

We continue to receive responses to our “Growing in Generosity” campaign and are grateful for the way God continues to transform us into the community God dreams us to become. Many have made their commitments the last few weeks. If you are one of them, thank you! If you have not yet made your response, we strongly urge you to do so as we make plans and preparations for mission and ministry in 2012. If you need a commitment card, they are available in the entry foyer/narthex and the church office. Thus far **73** members have committed to pray at least monthly for our church; **73** promised to worship at least monthly; **43** will belong to a discipleship group; **71** stepped up to help with various ministries; **56** committed to share their faith with someone; **40** will serve the poor at least quarterly and to date **96** have made a financial commitment.

We praise God that a higher percentage of respondents have expressed commitment to put faith into practice in new ways! Join the journey toward a deeper, more vibrant life of generous discipleship; a blessing awaits!

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Welcome to the most important hour of the week!  
May we all experience God’s power, presence and love in our worship today!

First time with us? We’re especially glad you’re here! Visit our Welcome Center in the narthex/gathering area in the back of the sanctuary. Questions? A greeter or usher will happily help you.

Please sign the attendance pad in the pew. We'd like to provide a more personal welcome to you following worship today; having your contact information helps that to happen.

Pre-schoolers are welcome to stay with you during our worship celebration, but we have a fully-staffed nursery, too. Quiet activity bags are available for children ages 3-7 or 7-12. An usher will readily provide as many as needed.

Personal listening devices and large-print hymnals are available. An usher will provide them for you.

Interested in becoming a member of our faith family? Note that on the attendance pad, or contact Pastor Hindman (798-7224 or David.Hindman@duncanmemorialumc.org ).

*Taking Faith Home* provides you with conversation starters, suggestions for family devotions, service opportunities in the community, daily blessings, and ideas for new rituals and traditions for you and/or your family. The scripture readings relate to the Lectionary readings of the week so you can build on the thoughts and conversations elicited by the morning sermon.



December 18, 2011: We pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: For persons who are lonely or have no family; for persons who are estranged from their families; for persons who are grieving the loss of a loved one; and for all who need to feel the love of God.



**Duncan  
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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*December 18, 2011*

*8:00 am Worship Service*

Worship with song, scripture, prayer and the Holy Meal in the fellowship hall.

*8:50 am J.O.L.T. Contemporary Worship Service*

*Jesus, Our Loving Teacher*

Celebrating the old, old story with a modern beat through song, scripture, visuals & prayer in the sanctuary.

*11:00 am Worship Service*

Worship with song, scripture, and prayer in the sanctuary.

*6:00 pm Wednesday Worship Service*

For those away or working on Sundays!

Worship with song, scripture, prayer and the Holy Meal in the fellowship hall.

**GATHER IN PRAISE**

Chiming Call to Prayer and Preparation for Worship

*(Let the ringing bells invite you to become quiet, prayerful and centered as we prepare to worship God.)*

Prelude *Coventry Carol* Ludwig Lenel

Introit 3044 (*Worship & Song*) *Make Way* MAKE WAY  
(stanza 1 only)

All: *Make way, make way, for Christ the King in  
splendor arrives!*

*Fling wide the gates and welcome him into your lives!*

Women: *Make way,* Men: *Make way*

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Women: *for the King of kings!* Men: *for the King of kings!*

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All: *and let his kingdom in!*

† Hymn 202 *People, Look East* BESANÇONE

† Call to Worship

Tell the timid to take heart!

**The Lord our God is on the way!**

Praise God completely, with all your heart and mind and strength!

**Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!**

The mighty One has done great things for us!

**Holy is God's name!**

Let us worship God, our Maker and Redeemer!

**From generation to generation God gives mercy!**

**Alleluia!**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

We have lit three candles – for hope, for peace, and for joy. Today we light the fourth candle – the candle of love, which signifies God's love surrounding and filling us at all times. There is no greater power than love, stronger than rulers and empires, stronger than grief or despair, stronger than death. We love, because God first loved us. Know this for certain: God is always coming into the world, so do not seek God in a long ago stable or ancient manger.

**We will look for Christ in the people we meet and in our heart's deep places.**

May the blessings of this holy season make you a blessing to others, and may the peace of these days pervade all that you do.

**Like Mary long ago we will welcome the challenge of discipleship and put ourselves at God's service and disposal.**

Let us pray:

**Loving God, like a rose responding to the sun, we open ourselves to you. As these candles are lit, light our lives with your bright presence. Show us the creative power of hope; teach us the peace that comes from justice; fill us with joy that must be shared. Magnify your love within us and prepare our hearts to be transformed by you that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.**

Hymn 3049 *Wait for the Lord* WAIT FOR THE LORD

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Children's Message

(Children in 2nd grade & younger may leave at this time to attend Children's Church in Room 1.)

Old Testament Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 OT, pg. 268  
The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

† Hymn 198 *My Soul Gives Glory to My God* MORNING SONG

† Gospel Reading Luke 1:26-38 NT, pg. 53

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**

† Hymn 215 *To a Maid Engaged to Joseph* ANUNCIATION

Sermon *iHope, God's Hope* Rev. David Hindman

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Anthem *There Is No Rose* Anonymous, c. 1420  
Chancel Choir & Instruments of Praise

*There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu; Alleluia. For in this rose contained was heaven and earth in little space; Res Miranda* (translation: marvelous thing). *By that rose we may well see that he is God in persons three, pari forma* (translation: of equal form). *The angels sungen the shepherds to: Gloria in excelsis Deo: Gaudeamus* (translation: Glory to God in the highest! Let us rejoice!). *Leave we all this worldly mirth, and*

*follow we this joyful birth; Transeamus* (translation: Let us cross over).

Pastoral Prayer

Our Lord's Prayer Hymnal, pg. 895

Offering of God's Tithes and Our Gifts

Offertory *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* Bach  
Instruments of Praise

Song of Dedication Hymnal, pg. 236

*All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;*

*good will henceforth from heaven to earth*

*begin and never cease, begin and never cease!*

Prayer of Dedication

**SENDING FORTH**

† Hymn 211 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL  
(stanzas 1, 3, 5 and 6)

† Benediction

† Sending Forth 3044 (W&S) *Make Way* MAKE WAY

(stanza 2 only)

All: *He comes the broken hearts to heal, the prisoners to free!*

*The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance, the blind shall see!*

*Fling wide the gates and welcome him into your lives!*

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† Postlude *Noel Angevin* Cesar Franck

**Lectionary Scripture Readings  
for Next Sunday**

Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98;  
Hebrews 1:1-4, 5-12; John 1:1-14

**TONIGHT: Family worship service, 4:30 pm, followed by a covered dish supper. Please bring salad, vegetable or dessert to share, and invite others!**

- Two **new studies for adults** continue: JOLT Plus meets in Room 12 to study *Christianity and World Religions* for six sessions and *The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem* (an Advent study led by Bill Kitchens) meets in Room 11.

- **Christmas Mission Mart** – Today, 8:30 am-12:30 pm, in the colonnade. Find gifts in all shapes, colors and sizes perfect for everyone on your list. Make a donation in honor of someone to any of the missions we're supporting and we'll give you an acknowledgment card to put in a stocking or under the tree for your recipient. We're supporting A.C.E.S., All God's Children Camp, Hanover Interfaith Free Clinics, Heart Havens, Pathways, Society of St. Andrew, Sovereign Global Mission, Stop Hunger Now, and Ukraine seminary students.

- **Give a transformative gift to yourself and others!** Purchase a good study Bible for yourself, or the youth and other adults in your life. Parents or grandparents can nurture the faith of young ones through the purchase of a Bible storybook for children. Alongside the Mission Mart today, see a display of samples to preview and an opportunity to purchase a Bible for special folks in your life!

- Today is the last day to bid on **Youth Silent Auction** items. Take a look at the table in the fellowship hall with homemade wreaths, promises of homemade baked goods, babysitting, pencil sketches of your home, handmade gift items for a baby, a gift card to Old Towne Bicycles, and more! ALL proceeds go to the youth mission and activity accounts for youth to participate in mission trips and spiritual growth retreats. The auction closes following

tonight's covered dish dinner. Thanks for your support!

- Tonight: **Youth Christmas Party** at the Franklins' home (323 Duncan Street), 6:00-8:00, supper provided. Bring a wrapped, unwanted gift (or a new gift valued at \$5) for the Grinchy Gift Grab. You may meet at their home or travel in the church van (the family Christmas celebration is at Duncan Memorial from 4:30-6:00 including the children's musical and a covered dish dinner. Come hear Erin K. and Carleigh L. sing! Pick up is at the Franklins' home at 8:00, or you may return to the church in the van (8:05 pm).

- Join us for **Christmas morning fellowship** during the Sunday school hour. Pastries, juice and coffee will be available. You are invited to bring a breakfast casserole to share. Sing carols, hear Christmas stories and traditions and enjoy the fellowship of your faith family.

- We live in a world created perfectly and richly blessed by God, with more than enough food for all. Yet over one billion of our family constantly face hunger; more than 25,000 succumb to hunger-related causes every day. Stop Hunger Now provides a hands-on mission project for us to live out the biblical mandate to serve those in need. On February 11, 2012, in our fellowship hall, Duncan Memorial will sponsor a morning of packaging the dry ingredients for at least 10,000 meals. **Stop Hunger Now is a ministry sponsored in this year's Mission Mart.**

- Help support the **A.C.E.S. Tree** (formerly Mitten Tree) in the fellowship hall! Contribute new children and adult-sized underwear, socks, disposable diapers and pull-ups that can be given to the needy this winter by Ashland Christian Emergency Services (A.C.E.S.).

- There are 180 residents at the Ashland Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, and the Center has asked us to adopt **Christmas "Angels" from**

**their tree.** Stephanie Nixon, Missions chair, has information on 10 of the residents. Contact her at 386-8862 or prayermtg@aol.com.

- A Christmas tradition at Duncan Memorial is to express appreciation to our staff for the blessings of their ministries to us. If you would like to share the spirit of the season by contributing to a **Love Offering** for our pastor and staff, designate "staff gift" in the memo line of a check made to DMUMC. You may mail or deliver the check to the church office, or place your check in the Sunday offering plate. Please use a pew envelope or other separate envelope and write "staff gift" on the envelope. Please get yours to the church by December 18 so the gift can be given to the staff on Christmas Eve.

- **DM 101, our new-member class**, will be held Saturday, January 7, 9:00 am-12 Noon, with new members received the next day, January 8. If you would like to become official members of our faith family, contact Pastor David or Sandra Stanley.

- **Immersion Bible Study -The Gospel of Mark** will become the central focus of Sunday morning worship as the new liturgical year begins. Supplement that with a Bible study on the Gospel of Mark on Sunday evenings. Beginning on Sunday, January 8, at 6:30 pm, Pastor David will lead this eight-week study. Texts for the class can be purchased for \$6 by contacting the church office by January 2.

- A new **Beth Moore Bible Study** facilitated by Sue Ann Lewis - *Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy* - begins on Tuesday, January 3, 6:30 - 8:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Workbooks are \$15; make checks payable to DMUMC with "Beth Moore" in the memo line.

- The second half of **DISCIPLE 3**, Paul's New Testament letters, will begin on Tuesday, January 31, at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall and continue through May 15. Newcomers are

welcome, but let us know if you wish to join so we can order a study manual.

- As the calendar year draws to a close, you are encouraged to complete your financial pledge commitments and make your year-end gifts to **support the ministry and mission of Duncan Memorial.** Thanks to your continuing generosity God has been able to accomplish much through us in 2011. If you have questions about the status of your financial contributions to the church this year, please contact Robbin Stiles, our Financial Secretary.

### **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Worship at Duncan Memorial**

This year Christmas Day comes on a Sunday. This year we will have the following worship schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day:

#### **Saturday, December 24,**

7:00 pm - Congregational carol singing

7:30 pm - Candlelight Worship & Holy Communion

#### **Sunday, December 25,**

8:50 am - J.O.L.T. Contemporary Worship & Holy Communion

9:40 am - Christmas Day combined Sunday School

11:00 am - Traditional Worship & Holy Communion

## Worship Assistants

### SERVING TODAY

**Ushers:**  
(8:50) Franklin Family  
(11:00) Upton Martin, Fred Hodnett  
Jarrod Nixon, Janet Reid  
Frank Straus

**Reader:** Avery Drew Inge

#### Greeters

**Sunday School:** Rich Fisher  
**Narthex:** Sue Ann & John Lewis

**Crucifer:** Erin Kitchens

**Acolyte:** Madeline Enderle

**Altar Guild:** Sue Turner, Eloise Piccolo  
Lynn Newell

**Counters:** Betsy Eggleston  
June Crenshaw

### SERVING NEXT WEEK

**Ushers:**  
(8:50) Woomer Family  
(11:00) Ron Harris, Dan Phillips  
Craig, David & Jack Johnson  
Paul Burch

**Reader:** Brian Moores

#### Greeters

**Sunday School:** Jeanne Engleby  
**Narthex:** Betsy Eggleston  
Gene Smart

**Altar Guild:** Bruce Spiller, Robbin Stiles  
Joan Holsinger, Sandy Marshburn  
Carol Martin

**Counters:** Ann Leonard, Janet Reid

C=Colonnade  
CR=Choir Room  
FH=Fellowship Hall

MR=Moreland Room  
P=Parlor  
S=Sanctuary

## Upcoming Events

### Sunday 18:

8:00 am Casual Service/Communion (FH)  
8:50 am J.O.L.T. Worship (S)  
9:40 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Traditional Worship (S)  
4:30 pm Worship Service &  
Children's Pageant (S)

5:00 pm NO Youth Choir

6:00 pm NO UM Youth

### Tuesday 20:

9:30 am DISCIPLE 3 (FH)

### Wednesday 21:

6:00 pm Blue Christmas Service (S)

6:45 pm Chancel Choir (CR)

### Thursday 22:

11:00 am Sarah's Sisters (CR)

7:00 pm Manna Band Practice (S)

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry (P)

### Saturday 24:

7:00 pm Carol Sing (S)

7:30 pm Candlelight Service (S)

### Sunday 25: JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

8:50 am J.O.L.T. Worship (S)

9:40 am Sunday School

11:00 am Traditional Worship (S)

5:00 pm NO Youth Choir

6:00 pm NO UM Youth

### Monday 26: OFFICE CLOSED

Total gathered for worship  
at Duncan Memorial  
last week:

225

Christmas can be difficult for many folks, so in response we will once again offer **Blue Christmas** worship on Wednesday, December 21 (the longest night of the year), at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. Stephen Ministers as well as prayer shawls will be available. All are welcome, especially those for whom these days are hard.

**THIS ALSO IS OUR WORSHIP**  
**Week of December 18, 2011**  
**WELCOME**



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