

**Welcome to
Yadkinville United Methodist Church
December 14, 2025**

The Third Sunday of Advent
Joy



Traditional Worship Service

December 14, 2025 at 10:00 am

The Prelude

Welcome REVEREND JONATHAN GAYLORD

Call to Worship

We gather together in this place:

prophets and dreamers, singers and poets,

we who dare to imagine a world renewed;

we who dare to dream God's dream.

We sing with Elizabeth and Mary.

Our spirits rejoice in God, our savior!

We bless the God of justice and joy,

who lifts up the lowly and vulnerable.

God's mercy is upon us all,

from generation to generation.

Come and worship, all you who dream and wait.

We have come to wonder and praise. Amen.

Opening Prayer

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath GIGGLES

Children's Moment JONATHAN GAYLORD

Cantata, A Winter Noel CHANCEL CHOIR

* Affirmation of Faith

We believe "joy is the justice we give ourselves." Because God's joy dwells with the humble and is rooted in justice, we find its warmth and light shine brightest through shared witness and sacred disruption.

We believe joy grows through blessing others and fostering authentic relationships.

We believe joy is more than a feeling or the things we possess. Joy is our faith made visible and something we share by choosing connection.

We believe joy is truth and truth-telling.

We believe joy is active resistance, Spirit-filled solidarity, and the bringing of God's dream.

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* **Affirmation of Faith** (continued...)

We believe true joy is not the opposite of heartache, but lives right within the swirl of our grief and hardest emotions. We celebrate the depth of God's joy and how it can hold our pain.

When we are filled with this kind of joy, we celebrate what God is birthing now, even amid a world where so much appears to be ending.

We believe joy is freedom and healing, redemption and return.

We believe joy comes from knowing God is close, even when life is hard. God's joy shows up not just in breathtaking beauty but in moments we hurt so much we can't breathe.

We choose justice. We choose love. We choose each other.

We choose joy.

Amen.

Hymn of Invitation

Lo, How a Rose E'er BloomingUM HYMNAL, PAGE 216

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response CHANCEL CHOIR

Move Me UM HYMNAL, PAGE 471

Ways to Connect & Serve

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

OffertoryUSHERS: GENE & MARNIE MATTHEWS

* **Doxology**

Hymn of Dedication

In the Bleek Midwinter UM HYMNAL, PAGE 221

* **Closing Prayer & Benediction**

Benediction Response

God Be With You Till We Meet Again UM HYMNAL, PAGE 673

* Those that are able are invited to stand.

A Winter Noel

The Coming of the Lord PEPPER CHOPLIN
Keri Smith Gaylord, soloist

Reading: ISAIAH 7:11-14 THE MESSAGE
ISAIAH 11:1-9

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming arr. BRAD NIX

Reading: LUKE 2:1-7 NEW ENGLISH TRANSLATION

A Midwinter Noel arr. JAY ROUSE

Reading: LUKE 2:8-12 NEW TESTAMENT FOR EVERYONE

Christmas Blessing DON BESIG/NANCY PRICE

Reading: LUKE 2:13 & 14 EASY ENGLISH BIBLE

Christmastime arr. LLOYD LARSON

Reading: LUKE 2:15-20 INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S BIBLE

Where Shepherds Lately Knelt CRAIG COURTNEY



Chancel Choir

Soprano

Connie Randleman
Shannon Sheek
Pam Shugart

Alto

Marcia Downey
Keri Smith Gaylord
Frances Mabe
Jan Shore
Maureen Silvernale
Adelaide Whitaker

Tenor / Bass

Virgil Dodson
Sam Winters
Frank C. Zachary
Charlene Zachary, organ / piano
Rich Pizzuti, reader
James Sheek, choir director

*The poinsettias on the Altar are given to
the glory of God and in HONOR OF:*

George Bisette Barbara Bisette
Joy Prim Oz & Valerie Prim
Julianna Prim Oz & Valerie Prim
Helen Roseberry James & Joyce Roseberry
Geoff & Susan Rieser

*The poinsettias on the Altar are given to
the glory of God and in MEMORY OF:*

John D. & Ella Mock George & Barbara Bisette
Jasper & Munell Bisette George & Barbara Bisette
Anne Ivey Jerry Ivey
Sean Kennedy Shirley Kennedy
Gorrell & Majorie Prim Oz & Valerie Prim
Louise Randleman Dick & Connie Randleman
Julia Valenti Oz & Valerie Prim
Eugene Valenti Oz & Valerie Prim
Carrie Ward Dick & Connie Randleman
James Roseberry James & Joyce Roseberry
Geoff & Susan Rieser

Serving TODAY, December 14, 2025

YCM food delivery Brad Mason
Greeters/Ushers: Gene & Marnie Matthews
Online Host: Rich Pizzuti
Nursery: Children's Advent Church
Audio/Technical/Video Bruce Whitley

Announcements, Sunday, December 14, 2025

Prayer Concerns

Church Family:

James Roseberry, Joy Prim (missionary), Dot Gish, George Reavis, Chris Riddle, Frank & Norma Noble, Donna Bowman, Ken (& Cooky) Weatherman, Helen Roseberry, Mary Reavis, Emmitte Winslow, Cooky Weatherman, Leo Gaylord, Frank Noble, Frances Mabe

Friends and Family:

Judy Brydebell, Tim Beedings, Steve Morrisette, Mike Matthews, Chris Bullin, Waneta Freeman, Sally Moseley, Tommy Brown, Carol Carlson, Elizabeth Eller, Mike Riddle, Bonnie Liven-good Hampton Family, Jesse & Joann Taylor, Emma Griffis, Anna Bolick, Doris Handy

To have a name added to or removed from our prayer list, please complete the form in this bulletin, tear off, and place in the offering plate. Prayer connections under Friends and Family will be posted for four weeks, unless requested for a specific length of time.

Prayer Request(s)

Names _____

From _____

Leave on prayer list for ____ weeks (Today is December 14, 2025).

Prayer Requests under Friends and Family will be posted for four (4) weeks, unless requested for a specific length of time. Please tear off this prayer request and place it in one of the locked contribution boxes outside of worship.

- ☐ Check this box if this is a confidential prayer request. If it is, you can place it in the church office door in an envelope labeled "Pastor".
- ☐ Check this box if you **DO NOT** want your prayer request sent out on email.
- ☐ Check this box if you **DO NOT** want your prayer request listed on our Facebook page. (It would only be posted on the private section.)

Announcements, Sunday, December 14, 2025

Attendance. Please remember to register your attendance online at: www.yadkinvilleumc.org/ here OR Scan the QR code to the right to be taken directly to the attendance registration page.



The poinsettias on the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in honor or memory of special people in our lives. See page 8 for the dedications. The dedications will remain in the bulletin through Advent.

Monthly Mission Focus: For the month of December our Mission Focus is Hands of Hope Medical Clinic. You can make a check payable to YUMC, with a memo "HOH" or an online donation by choosing the "other" category and type "HOH" in the note section. See the bulletin insert for more information.

Yadkin Christian Ministries. YCM is in need of shelf staple items. Rice, pasta, oats, beans (dry and canned), can vegetables, soups, tuna, oil, honey, sugar, peanut butter, crackers, flour, etc. Baskets are in the Commons for your contributions. (YCM Food pick up for Sunday, December 21, 2025 is Rich Pizuti.)

Nursery. If you would like to serve in the nursery, contact Sidney Matthews-Gunnell (336) 416-9160.

Sharing Pantry. Have you seen the lovely Sharing Pantry that has been hand crafted just for us? It is to provide food, toiletries, and other supplies for our friends and neighbors. If you'd like to contribute food and/or supplies feel free to do it anytime!

ReNew with Connect Clothing Closet.

The clothing is open every 1st and 3rd Tuesday from **2:30pm to 4:30pm**. If you would like to sign up to volunteer, you can call the office or use the QR code.



What are the needs of the Clothing Closet? We are in need of t-shirts, men's jeans, and children's clothes. We have purchased the additional clothing closet! Thank you.

Mission Focus December 2025 Hands of Hope Medical Clinic

Hands of Hope Medical Clinic is a voluntary effort of health professionals, private citizens, businesses, churches, foundations and other human service agencies that have come together as a community to provide free medical care and resources for our fellow neighbors who are sick and in need. The only requirements to be seen are you must be between the ages of 18-64, a citizen of Yadkin County and without insurance for medical care.

Monday & Tuesday clinics provide free primary medical care like what one would receive at a typical family practice office. This includes treating conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, lung disease, common infections and many other diseases/conditions. We have many on-site lab tests to aid our providers as well as an in-house pharmacy with basic medications for disease control all provided free to patients.

There are over 500 active patients who visit our clinic on a regular basis. We have relationships with many other community resources to find the help our patients need.

Our clinic is supported solely by donations, fundraisers and grants. We are currently located at: 320 W Maple St, Yadkinville, NC 27055. Our phone number is (336) 849-7960.

Another donation option (need) is over-the-counter medications, such as Tylenol, Advil, cold medicine, vitamins, etc. There is a collection bin in the Commons for these items.



During the month of December, all loose plate here at YUMC will go to this Mission Focus. You can also make your check payable to Yadkinville UMC with a memo "Hands of Hope" or "Clinic".

Yadkin. County United Methodist Churches

Mid-Week Advent Worship

Wednesdays at Noon
December 3-17

Worship
followed by a light lunch.

Meets at
Yadkinville United Methodist Church
204 W. Main Street Yadkinville

Serving in Worship NEXT Sunday, December 21, 2025

YCM food delivery..... Rich Pizzuti
Greeters/Ushers:..... Mike & Lori McCann
Advent Candle:..... Chancel Choir
Children's Moment:..... Valerie Prim
Online Host: Chri Riddle
Nursery Volunteers: Advent Children's Church
Scripture Reader:..... Virgil Dodson (Luke 1:57-80)

The Yadkin County Community Chorus

Presents

A Christmas Extravaganza

*December 14th at 3pm
Yadkinville United Methodist Church*

Come Hear

Carol of the Bells
Ding Dong, Merrily On High
The Little Drummer Boy
Angels We Have Heard On High
The Christmas Canon
O Holy Night

And

Messiah Selections

And the Glory of the Lord
And He Shall Purify
O, Thou that Tellest Good Tidings to Zion
For Unto Us a Child is Born
Glory to God
Hallelujah Chorus

We Hope to see you there!

Advent Children's Church

Calling all children!

We are having Children Church all four Sundays of Advent starting November 30, 2025.

Right after children's moment children will come to the Youth Room for bible stories, crafts and games.

A few things we can use are:

- ★ 5 containers of vanilla frosting
- ★ 5 containers of chocolate frosting
- ★ 10 packs of birthday candles (any amount) -Christmas candy and small toys for treat bags. .

If you have questions, please ask Valerie Prim or Karen Pizzuti.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Join us December 24th at 5:30pm

to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ

All are Invited!



In an emergency: Did you know that YUMC has an AED (Automated External Defibrillator)? It is just outside the main sanctuary doors to the left on the wall.

Missionary Joy Prim

Holiday decorations are being hung as we near the holiday season with our loved ones. I give thanks for each of you.



Before the holiday rush begins, will you donate \$38 dollars towards my UMC Advance so I can stay in the mission field?



DONATE HERE & HELP ME REACH MY 2025 GOAL:
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/JPRIMADVANCE](https://tinyurl.com/jprimadvance)

Our Missionary, Joy Prim, is trying to raise \$7,000 before year end to stay in the mission field. If you want to contribute, you can use the link above or make your check payable to YUMC, with a memo Missionary.

Book Study. *Eyes of the Heart: Photography as a Christian Contemplative Practice.* You are invited to slow down this December and January with a contemplative study that will help us see the world in new ways through prayer. We started the book study on Thursday, December 11th. We will continue to meet on Thursdays at noon. There is still time to join us. If you would like to purchase a book through church (\$17), please let Bobbi or Pastor Jonathan know.

This study considers how a camera can help us open “the eyes of the heart.” More than a book on photographic technique, *Eyes of the Heart* is about cultivating photography as a spiritual practice through visio divina (sacred seeing). Each week we will enter into a photographic journey in which the reader does not simply take images, but receives images and learns to see with “the eyes of the heart” (Eph 1:18).

Announcements, Sunday, December 14, 2025

Leadership Team. The Leadership Team meets every third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the John Classroom. Our regular monthly meetings are open to all members of the church. Because your voice matters, there is a designated time for YOU, our church membership, to ask questions, to communicate with the Leadership Team, or to just see what is happening with the church management. **Our next meeting will be announced.** If you would like to read the minutes of our meetings, see the budget, or YUMC's Guiding Principles, visit www.yadkinvilleumc.org/members (password: YadkinvilleMember). **Your 2025 Leadership Team** is: Janet Culpepper (Chair), Lori McCann, Maureen Silvernale, Nick Gunnell, Oz Prim, Jim McGrath, Sandy Steele, George Bisette, and Myron Williams.

Financial Information for Week ending 12/07/2025

GENERAL FUND FOR BUDGET TOTAL	<u>\$ 3,138.25</u>
In Person	\$ 2,191.50
Online/Venmo	\$ 946.75
NEEDED per month (budget)	<u>\$ 20,502.52</u>
RECEIVED for this month (December)	<u>\$ 3,348.25</u>

Year to 12/07/2025

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS for budget (year-to-12/07/2025)	\$ 216,065.21
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES YTD	<u>\$ (224,766.80)</u>
General Fund	<u>\$ (8,701.59)</u>
IMPROVEMENTS FUND receipts YTD	<u>\$ 7,674.36</u>
BUILDING FUND receipts YTD	<u>\$ 54,029.16</u>

* Building Fund payment is \$5,464.86 per month. Loan balance is \$ 422,587.38.)



Connected Near & Far Campaign

This November & December we are closing out the year leaning into and celebrating all of the ways we are connected to God through the Church and our community! We are collecting money for **two** of the cornerstones of our shared life together: the FLC building fund and apportionments.

Our 2025 apportionments were \$19,466.00 We have \$8,091.00 remaining. We owe approximately \$425,000 on the building loan. This November and December for the first \$16,100 raised we will split the donations 1:1 between apportionments and the building fund, after that all of the money will go towards the building fund.

As we close out the year we invite you to celebrate and strengthen our ministry here in Yadkinville and around the world!

Love Offering.

As we approach this blessed holiday season, we are reminded of the opportunities to share our love and gifts with others. We are pleased to again express our thanks and appreciation to the YUMC Administrative team (Bobbi and Jonathan), and kindly request your consideration to participate in a Love Offering for this amazing team.

This act of giving is a special way to show we care and recognize their valuable contributions through ongoing commitments to serve God, our Church, and Community. Bobbi and Jonathan dedicate expansive hours to enhance the overall well-being of our church through their involvement with financial endeavors, emotional encouragement, expressions of love, and community relationships.

You may share your Love Offering through the following ways:

- * Sunday Offertory. Please memo your gift as "LOVE OFFERING"
- * Online Giving. Please select the "other" contribution icon and type "LOVE OFFERING" in the memo section
- * Personally pass your gift along to Adelaide Whitaker

Your donations are tax deductible, and Adelaide will withhold the reporting of gifts until after Christmas to ensure the surprise factor and confidentiality.

We are so thankful for all our church family and pray we continue to lean on our faith and trust in God to guide us in the coming year and beyond. Please know how important you are to our church and our future, and it is my honor to serve with you. Our church strives to collaborate on common desires and goals that reflect our love, service, and life with God. Wishing you the most blessed holiday season and may your hearts and homes be filled with celebrations for Jesus' birth and God's awesome love.

Peace & Joy,

Janet Culpepper
(336) 416-1677



Yadkinville United Methodist Church

Offering care and hope through living,
learning, and loving God and each other.

204 West Main Street, PO Box 25
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Church Office: (336) 679-2243

Website: www.yadkinvilleumc.org

YUMC Church Office is open Monday through Thursday
from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm.

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Regular Worship at YUMC

In-person 10:00 am

Virtual Worship via YouTube 10:00 am (live)

There are multiple ways to contribute to YUMC

Donate online at yadkinvilleumc.org and click on "MORE", then click on "CONTRIBUTE". Follow the online prompts.

Donate by text - send a text to 336-485-4309, with the amount you want to contribute and you will receive a text with further directions.

Donate by Venmo in the Venmo app or online, choose "Pay or Request", in the search bar type "Yadkinville UMC", follow the prompts.

Donate by check/mail a check, make checks payable to YUMC, drop in the offering plate, or mail to PO Box 25, Yadkinville, NC 27055