

**December 14, 2025**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**



**Proclaim the Word and equip disciples to draw  
others into a relationship with Jesus.**

# Welcome to Mauldin Methodist

8:45 Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Dick Herd

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom.

**People: We rejoice in the hope of God's salvation.**

Leader: Strengthen our weak hands and make firm our feeble knees.

**People: Our God is coming to save.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the one who brings healing and joy.

**People: We rejoice in the Lord and His saving Grace.**

HYMN (No. 246 vs. 1, 4)

"Joy to the World"

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE-JOY

*Sarah Ellen, Anna, Ellory and Hammett Edwards*

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As we light this candle, we celebrate the joy that Christ brings into our lives and into the world. May this flame remind us to live with hearts full of gratitude and to share the joy of the Lord with all the world.

We light the first candle for Hope, the second for Peace and the third candle for Joy.

**Congregation:** Come Lord Jesus, our Hope, Peace, and Joy. Reign in our hearts and in our world.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Dowlen Waldrop

BAPTISM

*Jane Lillian Frazier daughter of Nick and Anna Frazier*

SERMON-Isaiah 35:1-10

Rev. Dick Herd

*Strengthen Our Weak Hands*

HYMN (No. 220 vs. 1, 4) “Angles from the Realms of Glory”

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY SPECIAL

DOXOLOGY (No. 94)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dr. Webb Belangia

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES/MOMENT

Jon Brooks

HMYN (No. 251)

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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*MESSIAH* (Please see insert)

# *MESSIAH*

Christmas Choruses and Soli  
George F. Handel

Isaiah 40:1-5  
Dr. Webb Belangia

“Overture”

“Comfort Ye My People” / “Every Valley”  
Justin Davis, Tenor

“And the Glory of the Lord”

“The Lord Whom Ye Seek” / “But Who May Abide”  
Chris Littenberg, Bass

“Behold A Virgin Shall Conceive”  
Kathryn Paluszak, Soprano

Isaiah 40:9-10  
Dr. Webb Belangia

“O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion”

“For Unto Us a Child is Born”

“There Were Shepherds Abiding in the Fields”  
”And Lo! The Angel of the Lord Came

Upon Them” / “And the Angel Said Unto Them”  
“And Suddenly, there was with The Angel”  
Kathryn Paluszak, Soprano

“Glory to God”

“Then Shall the Eyes of the Blind Be Opened”  
Kathryn Paluszak,  
Soprano

Isaiah 40:11 Dr. Webb  
Belangia

“He Shall Feed His Flock”  
Debby Atkins and Vanessa Hamm, Soprano

Revelation 19:5-16; 16  
Dr. Webb Belangia

“Hallelujah”

Benediction

Postlude

Special thanks to our guests’ instrumentalists and soloists for  
their assistance in today’s presentation.

Soloists

Justin Davis, Tenor  
Christ Littenberg, Bass  
Kathryn Paluszak, Soprano  
Debby Atkins, Soprano  
Vanessa Hamm, Soprano

Instrumentalists

Anabelle Buxbaum, Violin  
Liliana Weathers, Violin  
Brynne Van Allsburg, Violin  
Phillip Lecture, Viola  
Erin Segarra, Cello  
Dylan Brink, Cello  
Dean Morrison, Trumpet  
Terry Reck, Trumpet  
Hannah Cory, Oboe  
Jahnna Reck, Pianist

Mauldin Methodist Chancel Choir

# Welcome to The Forge

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

WELCOME/PRAYER

Rev. Dick Herd

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*Josh, Angie, Turner and Joy Smith*

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SONG OF WORSHIP

"Glory (Let There Be Peace)"

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"Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jon Brooks

SONG OF PRAYER

"Winter Snow"

## SONG OF PRAYER

“Joseph”

## CONNECT TIME

*During this time please meet and greet those around you, bring your offering to the offering baskets located at the front and in the balcony, register your attendance on the pew pad, take a restroom break, and refill your coffee cup.*

## SERMON-Isaiah 35:1-10

Rev. Dick Herd

*Strengthen Our Weak Hands*

## SENDING FORTH

“O Holy Night”

## BENEDICTION

*During worship childcare is available for ages Infant-K4.*

## **Prayer and Healing Service**

Join us today at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary for a hope-filled Prayer and Healing Service. If you find yourself carrying burdens, grief, or weariness in this season, and longing for God’s comforting presence, this service is for you. Through Scripture, quiet reflection, anointing, and prayer, we will seek Christ’s healing grace for our hearts, homes, and community. All are welcome to come as they are and find rest, peace, and renewed hope in the presence of the Lord.

## **Blankets-Gloves-Hats-Socks-Coats**

Many of our neighborhood friends are in need as the cold weather has arrived. New or gently used items are needed. Please drop-off on Tuesday evenings (5:00-7:00) in the Fellowship Hall or during the week to the church office.

## Explore Life's Big Questions

Alpha is coming...January 14th at 6:30 PM. What is Alpha?  
Details coming soon.

## Mkids Parent Meeting December 21-10:00 AM

The SPRC, Webb, and Dick would like to meet with all parents with children in the nursery and Mkids (Birth-5th Grade). We will gather in the Mkids Chapel at 10:00 AM on Sunday, December 21. This will be an important time for conversation, questions, and hearing your input as we discern our next steps for our Children's Ministry. While parents are meeting, Children's Sunday School will be hosted by Jon Brooks and Josh Smith in the gym.

## End-of-Year Giving Reminder

As we approach the close of 2025, thank you for your faithful and generous support of our church's ministries. To ensure your contributions are included in this year's giving records, all gifts must be received in the church office by December 30th or post-marked by Tuesday, December 31. If you plan to give online, please submit your gift by 11:59 PM on December 31. Thank you for your continued generosity and for helping us finish the year strong!

## Third Annual Family Fun Night/Taco Bar

It's going to be a great night of fun on Wednesday, December 17, in The Forge. Taco bar with beef, chicken and all the fixings begins at 6pm. There will be a cookie decorating stations, Christmas bingo, and an ugly Christmas sweater contest. Please register through [Realm](#), by placing the below tear-off in the offering plate/basket, or by calling the church office by noon on December 15th. This year's cost is a donation made at the door.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

#Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ #Children \_\_\_\_\_

## Community Meal-December 23

Eric McKee has graciously committed to preparing a special Christmas meal for our Community on December 23rd and you are also invited. Not only can you come enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship, there are many ways to help: contributing toward the cost of the food, assisting in the kitchen, setting up and taking down tables, greeting our guests as they arrive, and helping with clean-up. If you can serve in any way, please contact Eric at [eric.mckeesr@gmail.com](mailto:eric.mckeesr@gmail.com) or 864-354-4215.

## Senior Adult Ministry

We have two exciting opportunities coming up!

On January 15, we will take a day trip to The Cove, the Billy Graham Training Center in Asheville.

Then, in March, we are offering a three-day excursion to the Ark Encounter in Williamstown, Kentucky. The cost for this trip will be approximately \$700 per person.

Contact Lee Nicholson ([lfharbor@aol.com](mailto:lfharbor@aol.com)) to reserve your spot and for more information.

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### December 14

8:45am-Worship  
10am-Sunday School  
11am-Worship  
1:30pm-Movie at Regal  
5pm-Prayer & Healing Service  
5pm-Youth (6th-8th)  
6pm-Youth (9th-12th)  
6pm-Mkids Choir

### December 17

9:30am-Friendly Yarns  
10am-Study of Mark  
6pm-Family Meal  
7:30pm-Choir Practice

### December 18

7pm-Meyer Small Group

### December 16

9:30am-4 P's  
1pm-Backpack Ministry  
5:30pm-Community Meal

# For Your Prayers

*Please email prayer requests to [pray@mauldinmethodist.com](mailto:pray@mauldinmethodist.com)*

Tony Rogers (Tim Rogers' father)

## **This week's Senior Adult focus**

Louise Mabry

Gwen Rice

Tennie Terrell

Jennie Garrett

## **Missionaries**

Jeff & Candy Campbell

Stephen & Jean Dunlap

Steve Hendrix

## **Local, National and Global**

Our Nation and Our Leaders

## **Military**

Joshua Moore

Eli May

## **Long Term Prayer List**

Elosie Alexander

Cindy Dunn

Barry Aughtry

Fredna Scott

Eileen Smith

Gwen Rice

Deedie Belangia

Alan Boyer

Mike Keller

Toby Constance

Levi Holmes

Samuel Hood

Gina Siegel

Jim Cady

Caroline Belangia

Joan Kenney

Mike McGrey

Evelyn Gooch

Kaylie Chinn

Janice Wilson

Robin Anne

Wayne Cooper

Marilyn Davidson

Terry Porter

Judie & Larry Daniels

Haley, Waylon, & Walker

Joe Levy

Terry Porter

Chris & Amy Hart

Jacob Williams

Tammy Cason

Sally Evans

# ADVENT

AT MAULDIN

December 14-11:00 AM- *Messiah*  
presented by The Chancel Choir

December 14-5:00 PM  
Prayer and Healing Service

December 17-5:30 PM- Family Fun Night  
Taco Bar, Bingo, Ugly Sweater Contest

December 23-5:30 PM-Community Meal

December 24-3:00 PM-*Behold the Lamb of God*,  
presented by The Forge Band

December 24-5:30 PM-Child centered  
Worship Service in The Forge

December 24-7:30 PM-Traditional Worship  
in the Sanctuary





# ***Unwrap the Christian faith together***

Wondering if there is more at the bottom of the stocking? At Alpha you can meet new people and explore the Christian faith together. It's for anyone who's curious. No judgement. No Pressure. Each session unpacks a big questions of life, faith, and purpose and is designed to spark conversation. Come along, see what you think.

**Beginning January 14, 2026**

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