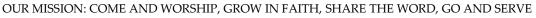
TRENHOLM ROAD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

for

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 31, 2023 at 8:45am & 11:00am

ENTRANCE

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of my granddaughter's birthday, Amelia Catherine Richardson, by Beverly Nance.

GATHERING

Leader: God is good! **People: All the time** Leader: And all the time **People: God is good!** Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God of Mystery, your light has led us to you.

People: Alleluia! All through our days your Word has shone; your star has lit the way. Leader: We have come to praise you, to honor you, to worship you.

People: Alleluia! We thank you for your grace. We wonder at your presence.

Leader: And we are still learning to seek your presence and to follow your light.

People: We are still asking, "Where is the child?" Help us to search, and help us to find. Leader: God, we praise you for the One who shepherds your people.

People: Alleluia! We worship you with thanksgiving and praise. Open the eyes of our hearts to see, and to wonder. Alleluia!

*HYMN

"We Three Kings"

*APOSTLES' CREED (8:45am)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; The third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints. the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*THE GLORIA PATRI (8:45am)

"Glory Be to the Father"

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT (11:00 am)

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is celebrated for Kai Lou Farman.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

HYMN OF RESPONSE (11:00 am)

"I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry"

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold. When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong. I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

adapted from TFWS 2051

UMH 33

UMH 71

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Lyndal Haddox and Teresa Woods into the fellowship of Trenholm Road UMC. We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2: 1-12 NRSVUE

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Your presence matters! Please take a moment to sign the pew pad located at the end of each pew at the center aisle. When it reaches the last person on your pew, pass the pad back to the starting point, and notice the names of those sitting around you and greet one another at the end of the service.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

What is our prayer for these children?

Our prayer is that our children will grow up to be like Jesus: strong, loving, brave, and full of grace and truth; and that we will help them.

11:00 am only - Following the presentation, children in 4K through 1st grade are invited to attend Little Church in the Riser Room on the third floor of the Leisure Ministries Building. For first-time guests, please have each child escorted by an adult for check-in.

HYMN "Go, Tell it on the Mountain"	UMH 251
SERMON	
"Overwhelmed With Joy"	Reverend Mollie Reddic
SOLO	
Mary, Did You Know? by Schrader	Daryl Byrd, tenor
MORNING PRAYER	
The Lord be with you. And also with you.	
The pastor offers the morning prayer.	
THE LORD'S PRAYER	UMH 895
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.	

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen, setting by Ijames

Amy Craighead, flute

*PRESENTATION OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

SCAN TO GIVE



*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

UMH 95

UMH 220

Worship Leadership

Reverend Mollie Reddic, Preacher

Worship Assistants

Mary Lance Garrison, 8:45 am Lay Reader Bryann Burgess, 11:00 am Lay Reader Chris Younts, Usher Captain

Musicians

Trenholm Road Sanctuary Choir Daryl Byrd, *tenor* Amy Craighead, *flute* Sarah Fletcher, *Director of Music*

OFFERING REPORT

November Financial Report 2023 Annual Budget, \$1,528,470 Month-to-Date Receipts, \$160,058 Month-to-Date Expenses, \$134,003 Difference, \$26,055 Year-to-Date Receipts, \$1,258,316 Year-to Date Expenses, \$1,380,745 Difference, (\$122,429)

In observance of New Year's Day, the church offices will be closed and reopen on January 2.

Prayer List: Bob Henry, Pat and John Bolin, Joe Tuck, Ann Meares, *sister of Catherine Williams*, Larry Ayers, Jeff Adams, *son of Jess & Myra Torres*, Shealy McCoy, Maxine Reynolds, *mother of Amy Craighead*, Eddie Drayton, Michael Reed, Nancy Howarth, *grandmother of Nathan Cox*, Jess & Myra Torres, Vernon Bowen, Paula Wilson, Suzanne Wise, Sharon Lentz, Robbie Bowers, Andrea Pyatt.

Next Sunday

January 7th at 8:45 and 11:00am worship services we will share in a renewal of our baptismal vows, a powerful service in which we come forward and touch the water in the font and renew our commitment to Christ who has raised us, the Spirit who has birthed us, and the Creator who is making all things new!

Rev. David Day's Retirement Reception, January 7

All are welcome to congratulate Reverend David Day on his retirement as Congregational Care Pastor of Trenholm Road UMC. The reception will be held in the Dining Room on Sunday, January 7, after the 11:00 am worship service. Join us as we thank him for his ministry to our congregation. David and Annie will continue their membership at TRUMC.

Family Promise Assistance

Family Promise is in need of a used washer for one of the housing units. If anyone can help, please contact <u>alysha@familypromisemidlands.org</u>.

Youth Updates

Sunday, December 31: One Sunday School Class, wear your Pjs! 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. in the youth lounge. **Confirmation begins in January!** Email Linda – <u>youth@trumc.org</u> for more information and to sign up! Confirmation is for any current 7th-grade student or any 8th-grade student that may have missed in years past!

Sunday, January 7

United Methodist Youth Fellowship Resumes at 5:15 p.m. with optional open gym, 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Dinner and fellowship, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Lesson in the Youth Lounge.

Monday, January 8

Youth Core Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Location TBD

Wednesday, January 10

Wednesday Night Activities resume, Discipleship 6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. in the Youth Lounge.

Wednesday Night Children's Ministry Activities

Children ages 4-5th grade are invited to join us each Wednesday Night following dinner for Discipleship Junior **(6:15-7:15 PM)**. We meet upstairs on the second floor of the Leisure Ministries Building. Pickup will be in the Gym. Each week we review the Bible story we learned on Sunday morning, have discussions about how we can apply these lessons to our lives, and play fun and relevant games that will allow the children something tangible to remember the Bible Story. Nursery care is available for children 6 weeks through 4 years old.

January Book Club

The TRUMC Book Club will meet Monday, January 8 and discuss *Buy the Change You Want to See* by Morris & Paris. The group will meet at 6:30 pm in the parlor. Newcomers are always welcome. Contact Jane Elliott for more info - jelliott24@att.net.

Wednesday Nights Resume on January 10.

The congregation will gather Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. in the gym for a delicious fellowship meal. Both kids and adults can enjoy specially prepared meals. Adult meals are \$10. Kids meals are \$7. Family meals are \$27.

January 10 meal

Adults: Chicken pilau, vegetable, bread, slaw and dessert Kids: Chicken tenders, tater tots, string cheese, peach cup, and dessert

Small Group Opportunities

Pastor James will lead a small group study and discuss the book, *The 28-Day Prayer Journey*, by Chrystal Evans Hurst on Wednesday nights. Jan 10 – Feb 7 @ 6:15 pm (Dining Room) Register to attend – trenholmroad.org - \$10 (includes book)

Stacey Watts will lead a Parenting Class – Jan. 10 – Mar. 6 on Wednesday nights. Topic: The Well-Behaved Child @ 6:15 pm (Sanctuary) Register to attend – trenholmroad.org - \$25/person

Pastor Mollie Reddic will lead a Tuesday class. Topic: Women's Encounters with Jesus in the Gospels Tuesdays at Noon (Jan 9) (Parlor) Register to attend - trenholmroad.org – Lunch provided (bring Bible)

Stewardship Update

As of this week, we have received 149 Pledges totaling \$1,082,305.32 toward the 2024 ministry budget. We have ambitious plans for 2024 and encourage those who have not yet chosen to pledge to consider what Trenholm Road means to you and to our community. We are a powerful and generous congregation, and we look forward to our continued momentum. Thank you again for your generosity.

TRENHOLM RD UMC STAFF

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Welcome to Trenholm Road United Methodist Church!

We are so glad to have you here today. We want to make sure that everyone is comfortable during worship. Please note that there are restrooms located on the main hallway before entering the sanctuary. For your convenience, there is also a water fountain located in the West Foyer. While you're in the West Foyer Welcome Center, be sure to pick up a copy of our newsletter and devotionals.

Nursery care is available for children 6 weeks through 4 years old on Sunday mornings. Nursery care is available during all worship services and Sunday School times. Children under 2 are invited to stay in MB 19 and 2 years through 4 years in MB 12. These rooms are on the bottom floor of the main building. Two traditional worship services are held each Sunday at 8:45 AM and 11:00 AM. Sunday school class is at 9:45 AM on Sunday mornings. All are welcome.