

Prelude*Handbell Choir***Welcome & Announcements*****Opening Hymn**

Bringing in the Light of Christ

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" ~ No. 234

***Affirmation of Faith**

"The Apostles' Creed" ~ No. 881

***Glory Be to the Father**

"Gloria Patri" ~ No. 70

Lighting of the Advent Wreath*Evans Family***Pastoral Prayers****Offertory**"Carol of the Bells"
*Quartet****Dedication**

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

***Scripture**

Luke 3:1-6 ~ New Testament, Pew Bible ~ Pg. 52

Message"Prepare the Way of the Lord"
*Rev. Bill Price***Holy Communion**

You will be given communion elements as you enter. You will be directed during communion to peel the top plastic layer to open the wafer and the lower tab to open the juice. Please dispose of packaging in waste cans provided as you exit.

***Closing Hymn**

Sending the Light of Christ Into the World

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

Benediction*Postlude**"Sing Hosannas"
*Wanda Cooper, organ***Please stand as able.***Gathering Music*****Music*****Welcome & Announcements*****Affirmation of Faith**

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Closing

You may pray at the altar during the closing song.

**Please stand as able.*

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS | Deadline TODAY | We will decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas with Poinsettias. If you would like to purchase one in memory/honor of a loved one, please fill out an order form (located in the Narthex or bulletin). Cost \$10/each. Make checks payable to SFUMC and note "Poinsettia". They can be picked up after the 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service on December 24 or the following Sunday.

ADVENT CELEBRATION | Today - December 5 | 5:00 p.m. | Main Campus | Sanctuary | Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship for all ages, featuring the Agape Hands Puppet Team. There will be light refreshments afterwards in the Fellowship Hall.

CATAPULT CHRISTMAS PARTY | December 8 | 6:00 p.m. | West Campus | Youth Area | Join our Catapult group for a fun time at our Christmas party. There will be food, fellowship, games, and prayer. For more information contact youth@spanishfortumc.org.

UMM ANNUAL FAMILY CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST | December 11 | 8:00 a.m. | Main Campus | MC101 | Fellowship Hall | Everyone is invited to the Annual Family Christmas Breakfast hosted by our United Methodist Men. We will enjoy a breakfast feast along with a healthy mix of story time for the children, fellowship, Christmas carol sing along, and prayer. It will be fun for all ages!

FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS - CANTATA | December 12 | 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. | Main Campus | Sanctuary | Join the choir in celebrating Christmas through music in both worship services. If you have any questions, please contact [Bonnie Hariel](#) in the church office.

CHILDREN SINGING IN WORSHIP | December 19 | 8:45 a.m. | Main Campus | Sanctuary | Our children K-5TH will be singing in worship on this day and we hope that you can join us. | Rehearsals will be on 12/5 and 12/12 in the Sanctuary at 12:30 p.m. For more details, contact [Bonnie Hariel](#).

KIDZ EATZ CLUB | Until December 19 | 9:45 a.m. | Main Campus | Fellowship Hall | SFUMC is joining the Kidz EatZ Club as part of our mission opportunity for November and December. Bring "selected food items" to help make a difference for the children in our community. There will be a table in the Fellowship Hall with more information and sign up sheets.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING | December 19 | 5:00 p.m. | Meet at The Sanctuary Parking Lot | Everyone is invited to join us as we go caroling in the community. For more details, contact [Bonnie Hariel](#) in the church office.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES | December 24 | Main Campus | Sanctuary | We would love to have you and your families join us as we celebrate Christmas at one of our three services. Contemporary Christmas Eve Service will be held at 3:30 p.m. Traditional Christmas Eve Services will be held at 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. All services will have communion and candlelight. For more information, please contact the [church office](#).

COMMUNICATIONS | If you have an ongoing class, new events, etc. for 2022, you MUST turn in a Meeting / Class / Event Request form to Faye Childers in the church office as soon as possible. We need this information for the upcoming year to make sure we have those on the calendar of events.

Also, please keep in mind the deadline to have items published in the monthly newsletter is typically the 15th of each month and if assistance is needed with those, they need to be turned in a minimum of two weeks prior to the begin date. Our full Communications Policy is available in the office.

CONTRIBUTIONS | All contributions for the current year, 2021, must be received in the church office or postmarked by December 31, 2021 to receive credit for the current year. Statements will be sent via email to the address we have on record between January 15 – 31, 2022. Should you need to have your email updated and/or sent by the US Postal Service, please contact [Faye Childers](#) in the church office.

Please use the registration card in the pews to record your attendance. You may drop your card in the baskets provided at each door as you exit or in the offering plate.

Nursery care is available on the Main Campus (MC104 | Lower Fellowship Hall) during both services and during the Sunday School hour. Our Cry Room is available in the Narthex.

If you need assistance during the service, please let one of the ushers know.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY | December 5

- 8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service (Main Campus | Sanctuary)
- 9:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (Main Campus | MC101, Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 a.m. Adult Discipleship Hour (In Person & Zoom Meetings)
- 10:00 a.m. Youth Discipleship Hour (West Campus | Youth Area)
- 10:00 a.m. Children's Discipleship Hour (West Campus | Children's Area)
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service (Main Campus | Sanctuary)
- 12:00 p.m. Pre-Recorded 8:45 a.m. Worship Service Broadcast [103.3 FM/840 AM Radio]
- 12:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal (Main Campus | Sanctuary)
- 5:00 p.m. Advent Celebration (Main Campus | Sanctuary)
- 6:00 p.m. Remedy Youth Fellowship (West Campus | WC112)

MONDAY | December 6

- 10:00 a.m. Solo Senior Men Meeting (Offsite | Sp. Fort Municipal Bldg., Back Patio)
- 2:00 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study - Isaiah (West Campus | WC112, Youth Area)
- 6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting (West Campus | WD101)
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (Main Campus | MB100)
- 7:30 p.m. Eastern Shore Choral Society Concert (Main Campus | Sanctuary)

TUESDAY | December 7

- 9:00 a.m. Prodissee Pantry Open Until 11:30 a.m. (9315 Spanish Fort Blvd.)
- 9:00 a.m. Uniform Closet Open Until Noon (West Campus | Uniform Closet)
- 11:30 a.m. Westminster Lunch & Communion (Westminster Village)
- 4:00 p.m. Men's Small Group (Main Campus | MC100)
- 6:00 p.m. Isaiah Bible Study (West Campus | WC112, Youth Area)
- 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir at Westminster Village (Westminster Village)
- 7:30 p.m. Men Of St. Joseph (Main Campus | MB102)

WEDNESDAY | December 8

- 5:30 a.m. Men's Accountability Group (Main Campus | Fellowship Hall, MC101)
- 9:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study (West Campus | WD105)
- 10:00 a.m. Bread of Life ChristCare Meeting (West Campus | WD101)
- 6:00 p.m. Women of the Word (WOW) Bible Study (West Campus | WD103)
- 6:00 p.m. Catapult Christmas Party (West Campus | WC112)

THURSDAY | December 9

- 6:00 a.m. Men's Accountability Group (Main Campus | MB100, Upper Reed)
- 1:00 p.m. Thirsty Thursdays Bible Study (Main Campus | MC100)
- 6:15 p.m. Contemporary Worship Team Meeting (Main Campus | Sanctuary)
- 7:00 p.m. Traditional Worship Team Meeting (Main Campus | Sanctuary)
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (Main Campus | MB100)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/11 | UMM Christmas Family Breakfast
- 12/11 | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal for Cantata
- 12/11 | Faithbuilders Sunday School Christmas Party
- 12/12 | Christmas Cantata
- 12/12 | Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 12/12 | Remedy Christmas Party
- 12/13 | Finance Meeting
- 12/15 | SALT Meeting

~see church calendar at www.spanishfortumc.org for more details~

*If your classes or Bible studies are being completed via Zoom or other virtual means, each ongoing or new event will receive specific instructions via email.

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ONLINE Giving



- Give ONLINE on our website at www.spanishfortumc.org/giving
- Scan the QR code to the left with your cell phone/app
- Text SFUMCGIVE to 73256 and follow the link
- Log into the Realm Connect app on your phone
- To set up a regularly scheduled automatic withdrawal from your bank account, contact Faye Childers in the church office or via email: faye@spanishfortumc.org.
- Mail check to 6530 Spanish Fort Blvd., Suite D, Spanish Fort, AL 36527
- Drop in mail slot by the church office front door.

Thank you for your continued giving, especially during these difficult times.

**all gifts are tax-deductible and a year-end giving statement will be prepared for you for tracking and tax purposes.*



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December 5, 2021