

MERRY
Christmas



Christmas is a time for celebration!

Christmas is a special time that God gives us to reflect on all of the wonderful ways that our Lord has worked in our lives through the gift of life given to us in Jesus our Messiah!

This year, we welcome and invite everyone to bring friends, family members and all whom we have the blessing of sharing Christmas with to our very special Christmas Eve Presentation called, *DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS*.

The Service will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve (Sun. Dec 24th). There will be music, fellowship, and a very special presentation of the Christmas story for both children and adults alike. Please be sure to bring your children as they are always such a blessing and as there is a special part of the service just for them!

We are very blessed to be able to share this wonderful season together and pray that it has been and will continue to be a most wonderful Advent for you and that you and yours look forward to a most merry Christmas!

In Christ,

Rusty



Providing comfort to church leaders



Supporting leadership development



Building up the future of the Church

Like the Magi from the East who followed the star to Bethlehem only to return home another way, the route of mother-daughter duo of Carla Louca and Susannah LeMay took some unexpected turns. Their roads surprisingly led them to study in the same place at the same time at Presbyterian related Stillman College in Tuscaloosa. When her daughter Susannah was born, followed by twin sons, she took a break to raise her family. After years of working unsatisfying jobs, she knew she needed something more. Meanwhile, her daughter Susannah was living and studying in South Korea, where her military father was stationed at the time. But she also wanted to find something meaningful. Wanting to go into music, her mom suggested she come to Stillman to study music journalism. Once Susannah transferred and joined in activities at the school, she learned that as you get into the community, “there’s really no way that you can fail,” she said. “If you want to succeed, people will absolutely give you the tools and the knowledge that you need.” Providing students like Carla and Susannah with the support they need to succeed is what the PC(USA)’s Christmas Joy Offering is all about. The Offering distributes gifts equally to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color and to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions. “ Stillman College has long been the place where students can find an opportunity to work on making their dreams a reality,” said Dr. C. Mark McCormick, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. “Carla and Susannah have unique stories. The fact that they have both flourished in their studies, and they both confess that their relationship with one another has grown to new breadths and depths, is in no small part due to the nurturing community they found here.” Carla is grateful to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for the gifts that made her and her daughter’s education possible. She shares, “When I think about how I have grown more spiritually and what I have learned at Stillman, especially what Dr. King said about the light of Christ being in everyone, to be able to see that light of Christ reflected in my own child is a really beautiful thing to experience as a mom.” Your gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering help bring the light that can help those like Carla and Susannah, and so many others, shine. Please give what you can, for when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

[Click here for the Christmas Joy website and find out more about how your gift helps.](#)



The Greeters this Sunday morning are:

Becky Linnville, Anna Linnville,
Tristian Linnville

The Greeters this Sunday evening are:

Greg Hays, Jeff Hays



Bob McKay 12/22
Chad Atwater 12/24
John Kucklick 12/25
Jerome Sloane 12/31



Nursery Volunteers in December:

December 24 - Susan Brown
December 31 - Gail Truluck



Coffee Fellowship Helpers in December:

December 24 - Sannie Cook
December 31- Nancy Parnelle

*Pick up your 2024 giving envelopes in the narthex.
ECEP will be closed December 25 - January 1.
The church office will be closed December 25 & January 1 and will be open limited hours
next week, December 26-29.*



Flowers for the Sanctuary

We encourage everyone to bring your own fresh flowers or silk arrangement. The flower sign up is located on the door in the hallway across from the old kitchen. 2024 is out now.

Please be in prayer for:

Anthony Hisnanick (Kathy Chessman), David Horowitz, Heather Walker, Michelle Brown, Cornwell family (Mike & Pam Shuler), Amanda Yoder, Sherry Osborne (Mary Stoll), John Thomas, John & Betty DeVane, Jerome Sloane (Rieko Sloane), Elsie Clees, Mike & Wilma Deddish, John & Beverly O'Brien, Nelson Springer, Charles Truluck, Lois Amos, Marg Mills, Tommy & Sue Mathews, Rosemarie DeGroot, Virginia Thomas, The Woods Family.

Special Events:

December 24 - Christmas Eve evening worship service at 6:30 p.m.
January 4 & 5 - Back Pack Buddies
February 1 & 2 - Back Pack Buddies
February 11 - Scout Sunday & BBQ fundraiser
February 24 - Oyster Roast at Truluck Island
February 29 & March 1 - Back Pack Buddies
March 23 - Water Missions Walk For Water
March 28 & 29 - Back Pack Buddies
May 2 & 3 - Back Pack Buddies
May 30 & 31 - Back Pack Buddies

Weekly:

Coffee Fellowship
Flowers for the Sanctuary
James Island Outreach food delivery

Monthly:

Lunch Bunch (first Tuesday)
Presbyterian Women Morning Circle (third Tuesday)
COW - Church on Wednesday (third Wednesday)
Backpack Buddies
Men's Breakfast (first & third Thursday)
Book Club (third Sunday)



You may give online [here](#).
Access the Church Directory [here](#).
See a list of the HVPC Session members and email addresses [here](#).



“Sharing God’s Love with All”
- Mark 12:31

Mission Statement: Harbor View Presbyterian is a neighborhood church that fosters relationships through worship and fellowship, spreads love through outreach, and seeks to create a spiritual environment for lifelong learning.

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