

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY HOPE-LA

Today | 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. | Youth Lounge and Gym

Bring the whole family as we come together to work on outreach projects that will bring hope and love to others this Advent season. Holiday cheer, pizza, and a birthday cake for Jesus will be fun parts of the afternoon! Learn more on our website.

### 'TIS THE SEASON FOR ELMO

Sunday, December 16 | 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. | Grades 3 - 5 | Gym and Fellowship Hall

This fun December ELMO includes gingerbread house decorating, games, and a devotional. Bring friends and \$10.00 to help pay for a gingerbread kit and supper.

### A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT!

Children's classes decorated the Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall with hand-crafted ornaments made with love during Sunday School. We hope parents, members, and visitors will enjoy this beautiful gift to the church

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday School (all ages) - 9:45 - 10:45 in the Children's Building

Children's Church - (age 3 - 1st grade) during 8:45 and 11:00 worship services

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### TREE OF LIGHTS

The youth will be sponsoring the Tree of Lights again this year to help raise money for the many youth mission projects throughout the year. For a contribution of \$8, the youth will mail a card to the person you would like to honor, or the family of the one you wish to remember. This is a wonderful way to honor loved ones, Sunday school teachers, supper club members, circle members and anyone else special to you this Christmas season. Start making your lists, and let someone know you are thinking of them this year!

### ANGEL TREE SHOPPING AND WRAPPING

Sunday, December 9 | 4:00 p.m. | Youth Lounge

Meet us in the youth lounge to go shopping for the kids we are sponsoring. Each youth needs to bring \$10 to put towards the gift. At 5:30 we will return to the church to wrap all of the gifts. There will be no dinner, but we will have hot chocolate and snacks! If your small group has their own angel, meet us in the youth lounge from 5:30-6:30 to wrap gifts with your group.

### WINTER RETREAT

Join us for our annual trip to Camp Hargis January 19-21. We only have 5 spots left! The cost is \$225. Our speaker this year will be our own Bria Rochelle.

### GET CONNECTED

Make sure to follow us on our social media accounts for updates on upcoming events and pictures of past events!



## Poinsettia Orders

The church is offering the opportunity to place poinsettias in the Sanctuary in memory or in honor of a loved one. Poinsettias will be placed in the chancel area on Sunday, December 23. The names of those persons being remembered or honored, along with the name of the giver, will be listed in the worship bulletin on Sunday, December 23. Please fill out the form below and send it with your check to the church - attention Tammy Holcomb.

ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY **MONDAY, DECEMBER 10**

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_. (Please include a minimum of \$15 per plant and mark your check POINSETTIA)

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FUMC MONTGOMERY

We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today. If you are visiting, we hope you will consider becoming a member of our church either by profession of faith or transfer of church membership. To join, please come forward at the end of the service, indicating your desire, or for more information about joining our church family, please contact Rev. Gillian L. Walters at (334) 834-8990 or GLWalters@fumcmontgomery.org.

### LITURGICAL SEASON: ADVENT

The season of Advent starts the new Christian year. Advent is a season of four weeks, including four Sundays. Advent derives from the Latin word, adventus, which means "coming." The season proclaims the comings of Christ - whose birth we prepare to celebrate once again, who comes continually in Word and Spirit, and whose return in final victory we anticipate. Each year, Advent calls the community of faith to prepare for these comings, with each Sunday having a distinctive theme. The second Sunday of Advent focuses on the work of the prophets, particularly the ministry of John the Baptist. The liturgical color is purple.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER AND CHAPEL

Wednesday, December 12, 2018 | Duffey Chapel

There will be no Wednesday Night Supper until January, 9, 2019. Please join us for the Chapel service, with Holy Communion, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

### AROUND THE CONGREGATION

To learn more, or to sign-up for the below events, please visit [www.fumcmontgomery.org/events](http://www.fumcmontgomery.org/events).

### FUMC BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, December 11 | 11:00 a.m. | Wesley Hall 206

Calling all book lovers! Join us on the second Tuesday of every month at 11:00 a.m. for the FUMC Book Club. At the upcoming December meeting, we will begin reading *The Reckoning* by John Grisham. Don't miss out!

### ANNUAL YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday, December 14 | 6:30 p.m. | 1100 Woodward Ave., Montgomery, AL 36106

Throw on your tacky Christmas sweaters and join this time of fellowship as we celebrate together. We hope to see you there and don't forget to bring a Dirty Santa gift! For more information please contact Lucas Tribble at ltribble@fumcmontgomery.org.

### FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS: SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, December 16 | Sanctuary | 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

This year, the Service of Lessons and Carols will be led by the Cathedral Choir, Adult Ensemble, and Orchestra. The music will include new compositions by American composers, timeless classics from the English repertoire, traditional carols that we all know and love, and even the telling of the story of the birth of Jesus from the perspective of a Native American. Join us for a worship experience that you will not want to miss!

### CHURCHWIDE CAROLING IN CLOVERDALE

Sunday, December 23 | Meet in Fellowship Hall | 3:30 p.m.

Join us as we spread Christmas cheer through song to our surrounding Cloverdale neighbors. We will meet at 3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for hot chocolate and Christmas cookies before venturing out into the neighborhood.

### SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS BELL RINGING

This holiday season we will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at Walgreens on Carter Hill Road and Walmart on Chantilly Parkway. Sign up for your shift on our website.

### PLUG-IN AND RECHARGE ATTENDANCE CAMPAIGN

Starting in January, the Sunday School class with the highest attendance and highest percentag of attendance each week will be announced in morning worship. Our current average attendance is 515 and our goal by the end of January is 700. Be thinking of ways you can reach out to guests and Sunday School members you have not seen in awhile and invite them to come with you in January!

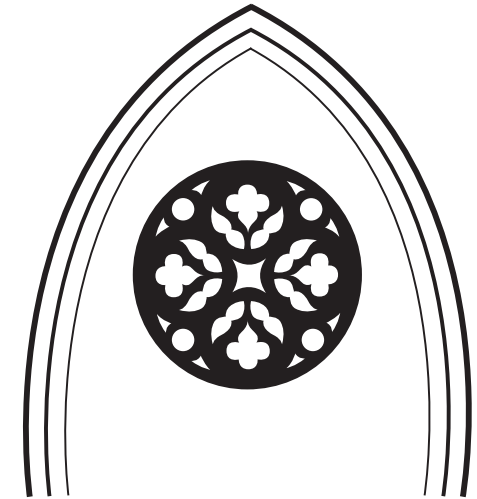
### END OF 2018 GIVING REMINDER

All giving must be received in the finance office or postmarked no later than December 31, 2018 in order to be applicable for 2018 tax purposes. The Finance Office will be will be open until 5 p.m. on December 31.

**Baptism**  
John Christopher Mathews IV  
December 2, 2018

Son of John and Beth Mathews

**Wedding**  
Elizabeth Mahaney and Charles Walden, Jr.  
October 27, 2018



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry congregation

— DECEMBER 9, 2018 —  
— SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT —

*Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.*

Dr. Jeremy K. Pridgeon  
Senior Minister

Reverend Gillian L. Walters  
Associate Minister

Reverend Ben A. McDavid  
Associate Minister

Reverend Lucas S. Tribble  
Associate Minister

Reverend Ed J. Deabler  
Associate Minister

Reverend G. Charles Kendall  
Associate Minister

Dr. Karl K. Stegall  
Pastor Emeritus

Dr. James H. Seay  
Director of Music

Dr. Joshua H. Coble  
Organist/Assistant Director of Music

Dr. C. Jason Borders  
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Reverend R. Allen Newton  
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# MORNING WORSHIP

DECEMBER 9, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

EIGHT FORTY-FIVE AND ELEVEN O'CLOCK

LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

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Prelude *Greensleeves* Ralph Vaughan Williams

Welcome and Parish Notices Rev. Gillian L. Walters

Chiming of the Trinity  
*The three chimes signify the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

Introit *There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying* arr. Seigel

\*Processional Hymn *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* 196

\*Call to Worship  
Leader: Praise be to God!  
**People: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who has visited and redeemed the people.**  
Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**People: Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

\*Invocation  
Leader: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Leader: Let us pray together.  
**All: Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

\*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* 881  
I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge  
the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*Gloria Patri *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* Meineke

Lighting of the Advent Wreath  
(8:45) New Horizons Sunday School Class  
(11:00) Adam and Alicia Whitley, Wilder, Field, and Freja

Response *Angels We Have Heard On High* 238  
*Gloria, In Excelsis Deo*  
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Responsive Reading *Canticle of Zechariah* 208

Act of Praise *In the Bleak Midwinter* Gustav Holst  
Mabs Seay, Mezzo Soprano

*In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone. Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long, long ago.*

Concerns of a Caring Fellowship

Preparation for Prayer *Into My Heart* FWS 2160  
*Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus; come in today, come in to stay; come into my heart, Lord Jesus.*

Pastoral Prayer Dr. Karl K. Stegall

Lord's Prayer  
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory *And the Glory from Messiah* G.F. Handel  
Cathedral Choir  
*And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.*

\*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

\*Doxology *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and Angels sing Haste, haste, to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.* Greensleeves

\*Prayer for Our Nation *Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing; long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light; protect us by thy might, great God, our King.* America

Children's Minute Dr. C. Jason Borders  
Children ages three through first grade will be escorted to Children's Church. Visitors are welcome to accompany their children.

Hymn of Preparation *Toda la Tierra* 210

\*Gospel Lesson Luke 3:1-6

Sermon *Expectant Hope* Dr. Jeremy K. Pridgeon

Invitation to Christian Discipleship  
Those desiring to unite with the church, either by profession of faith or by transfer of membership, are invited to join the ministers at the chancel rail during the singing of the first stanza of the Hymn of Invitation.

\*Hymn of Invitation *Heralds of Christ* 567

\*Benediction Rev. G. Charles Kendall

\*Benediction Response *Be Near Me Lord Jesus* arr. Siegel

\*Postlude *Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661* J.S. Bach

*After the service, please turn and greet those nearest you.*

\*Please stand as you are able.

The chancel arrangement is given to the glory of God by the Worship Committee and the Flower Guild for the month of December.

The wreath on the columbarium is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joe F. Lassiter III by Clare and Bill Ward, Christine Lassiter, Emily Lassiter (Mary Jane and Camille), and Nancy and David Belser.

The narthex flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the marriage of Brice Hill and Dawson Sellers.

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Lectionary Readings for Sunday, December 16

Zephaniah 3:14-20  
Isaiah 12:2-6

Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 3:7-18