

Gluten-free Communion Elements are Available

Wafers free of gluten, casein, egg and soy are available during communion. The communion juice is also gluten-free. Gluten-free elements are located on the small table between those serving the elements at the front of the sanctuary.

Communion Offering

As you come forward to receive communion this morning, you are invited to place a special offering in the offering plates at the front of the sanctuary. These gifts are used to help those in our community who have sudden financial needs.

Advent Greens Arrangement

The lovely arrangement of greens on the altar today is given by Walker and Mahood Fonville in memory of their loved ones. It was designed by the Liturgical Arts Committee.

Welcome, Families!

We welcome children in our worship services. Yellow bags with activities for kids and children’s bulletins can be found in the narthex. If you need to leave the service for any reason, the service can be viewed on the television in the welcome center where we also have a children’s play area. Child care is available in room 102 with childcare providers who are Red Cross certified and background checked. A mother’s nursing room is also available in the children’s library (room 107). To learn more about our children’s ministries, contact Karen Rios, children@reveilleumc.org.

Church Office Closing Early, December 9

The staff will hold a Christmas luncheon on Tuesday, December 9, at 11:00 am, and close the church office for the remainder of the day.

2026 Sanctuary Altar Flowers Calendar Open

The 2026 sanctuary altar flowers calendar is open for donations in honor or memory of someone special. Flower donations are \$87. To request a date, please email pastoraladmin@reveilleumc.org or call (804) 359-6041, ext. 114.

Purchase Christmas Cards from Men's Prayer Breakfast

Reveille's Men’s Prayer Breakfast group is selling Christmas cards before the 11:00 am service in the red-carpet hallway on Sundays during Advent. Cash and check are accepted. For more information, contact Robert Asplund, robert.b.asplund@gmail.com.

Check Out Our Connect Page

You can view the complete Sunday schedule, along with locations and times for all our classes, services, and ministries. It’s also easy to sign up for all the opportunities highlighted in today’s bulletin. Visit www.reveilleumc.org/signup.

Assisted Hearing Devices Available

There are assisted hearing devices located on the table to your right as you enter the narthex. The device and headset can be used during worship services. Instructions on how to use the devices are available on the same table in the narthex, or you can ask one of our ushers for assistance.



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.



Sign Up for Our Daily Devotionals

We invite you to grow in your connection to God by making prayer part of each day. Sign up for our daily devotional email by scanning this QR code or visiting www.bit.ly/devotional-rumc to help develop regular prayer practices as you read scripture and engage more deeply with each week’s service. Printed copies of the devotional are also available at our Sunday worship check-in tables.

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.

Staff

- Peter Moon, Lead Pastor
- Stephen Coleman, Associate Pastor of Care and Welcome
- Bayo Ogungbade, Associate Pastor of Adult Discipleship
- Daniel Banke, Director of Music and Worship
- Tamara Nicely, Assistant Director of Music Ministries
- Thomas Bailey, Organist
- Kaarina Jobe, Music Leader for The Point
- Nadja Gutowski, Director of Community Connection
- Karen Rios, Director of Children’s Ministries
- Terri Edwards, Director of Administration
- Rachel Sanders, Director of Communications and Engagement
- Jack Grace, Financial Administrator
- Cheryl Arrington, Pastoral Administrative Assistant
- Kim Cronheim, Administrative Assistant
- Billy Petruska, Facilities Manager
- Dexter Johnson, Video Producer
- Pierce Downey, Sound Technician
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December 7, 2025 11:00 am

Second 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 “I’ve Got the Joy” arr. Valerie W. Stephenson
Youth Handbells

CALL TO WORSHIP The Austin Family

One: The prophet John appeared in the wilderness proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”
Many: John came wearing strange clothes, eating strange food, and shouting.
One: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ, our peace.
All: A light dawns in the words of the prophets sent by God. Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus.

*HYMN 196 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” HYFRYDOL

*PRAYER OF COMMON CONFESSION Rev. Stephen Coleman

Lord, forgive our sins, the sins that we remember, and those we have forgotten. Forgive our many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when we have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times we have been proud of our own achievements, and those when we have failed to boast in Your works. Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others, and the leniency we have shown to ourselves. Forgive us for the pain we have caused others, and the indulgence we have shown ourselves. Help us to become more like Your Son, Jesus, our Lord and Savior, for we ask these things in his name.

*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

BIBLE PRESENTATION - Children in Worship Class Allison Kahl

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN Karen Rios

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Arun Peters

**God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul.
Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that our
hearts and minds may be opened. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON – Isaiah 11:1-10, Pew Bible, pg. 558 Arun Peters

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

SECOND LESSON– Matthew 3:1-12, Pew Bible, pg. 784 Rev. Dr. Peter Moon

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

SERMON *A Light Has Dawned: Seeking the Hidden Meaning of Christmas*
Part 2: “Why is that Guy in the Strange Clothes Shouting?” Rev. Dr. Peter Moon

RESPONDING

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Dr. Peter Moon

OFFERING Rev. Bayo Ogungbade

OFFERTORY “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” Mark A. Miller
Youth Choir

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

*DOXOLOGY “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.**

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MUSIC AT COMMUNION
HYMN “What Feast of Love” GREENSLEEVES
Please see music in next column.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING Rev. Dr. Peter Moon
**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you
have given yourself to us. Make us ever faithful to your high calling.
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GOING INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 567 “Heralds of Christ” NATIONAL HYMN

*BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Peter Moon

*POSTLUDE “Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern” Dietrich Buxtehude
 (“How Brightly Shines the Morning Star”)

*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, Susan Bullock,
Tamara Nicely, Youth Choir, Youth Handbells
Lay Reader: Arun Peters
Acolytes: Sonny Fluker, Barrow Roberts *Crucifer:* Nathaniel Ely
Altar Guild: Sandy Cash, Kathy Driver, Phyllis Moore, Annie Lou Wax
Audio/Video: Pierce Downey, Claire Kimberly, Dexter Johnson

This service is livestreamed, recorded, and shared on various online platforms.



1. What feast of love is of-fered here, What ban-quet come from
2. What light of truth is of-fered here, What cov-e-nant from
3. What wine of love is of-fered here, What crim-son drink from



1. heav-en? What food of ev-er-last-ing life, What
2. heav-en? What hope of ev-er-last-ing life, What
3. heav-en? What stream of ev-er-last-ing life, What



1. gra-cious gift is giv-en? This, this is Christ the
2. won-drous word is giv-en? This, this is Christ the
3. pre-cious blood is giv-en? This, this is Christ the



1. King, The bread come down from heav-en. O
2. King, The Sun come down from heav-en. O
3. King, The sweet-est wine of heav-en. O



1. taste and see and sing! How sweet the man-na giv-en!
2. see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv-en!
3. taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv-en!

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Today

Advent Sermon Series: “A Light Has Dawned: Seeking the Hidden Meaning of Christmas”
This series seeks to highlight the “glad tidings of great joy” that are often drowned out in the growing volume of secular and commercial communication, with the hope that there are new messages and Advent life in store for all of us, no matter where we are in our relationship with the newborn child. Sign up for our Daily Devotional email at www.bit.ly/devotional-rumc to help develop regular prayer practices during Advent and engage more deeply with each week’s service.

Shop Glorious Gifts In Person and Support Outreach Ministries
Shop for Christmas gifts while supporting Reveille’s outreach ministries through Glorious Gifts. 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. Shop for Glorious Gifts in person today and next Sunday, 9:00-11:15 am, in the welcome center. You can also shop online at www.reveilleumc.org/glorious-gifts.

Shineforth Giving Tree Gifts Due and Wrapping Event
Thank you to everyone who signed up to purchase gifts for children served by Shineforth, formerly United Methodist Family Services. This morning, please return gifts to the youth center. If you need to make arrangements to return gifts this week, please email Kim Cronheim at kimcro@gmail.com. You are invited to wrap donated Giving Tree gifts on Thursday, December 11, 2:00-4:00 pm, in the youth center! Sign up to help at www.bit.ly/givingtree-wrap25.

Learn About Our Church in Reveille Today
If you have been discerning membership at Reveille or would like to know more about our church, we invite you to join our Reveille Today class. This is a one-time class that will meet this afternoon, 4:00-6:00 pm, in the Reveille House dining room. To participate, please email Rev. Stephen Coleman, associatepastor@reveilleumc.org.


Support Local UMC Partners: Donate to the Advent Offering
This year’s Advent offering will support the Pace Center at VCU, Shalom Farms, Shineforth (formerly UMFS), and Westview on the James. As you fulfill your pledge to Reveille, extend your generosity to support our local United Methodist ministry partners. Give to the Advent offering at www.bit.ly/adventoffering-25 or scan this QR code.



This Week

Tuesday: Susanna Wesley Circle Christmas Party
All women are invited to an evening of fun, fellowship, and delicious food with the Susanna Wesley Circle for their Christmas party this Tuesday, December 9, at 6:30 pm at a member's home. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Significant others are also welcome to attend. Today is the deadline to RSVP at www.bit.ly/swc-2526.

Thursday: Women’s Book Group
You are invited to discuss *A Right Worthy Woman: A Novel* by Ruth E. Watson this Thursday, December 11, at 1:00 pm on Zoom or in the church parlor. The book is based on the inspiring true story of Virginia’s Black Wall Street and the indomitable Maggie Lena Walker, who became the first Black woman to establish and preside over a bank in the United States. Learn more at www.reveilleumc.org/bookgroup.

 **Saturday: Shineforth (formerly UMFS) Foster Family Brunch**
Help us create a "North-Pole-Santa's-Workshop" themed holiday brunch for Shineforth (formerly United Methodist Family Services) foster families this Saturday, December 13, 11:00 am-1:00 pm, at Shineforth. Please sign up to serve the meal or donate items at www.bit.ly/shineforth-dec25 or scan this QR code.

Next Sunday: Christmas Concert and Open House
You’re invited to our all-ages “Sing We Now of Christmas” Concert next Sunday, December 14, at 4:00 pm in Reveille’s sanctuary. The program will feature familiar carols with our children’s, youth, and adult music ensembles. The Chancel Choir will collaborate with harpist Anastasia Jellison to perform an engaging and unique piece entitled *Anniversary Carols* by Jackson Berkey. Also, join us for our annual open house reception with refreshments and CrossPoint musician Matt Nagi before the concert starting at 3:00 pm in the welcome center.

Coming Up

Service of Remembrance, December 21
If you are in need of community, hope, comfort, peace, and healing, we invite you to this service in the chapel on December 21, at 4:00 pm followed by a reception.

Christmas Eve Services, December 24
3:30 pm Children’s Christmas Pageant, fellowship hall
5:30 pm Lessons and Carols Service, sanctuary, livestream
7:30 pm Christmas Eve in the Chapel with Communion
11:00 pm Traditional Candlelight Service with Communion, sanctuary
Sign up to join our Christmas Choir at www.bit.ly/christmaschoir-2025.

Sunday, December 28, 10:00 am
One combined worship service in the sanctuary