



- 16 (A) Jim & Denise Pharis

17 - Bobby Ferebee

 Annie Sweat

(A) Nolan & Lauren Andrews

18 - Glenn Bussell

 Allen May

 Selwyn May

 Sandra McMaster

(A) Jonathan & Neshelle Bailey
- 19 - Sandy Mercer

 Robin Middleton

 Scotty McCoy

21 - Jeremy Andrews

 Emilee Jackson

24 - Nick Sweat

25 - Kimberly Casto

 Michelle Moore



Burge Prints Available

As we get into the gift giving season, don’t forget our Elaine Burge framed church picture. They are available in Heritage Hall. \$120.00 All proceeds will go to refreshing our busy bags and the youth room.

December 18 - Inspecting Samaritan Purse Shoeboxes in Atlanta. See Suzy or Olivia for details.

December 24 - 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service & Communion



The Church at Worship

December 14, 2025

10:30 A.M.

Third Sunday of Advent



† Indicates the congregation shall stand.

We Gather To Meet God

News of the Church

Prelude

 Joy To The World

† Greetings & Hymn of Praise #240

 Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Pastor Jared

Piano

Jessalyn Alexander

Lighting of the Advent Candle Alex, Molly, Ben Luke, Caleb & Lydia McAfee

On this third Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of JOY. JOY comes to Mary like a jolt in the night. In her surprise, in her yes, in her wild openness, JOY beckons, a joy that flows not from what is rational but what is holy, a joy that flowers in the night and bears fruit that feeds a world in need.

(Light the candle)

 Singing response: O Come, O Come Emmanuel Jessalyn Alexander

Verse 3:

O come, Thou Root of Jesse, free; Thine own from Satan’s tyranny; from depths of hell Thy people save; and give them victory o’er the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Let us pray:

Generous God, Give us JOY that flowers in the night. May your presence surprise us and even jolt us as we go through the days. May your presence open us to say yes to what brings wholeness for us and others. May we notice you with us, here and now.

Amen.

Prayers for the People John Wilson

Offering of Our Tithes & Gifts Piano

 O Holy Night

† Doxology OLD 100th

 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.

Glory to the Newborn King

by Lloyd Larson

Narrator 1: Gracie Jeffords

Narrator 2: Katie Wilson

Song: *Come, Joy of Every Longing Heart*

Narrator 3: McFerrin Bibb

Narrator 4: Kessler Bibb

Song: *Bethlehem, O Bethlehem*

Narrator 5: Henley McCallen

Narrator 6: Nora McCallen

Song: *The Shepherd’s Noel*

Narrator 7: Rue Everett

Song: *See, Amid the Winter’s Snow*

Narrator 8: Mary Thomas Smith

Song: *Glory Hallelujah to the Newborn King!*

Narrator 9: Cole Everett

Song: *Come, Adore Christ the Lord*

Narrator 10: Carrie Wright

Song: *Glory to the Newborn King*

Benediction Pastor Jared

Postlude Organ

A very special thank you to our choir:

Sopranos

Meghan Bailey*

Neshelle Bailey

Bunny Bivings

Sheila Clopton

Mary Grace Kay

Brittany Price

Amy Screws

Adrienne Smith

Louise Young

Tenors

Jonathan Bailey

Trey Carroll*

Cecil Cook

Caleb Middleton

John Wilson

Accompanist:

Terry Clopton

Altos

Robin Cook

Rebecca Gonzalez

Lea Gonzalez

Erica Harden

Olivia Humphrey

Jana Joiner

Lisa McDonald

Denise Pharis

Bella Price

Traci Upton

Basses

Jacob Boyd

Jared Middleton

Carl McDonald

Jeffery Smith

Phil Smith

*soloist

Flowers for Worship

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Quinn for her 4th birthday by Ashley & Wes Garin.



In memory of Linda Goodman given by: Jean Hammock Faye & Ben Salter Suzy & John Wilson to the angel fund.



Middle School & High School Christmas Party

Christmas party at 5:00, starting at the church.

Middle school girls will go to Megan Lord’s house & have a gift card swap. (\$20 limit)

High school girls will go to Kati Everett’s house for a white elephant. (\$20 limit)

Middle school boys will stay at the church and do a gift card swap. (\$20 limit)

SMC Angel Fund

Church family as this year draws to a close and you prepare for your annual year end giving, please remember the angel fund. As you know this fund is used to help and benefit our church family during difficult times. Thanks for your continued support of this ministry.

This Week at Sandersville Methodist Church

Sunday, December 14

9:30 a.m. Sunday School* 10:30 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary* 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. SNL

Tuesday, December 16

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, December 17

7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Caroling 6:30 p.m. Soup & Sandwich Supper

*Nursery Provided

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Saundera Haywood Nursery Workers

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Keith Andrews Facilities Manager

Donald Brown Custodian

Assisting in Worship

Worship Leader

John Wilson

Advent Readers

Alex, Molly, Ben Luke, Caleb & Lydia McAfee

Usher Captain

Tommy Cain

Acolytes

Brandy Kennedy Levi Bishop & Evelyn Davis

Children’s Church

NO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Infant Nursery Volunteer

Leslie Meeks

Toddler Nursery Volunteer

Layla Meeks

Sound

Matthew Shelton

Security Team

David Ray, Nick Sweat. Benjie Tarbutton 2 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

In Our Prayers Our Church Family

Dona Archer Ben Kay Deborah Brazzell Francis May Ruth Dollar Jenna Meeks Gerri Hudson Will Wright Emily Johnson

ECF Residents:

Sue Durden Elaine Marks

Tennille Retirement Home:

Ann Bibb Emilee Jackson

Friends & Family of the Church

Sharon Jones (Dianna Armstrong’s sister) Family of Donna Agnus Hudson McCoy (Leslie Hudson’s sister) Jody Brown Beverly Biggins Dora Dean Tanner (Deana Bibb’s mother) Jimmy Hooks Cynthia Barron (Linda Goodman’s sister in law) Inez Hooks (Mark Hudson’s mom) Carol Gardner Shana Richey (Felicia Glenn’s sister) Brandi Taylor Don Helton, Jr. Lilliana Kersey (Leslie Meeks’ niece) David Tanner (Kay Clausen’s brother) Sharon Kent

Attendance & Stewardship

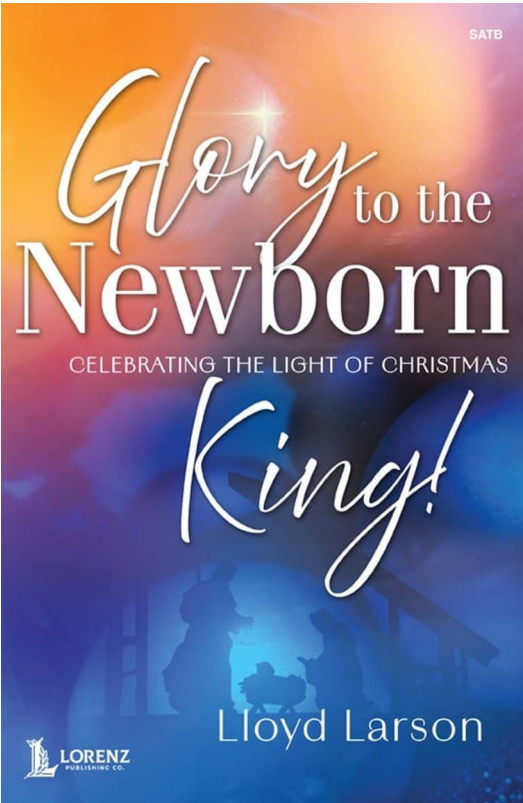
December 7, 2025

9:30 a.m. Sunday School 85 10:30 a.m. Worship 169 Weekly Need: \$ 12,307.81 Given This Week: \$ 22,206.33 Year to Date Need: \$ 603,076.93 Given Year to Date: \$ 616.355.76

The Messenger

Sandersville Methodist Church 202 West Church Street P.O. Box 611 Sandersville, GA 31082 (478) 552-3374 (phone) December 14, 2025

The Sandersville Methodist choir presents “Glory to the Newborn King” by Lloyd Larson.



God comes when we least expect it and in the most unlikely of ways to the most undeserving people like you and me. When we’ve felt rejected, given up hope, or thought our prayers have gone unanswered, Jesus arrives and gives us a place at the manger, inviting us to share in the divine mystery of His presence among us. He promises to be our guiding light in a dark and weary world; to be a source of comfort and peace in those moments when we desperately need it. Glory to the Newborn King! —Lloyd Larson

SNL KIDS JOIN US FOR A CHRISTMAS PARTY TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF JESUS!



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 5:30 - 7:00PM