

New Life

Congratulations to Oriana and Doug Fletcher on the birth of their son, Thomas Ray Fletcher, on December 15, 2024. Thomas has a big brother, Douglas.

Sympathy

The Reveille family extends Christian love and sympathy to Eddie McCall and family on the death of his father, Marshall McCall, on December 13, 2024.

View Today's Schedule and Sign Up for Opportunities

To sign up online for the opportunities in today's bulletin and view our complete Sunday schedule, visit www.reveilleumc.org/signup.

Nursing Room, Children's Area, and Child Care

Our nursing room for mothers is available in the children's library (room 107). We also have a children's play area in the welcome center. Child care for this service is located in room 102.

Church Office Holiday Closings

The church office will be closed on December 25-27, after noon on December 31, and on January 1, in observance of Christmas and New Year's Day.



Are You a Guest Visiting Us Today?

Thank you for coming to worship at Reveille! Take a minute to connect with us at www.bit.ly/reveille-guest or by using this QR code.

Easy Ways to Support Our Ministries

Donate online at www.reveilleumc.org/donate, scan this QR code, or text a donation, including a dollar sign (e.g. \$25), to (804) 441-7544.



Support U.S. Disaster Recovery with an Advent Offering Donation

This year's Advent and Christmas offering will aid two disaster relief efforts. Your donations will help equip a Reveille disaster response team to assist with Western North Carolina's recovery in late spring 2025. Your donations will also support UMCOR's U.S. Disaster Response. Learn more and donate now at www.reveilleumc.org/advent or scan the QR code. To donate by cash or check, please be sure to note "Advent Offering" on your check or offering envelope.

Christmas Concert Recording

Thank you to everyone who participated in and supported our "Angels We Have Heard on High" all-ages Christmas concert last Sunday. The program featured familiar carols with our children's, youth, and adult music ensembles. Our Chancel Choir joined local orchestral musicians to perform the angelic "Christmas Flourish" by Randol Alan Bass. Watch a recording of the concert at www.reveilleumc.org/concert.

This Service is Livestreamed

The 11:00 am service is livestreamed, recorded, and shared on various online platforms. You can watch our 11:00 am Sunday service in the welcome center or from anywhere at www.reveilleumc.org/livestream.



"Good News" Program on Exercise, Living Well, and Disease Prevention, January 28

You are invited to a panel discussion and reception celebrating good news in cancer research and prevention, along with information on exercise and living well on Tuesday, January 28, at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. This program will be presented by VCU Health, Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center, Sports Backers, and Reveille. Please RSVP to attend at www.bit.ly/massey-jan28 or scan this QR code.

Statement of Inclusivity

We embrace an inclusive faith and welcome everyone without exceptions for age, race, ethnic background, national origin, mental or physical ability, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, education, family or socioeconomic status, or faith history.

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REVEILLE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 22, 2024

11:00 am

Fourth Sunday of Advent

We welcome all people to follow Jesus Christ and serve together as a hub of faith, hope, and action.

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GREETING

Rev. Stephen Coleman

One: The Lord be with you.
Many: **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

"Advent Processional"
Reveille Ringers

arr. Jefferey A. Hall

CALL TO WORSHIP

Debbie Shea

One: The Angel says to Mary, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore, the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God."
Many: **God is able to accomplish far more than we can ask or imagine, for nothing is impossible with God.**
One: We light this candle as a symbol of peace.
All: **May the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope, our joy, our peace. People, look east.**

*HYMN 202

"People, Look East"

BESANÇON

*PRAYER OF COMMON CONFESSION

Rev. Stephen Coleman

Holy and loving God, this morning we confess, that unlike Mary, we celebrate and depend upon our own strength. You are mindful of our humble state, but in pride, we celebrate our human achievement and ability. In your grace, forgive our dependence upon everything but you. In our weakness, gather us in, filled with your power instead of our own, for this we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Many: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**
All: **Glory to God! Amen.**

*THE PEACE

Please turn to the persons God has placed near you and offer one another signs of reconciliation. You may say, "The peace of the Lord be with you," and respond, "And also with you."

PROCLAIMING

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Dr. Peter Moon

ANTHEM “Gabriel’s Message” arr. Jim Clements
Chancel Choir, Karen Kelley, soloist

*The angel Gabriel from Heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame.
“All hail,” said he, “Thou lowly maiden Mary,”
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!*

*“For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honour thee,
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,”
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!*

*Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
“To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said,
“My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name.”
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!*

*Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!*

Sabine Baring-Gould

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Margaret Hamilton

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON – Luke 1:26-38, Pew Bible, pg. 831 Margaret Hamilton

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

SECOND LESSON – Luke 1:46-55, Pew Bible, pg. 832 Rev. Dr. Peter Moon

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

SERMON *Voice of the Angels* Rev. Dr. Peter Moon
Part 4: “For Nothing Will Be Impossible with God”

RESPONDING

*HYMN 213 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” TRURO

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - 881 The Apostles’ Creed, Traditional Version

*GLORIA PATRI - 71 GREATOREX

**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.**

INVITATION TO PRAYER “Ye Who Claim the Faith of Jesus” JULION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Bayo Ogungbade

OFFERING Rev. Bayo Ogungbade

OFFERTORY “Ding Dong! Merrily on High” arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
Reveille Ringers

The congregation is invited to stand when the ushers reach the steps.

*DOXOLOGY “A Doxology for Advent” VENI EMMANUEL

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures
here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Rev. Bayo Ogungbade

GOING INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 238 “Angels We Have Heard on High” (1, 2, 4) GLORIA

*BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Peter Moon

*POSTLUDE “Nun komm der Heiden Heiland” BWV 661 J. S. Bach
 (“Savoir of the Nations, Come”)

*All are invited to stand, in body or in spirit.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Peter Moon

Liturgists: Rev. Stephen Coleman, Rev. Bayo Ogungbade

Musicians: Tom Bailey, Daniel Banke, Chancel Choir,
Karen Kelley, Reveille Ringers

Lay Reader: Margaret Hamilton

Acolytes: Daisy Young, Grayson Young **Crucifer:** Niko Hough

Altar Guild: Kathy Driver, Phyllis Moore, Annie Lou Wax

Audio and Video: Pierce Downey, Dexter Johnson, C.J. Struble

Today

Service of Remembrance

If you have experienced any kind of loss and you are in need of community, hope, comfort, peace, and healing, we invite you to this service in the chapel today at 4:00 pm followed by a reception. Child care will be available in room 102.

Youth Dinner and Caroling

Youth will enjoy dinner and caroling in the neighborhood surrounding Reveille starting at 5:15 pm in the youth center. For more information, email Caleb Eckel, youth@reveilleumc.org.

Give Glorious Gifts This Christmas

Glorious Gifts is an alternative way of shopping for Christmas gifts while supporting the outreach ministries of Reveille. Each of our outreach ministries has created a shopping list of needed items that you can “buy.” Instead of receiving the item, you will receive a card that you can give as a gift. Order today to receive cards by Christmas Eve. Shop for Glorious Gifts online at www.reveilleumc.org/glorious-gifts.

Christmas Eve

December 24 Services

- 3:30 pm Children’s Christmas Pageant with Children's Choirs and Children's Handbells, fellowship hall
- 5:30 pm Lessons and Carols Service with Christmas Choir, Instrumental Ensemble, and Youth Handbells, sanctuary, livestream – Child care will be available in room 102
- 7:30 pm Christmas Eve in the Chapel with Communion and CrossPoint Musicians
- 11:00 pm Traditional Candlelight Service with Communion and music from Harpist Anastasia Jellison and Christmas Choir, sanctuary



Sign Up to Sing on Christmas Eve

You're invited to sing in the Christmas Choir at the 5:30 pm Lessons & Carols Service and the 11:00 pm Traditional Candlelight Communion Service. The rehearsal is tomorrow evening, December 23. To sign up, visit www.bit.ly/xmaschoir-24.

Coming Up

Combined Worship Service, December 29

We will hold one combined worship service in the sanctuary at 10:00 am on Sunday, December 29, with Rev. Stephen Coleman preaching the sermon “Stranger Things.” Sunday school classes and afternoon programs will not meet.

Faithful Friends Cancer Group, December 30

The group will provide spiritual support, resources, and educational opportunities through monthly meetings. Join them on Zoom December 30, at 6:00 pm. To receive a link, contact Rev. Stephen Coleman, associatepastor@reveilleumc.org.

Epiphany Sunday Schedule, January 5

Sunday school classes, our 8:30, 9:30, and 11:00 am services, and Sunday afternoon rehearsals and activities for children and youth resume on Sunday, January 5. Afternoon adult classes will resume on January 12.

Baptism of the Lord Sunday, January 12

Sermon Series “All Things New!”

Join us to explore the theme of “newness” and the Christian life on Sundays in worship, January 12-26. We will begin the series with baptism and conclude with our guest preacher, Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson.



Learn About Our Church at Reveille Today, January 12

If you have been discerning membership at Reveille or would like to learn more about our church, we invite you to come to our two-hour Reveille Today class led by Rev. Stephen Coleman on Sunday, January 12, 4:00-6:00 pm, in the Reveille House dining room. Sign up at www.bit.ly/rt-jan25 or scan this QR code.

Saving Grace: A Guide to Financial Well-Being, begins January 12

Begin the new year by exploring money management from a Christian perspective. This class will help you address financial concerns and create a healthy relationship with money and possessions. Topics include saving, earning, giving, spending, and debt, along with helpful strategies for achieving a sustainable financial life. This six-week class will be led by Bo Bowden and Jill Gaynor on Sundays, room 206, 4:00-5:30 pm. Register for the class at www.bit.ly/savinggrace-jan25.



New Women of Spirit Study, begins January 15

You are invited to join the Women of Spirit in reading *Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith* by Adam Hamilton. Whether you are a longtime Christian or brand new to the faith, get to know the God who is unafraid of hard questions. The group will meet Wednesdays on Zoom at 10:00 am, January 15-February 19. To sign up for the study, visit www.bit.ly/wos-jan25 or scan this QR code.

The Discipleship Journey - A Unique Perspective, begins January 19

Have you ever wondered how the Parables fit into our discipleship journey? Join this new small group study of *Parables From the Back Side - Bible Stories with a Twist* by J. Ellsworth Kalas. Participants will view the parables from a different perspective, with an emphasis on discipleship principles. The class will be led by Bill Bosta and Rev. Bayo Ogungbade on Sundays at Reveille, 4:00-5:30 pm, January 19-March 23. Register for the class at www.bit.ly/discipleshipclass-jan25 or scan this QR code.



Bishop Hauptert-Johnson and State of the Church, January 26

We will welcome Virginia Conference Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson as our guest preacher at the 8:30 and 11:00 am services on Sunday, January 26. At 9:30 am, come to our annual State of the Church gathering in the fellowship hall to learn about Reveille’s finance and attendance trends and plans for 2025, plus Bishop Sue will speak about the state of the UMC. You will also have the chance to ask questions and there will be plenty of coffee and doughnuts!