

December 21, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Advent



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

Welcome to Mauldin Methodist

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Dr. Webb Belangia

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord Himself will give you a sign: a virgin shall conceive and bear a son.

People: We wait with anticipation for Emmanuel, God with us.

Leader: Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, so we might be saved.

People: We lift our voices in praise to the One who brings salvation and light.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who comes to dwell among us.

People: We rejoice in Emmanuel, God with us.

HYMN (No. 240)

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE-LOVE

Kelly Adragna and Miller Goodson (8:45)

Kyle, Elizabeth and Kate Gordon (11:00)

Reader: Today we light the fourth candle of Advent, the candle of Love. Through the incarnation of Jesus, God’s love has been poured out for all people.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.” (John 3: 16-17)

As we light this candle, we reflect on the depth of God’s love revealed in Emmanuel, God with us. May this flame remind us to love one another unconditionally as God has loved us and transform us to reflect your incredible love.

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

Congregation: Come Lord Jesus, our Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

CHOIR SPECIAL

“And the Glory”

SERMON-Matthew 1:18-25

Dr. Webb Belangia

God With Us

HYMN (No. 245)

“The First Noel”

OFFERTORY

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Kailyn Cooper

“Breath of Heaven”

DOXOLOGY (No. 94)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dick Herd

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Jon Brooks

HMYN (No. 218)

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

During worship childcare is available for ages Infant-K4.

Welcome to The Forge

THE APOSTLES' CREED

WELCOME/PRAYER

Rev. Dick Herd

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Steve, Amy, Abby, Sami, and Nic Byce

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SONG OF WORSHIP

"It's Christmas"

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"Emmanuel"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jon Brooks

SONG OF PRAYER “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

SONG OF PRAYER “Mary Did You Know”

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-Matthew 1:18-25 Dr. Webb Belangia
God With Us

SENDING FORTH “Holy Forever”

BENEDICTION

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Community Meal-December 23

You are invited to share dinner and fellowship with our neighbors at the Community Meal on Tuesday, December 23, from 5:30–7:00 PM in the gym. Volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen, welcome our guests, share fellowship and a meal, and assist with clean-up. Please prayerfully consider attending and getting to know our community friends.

Christmas Eve at Mauldin Methodist

3:00 PM-Andrew Petersen's *Behold the Lamb of God*, presented by The Forge Band. This beloved Christmas concert tells the coming of Christ blending Old Testament foreshadowing with the New Testament birth story. The concert will be followed by Communion and candle lighting.

5:30 PM-This service, in The Forge, is designed with our children in mind. Our Mkids choir will perform and we'll enjoy listening to the Christmas Story followed by Communion and candle lighting.

7:30 PM-Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary with traditional hymns, reading of the Christmas story from Luke 2, Communion, and candle lighting.

Sunday, December 28

We will have **only one** worship service on Sunday, December 28th, 11:00 AM, **in the Sanctuary**. This will be a very relaxed time of worship together as a church family. Plan to come early and fellowship together in the Son Room with coffee, hot chocolate, muffins and doughnuts.

Adult Sunday School classes can decide on their own if they meet, but there will not be children or youth Sunday School.

The Gift of Community: Senior Adults Blessing Preschool Families

This Christmas season, we celebrate the beautiful connection between generations! We offer a heartfelt thank you to our Senior Adult Ministry Members for their generous contribution of gift cards to support our MMPK families. Their thoughtfulness is a powerful reminder of how we are all one family in Christ. Thank you for your continued support and love for all ages in our congregation.

Winter Studies

Tuesdays at 7:00 PM

Beginning January 13, 2026, in the Fellowship Hall, Eric McKee will lead *The Resolution: A Small-Group Study for Men*. The Resolution Bible study walks participants through twelve challenges, identifying their biblical roots and outlining how to live out godly principles in real life.

Wednesdays at 10:00 AM

Beginning January 7, 2026, Rev. Dick Herd will finish his study of the book of Mark.

Wednesdays at 6:00 PM

Beginning January 14

Mallie Medlock will lead *Alpha*-What is Alpha? Whether you're curious about faith or just want space to talk about life, Alpha is for you. It runs all over the world in churches, homes, cafes, and online, bringing people together to watch thought-provoking talks and have honest conversations. No pressure, no judgment, just real connection. And everyone's welcome.

This class will meet in the Fellowship Hall and dinner will be served weekly. Childcare will also be provided.

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

Beginning January 14

Dr. Belangia will begin his study of the book of Matthew. You will deepen your understanding of who Jesus is and what it means to follow Him. Participants will be encouraged to reflect on Scripture, engage in meaningful discussion, and grow in faith as they learn how Matthew's message continues to shape and guide the Church today. This class will meet in The Forge

Mayberry Bible Study led by Rev. Dick Herd-this study uses episodes of the classic television show "The Andy Griffith Show" to explore biblical principles and values. This study will meet in the Conference Room.

Winter Studies (cont.)

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

Mike Keels will lead a Parables Bible study. This study will explore the stories Jesus used to teach timeless truths about God's Kingdom, grace, and discipleship. Through Scripture and discussion, participants will discover how these simple yet powerful stories invite us to listen deeply, grow in faith, and apply Jesus' teachings to everyday life. This class will meet in the Trinity classroom.

MMPK Fundraiser Success for Tumaini School!

Through their recent fundraising efforts, MMPK families successfully raised an amazing \$1,482.31 to support our sister school, the Tumaini Evangelistic Pre & Primary School in the Maasa tribal area of Kiruani, Tanzania. This mission is championed by Missionary Steve Hendrix. This incredible contribution directly supports the monthly food costs necessary to feed the students at Tumaini School.

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.

December 21

8:45am-Worship
10am-Sunday School
10am-Mkids Parent Meeting
11am-Worship
6pm-Mkids Choir Practice

December 23

5:30pm-Community Meal

December 24

3pm-Behold The Lamb of God
5:30pm-Family Service
7:30-Traditional Worship

December 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS

For Your Prayers

Please email prayer requests to pray@mauldinmethodist.com

Erik Phillips recovering from surgery

David Worthington recovering from surgery

Our Staff and our Future Director of Children's Ministry

This week's Senior Adult focus

Alan & Lisa Boyer

Dot Burnett

Jim & Jennine Cady

Toby Constance

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

Levi Holmes

Fredna Scott

Eileen Smith

Gwen Rice

Deedie Belangia

Samuel Hood

Mike Keller

Toby Constance

Caroline Belangia

Gina Siegel

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Mike McGrey

Evelyn Gooch

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