



**Wilmington  
Island  
Presbyterian  
Church**

This Sunday, we begin our season of Advent, a time to prepare not our homes for the coming of the Christ Child, but our hearts. At the very first Christmas, Luke tells us that soon after Mary had given birth to her son, Jesus, a group of shepherds showed up telling them about a heavenly host that had announced to them the birth of the Messiah. Mary wasn't sure what to make of all that they were saying and doing, but Luke tells us Mary "treasured all these words and *pondered* them in her heart." (Luke 2:19).

I have always liked the word "ponder," and my prayer is that in the coming weeks as we prepare for the coming anew of Christ, we, like Mary, will ponder all the events surrounding that very first Christmas. May we ponder what it means that God would choose to come to us, would choose to be born as one of us; may we ponder how this little baby would grow to be the man who shows us the fullness of God's love; may we ponder how Christ is still at work in our world and in our lives today.

And may all our pondering lead us to a deeper, richer faith in God, and a deeper, richer appreciation of the love and hope and peace of this season.

Andy

Don't forget to turn in/drop off/mail your pledge cards for 2025. By sharing your giving plans, you will help the Session as it seeks to be a good steward of our church's resources. Thank you in advance for your faithfulness!

**Our church is once again participating in the *Angel Tree* program that provides Christmas gifts for the children of incarcerated parents.**

**Tags will be available on Sunday; you can pick up a tag before or after worship that will provide instructions to help you purchase a gift - a toy or an article of clothing - for the child. Or you can call Sheri Estes (912-059-4302), our Angel Tree Coordinator, who will help you participate.**



**Please have your wrapped presents (within \$25 range) with the tag firmly attached back to church by Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> (so the committee can sort and get gifts ready to be delivered on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> between 9:00 and noon).**

## Be a Santa's Elf

Volunteers are needed to deliver the Christmas gifts to the Angel Tree children. Presents need to be picked up at the church at 9:00 AM, Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, for delivery.

This annual tradition has become a favorite of many in our congregation. If you are interested in being an elf you can either reply to this message or call the church office.

Call the church office if you are interested in helping out.

Thank you in advance for helping to brighten the holidays for children in our community!



### *Two ways to help:*

Join us at 4:00 PM this Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> as we get the Christmas decorations DOWN from the attic and our Christmas tree UP in the sanctuary as we get ready for the "Hanging of the Greens" on Wednesday evening.

Join us following supper on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> as we prepare our sanctuary for the coming of the Christ Child. There will be the Christmas Tree to decorate, wreaths and garland to be hung and other joy-filled tasks to be accomplished.

**Volunteers Needed!**  
**Deacons' Winter Festival**  
**Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:00 - 1:00 PM**



**The Deacons need your help! Volunteers are needed to assist with activities and games; in addition, donations of**

**individually wrapped treats (no icing) for the Cake Walk are needed. Please use the button below to sign up. Thanks!**

**Winter Festival Volunteer Sign-Up**

**Our annual children's Christmas Pageant will take place on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> during worship. We will have ONE practice & costume fitting on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> following worship.**

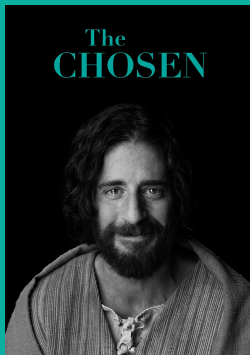
All children, youth and adults are invited and welcome to take part!



## **Christmas Caroling**

Join us on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00 - 5:00 PM as we head out to bring Christmas cheer to folks in our church and community.

**The trolley we have rented has limited seating so let the church office know to reserve spaces for you and your family by calling 912-897-1840.**



**There will be Sunday School this week following worship. Kids will actually be studying worship (see below); youth will gather for their lively discussions; and adults will be watching an episode of *The Chosen* (season 3, episode 1). Come join us as we grow in faith together!**



## **UP COMING WIPC YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

During our weekly gathering of The Gathering and The Huddle:

**Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> - Cookie Decorating**  
**Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> - Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest**

**Events throughout December:**

**Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> - Winter Festival** 11am to 1pm

AND... **Middle School Movie Night** in the Youth Room at 6:00pm

**Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> - *The Journey*** at Compassion Christian Church.

ALSO... **High School Movie Night** in the Youth Room at 8:00pm

**Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> - All Youth Christmas Party** at 7:30pm  
at Maggie's house.



Volunteers are still needed to help out in our nursery on Sunday mornings during worship. Please use the button below to sign-up.

**Nursery Sign-up**



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

Join us on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 for Chili Mac, Salad & Corn Bread prepared by Diane Warren.

Please let us know you will be attending by replying to this email or by using the sign-up button below.

Dinners are \$10/adult; \$5/child

**Wednesday Night Supper Sign-up**

## Dinner Out to Support Mission Partner

J.U.S.T.

# CHEERS FOR CHARITY AT SOBREMESA



Join us for dinner! A portion of the sales on 12/4 will be donated to JUST.

**Wednesday, December 4th**

JUST Group Dinner from 6-8 PM

2312 Abercorn St, Savannah, GA 31401

## Adult Bible Study Opportunities

- **Tuesday Morning Bible**  
Study meets weekly at 10:00 AM in the Education Building.
- **Tuesday Evening Women's Study** - taking a break until January.
- **Men's Bible Study** on Wednesday mornings at 7:15 AM on in the Fellowship Hall (but off next week).  
*All are invited & welcome!*



**REMINDER: REGISTER NOW TO SAVE YOUR SPOT!**

**Savannah  
Presbytery  
Summer Camp  
June 15<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**SAVANNAH PRESBYTERY**

**SUMMER CAMP 2025**

**DON'T DELAY! REGISTER TODAY!**

**JUNE 15 - 20, 2025**  
AT CAMP MONTGOMERY IN STARKE, FL

[www.savannahpresbytery.org/summer-camp](http://www.savannahpresbytery.org/summer-camp)

Register Here  or Here 

**\$585 PER CAMPER**

**CHILDREN & YOUTH AGES 8 - 17**

**The spots are first come first serve!**  
**Don't miss out on securing your child's spot!**

- ✓ Archery
- ✓ High & Low Ropes
- ✓ Swimming
- ✓ Canoeing
- ✓ Zip lining
- ✓ Bible Study
- ✓ Worship
- ✓ Rock Wall Climbing
- ✓ and MORE!

For More Information [msusiel@savannahpresbytery.org](mailto:msusiel@savannahpresbytery.org)



**Camp Registration is NOW OPEN!**

**Save \$50 by registering before November 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Summer Camp Information & Registration**

**Check out other happenings within Savannah Presbytery::**

**Mid-November Savannah Presbytery News**

**Do you know where to find when church events are happening- such as lunches, learning activities or events?**

**Visit our Events Calendar on our web page by clicking below**



**Church Calendar**


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