

December 14, 2025
3rd Day of Advent



PRELUDE / WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

OPENING PRAYER *(STANDING)*
(ALL READ TOGETHE

Joyful and patient God, you break into our Advent busyness with your extravagant promise of glory and joy. Fire up our imaginations with holy trust in your goodness. Inspire us with a patience that sees beyond our habitual longing for past glories and understandings. Move us beyond our too familiar criticisms of one another and of ourselves. Open our eyes and help us see your compassion, already at work in our world: healing, restoring, strengthening, and telling the good news that you are near. Make us signs of your everlasting joy for your people and for all the world. We pray in the name of Jesus, whose nearness we proclaim. Amen

OPENING HYMN *(STANDING)*
Away in a Manger -- UMH 217

PASS THE PEACE *(STANDING)*

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING
Bob and Cammie Edgar

ADVENT HYMN
Light the Advent Candle, verses 1-3 -- FWS 2090

A TIME FOR ALL CHILDREN *Children of all ages are invited up front for a special time together. Dismissal for Children's Church*

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYER

MESSAGE ADVENT CONSPIRACY: "Give More"

OFFERING

Silent Night arranged by
Clarence Kohlman
with Julie Ludington

DOXOLOGY (STANDING)

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings
Flow--UMH 94*

COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving -- UMH Page 17

THE LORD'S PRAYER (ALL READ TOGETHER)

**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**

SENDING HYMN: (STANDING)

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing -- UMH 57

BENEDICTION (STANDING) (ALL READ TOGETHER)

**May God, who makes the desert blossom, fill us
with the joy of God's glory and majesty. May Jesus,
who brings good news to all people, fill us with the joy
of patience, as we await the coming of the Lord. May the
Holy Spirit, who keeps God's promises of mercy and
justice, fill us with the joy of hope, as we walk the
Holy Way of Advent. Amen.**

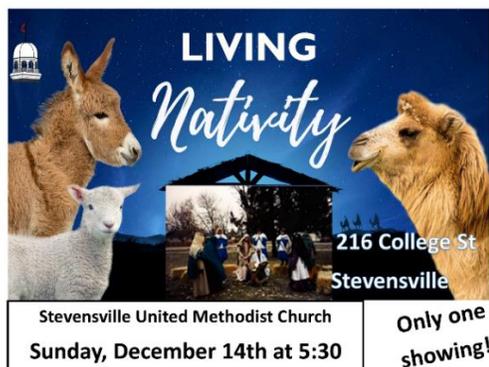
Liturgist

Ben Longbottom	Dec. 14
Jan Nicholson	Dec. 21

Greeters/Offering

Don and Mary Nelson	Dec. 14
Fred and Carol Douthit	Dec. 21

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



SELC Door Decorating Contest!! Your vote is important!!

SELC needs your help to vote for a winner in our door decorating contest. Classroom doors are decorated and ready for Christmas. Each has a theme, e.g. snowmen, Santa, etc. A jar will be on the table in the lobby under the TV along with paper/pencils for your vote. Walk around after church today and see all the doors – cute, beautiful and everything in between! Thanks for your help with this fun Christmas activity.

Bible Study – 10:00 am in the After School Room.

All are welcome.

Book Club – today after worship in the After School

Room. *Mr. Dickens and His Carol* by Samantha Silva

Glad Tider articles are due on the 24th of each month.

Submissions are always welcome prior to the due date. Please send them to office@steviumc.org

FOOD DONATIONS FOR PANTRY PARTNERS

Donations and white plastic bags (from grocery store) can be placed in the grocery cart in the foyer. Arrangements have been made for the food to be delivered to the Pantry each week. SUMC donated 438.3 pounds (October 20-November 24) which included 68 pounds from the Thank Offering. Thank you to all!

PRAYER CHAIN

Open to all...email requests to steviprayerchain@gmail.com or call the church office and your request will be relayed to the prayer chain coordinator. *Please note:* the office is not staffed daily so there may be a delay in forwarding to the prayer chain.

STAFF OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday from 9am - Noon.

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