Eve*

THE FIRST COMMUNION
OF CHRISTMAS

1:00 P.M.

The First Communion of Christmas

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 | 1:00 p.m.

Prelude

***Opening Hymn #234**

O Come, All Ye Faithful
Verses 1, 3, & 6

ADESTE FIDELIS

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Kathy Brockman

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

Lighting the Christ Candle

Somerby Senior Living Community

***Song of Response #246**

Joy to the World
Verse 1

ANTIOCH

Mary and Joseph Go to Bethlehem

Luke 2:1-5

Rev. David Melton

Hymn #230

O Little Town of Bethlehem
Verse 1

ST. LOUIS

The Birth in the Manger

Luke 2:6-7

Rev. Eric Burton-Krieger

Hymn #217

Away in a Manger
Verse 1

AWAY IN A MANGER

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Kathy Brockman

The Angels' Song

Luke 2:8-14

Rev. David Melton

Hymn #220

Angels from the Realms of Glory
Verse 1

REGENT SQUARE

The Shepherds' Response

Luke 2:15-20

Rev. Eric Burton-Krieger

Hymn #251

Go, Tell It on the Mountain
Verses 1 - 2

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

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

Still, Still, Still
Mark Lamback, piano

arr. Hayes

*Hymn #240

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

The Good News of Christmas

Luke 2:1-20

Dr. Phil Schroeder

Holy Communion #12, 17

Rev. Kathy Brockman and Rev. Garrett Wallace

Lighting the Christmas Candles

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, Holy Night and lift your candle high during verse four.

*Hymn #239

Silent Night, Holy Night
Verses 1-4

STILLE NACHT

Benediction

Dr. Phil Schroeder

*Hymn of Celebration #246

Joy to the World
Verses 2-4

ANTIOCH

*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.*

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. David Melton, Rev. Kathy Brockman, Rev. Calissa Dauterman, Rev. Eric Burton-Krieger, Rev. Garrett Wallace

Pastoral Resident: Beth Hall

Director of Music: Mark Lamback

A/V: Sean Penn, Mike Foraker



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