



The Americus FMC Bulletin

November 30, 2025

A CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Isaiah 6:1-3

James Montgomery who owned the “Sheffield Iris”, a British newspaper, was a great help to the community as a supporter of the British Bible Society. He rose to be one of the most respected and honored men and his newspaper was widely read by the citizens of Sheffield.

On Christmas Eve 1816, after he had read the Christmas story in the Gospel of Luke, chapter two, he began to do like he had done so many times before – write poetry. By the end of that day, and the experience of reading the heralding of the angels in Luke 2, James Montgomery had written the powerful words that became the basis of the hymn we know so well today, “Angels from the Realms of Glory”. He printed the words the next day in his newspaper.

A blind songwriter and organist, Henry Smart, would then create a melody that was later used as a musical setting for Montgomery’s poem. The song was first sung in a Moravian Church in England, on Christmas Day in 1821, and became the wonderful carol we cherish during Christmas.

Among the key themes, you will find a call to worship, Light in darkness, as well as Justice and Mercy. The hymn invites all creation to come and worship the newborn King, emphasizing the triumphant atmosphere of Christ’s coming. In the words, you will see Jesus presented as the “infant light” and “Light of the World”, bringing hope and dispelling spiritual darkness. You will also find interwoven in the carol, a call for divine justice and mercy, seeing Christ’s birth as the breaking of chains for the oppressed. This is a telling of the birth narrative of Jesus through multiple witnesses, and a powerful call to encounter the Messiah.

- 1) What are some of your favorite Christmas Carols/hymns? Explain why.
- 2) What specific “good news of great joy” do the angels bring, and for whom?
How has this made an impact on your life?
- 3) What are your thoughts on Isaiah’s vision? Share the impact on your life of the scripture “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty, the whole earth is full of his glory”.
- 4) What does the angelic vision teach us about the nature of true worship?

May the message of joy and peace, and the worship of Jesus as King, move you closer to an understanding of God’s presence in your life!

Daryl

First Methodist Church of Americus

Worship 11:00 am
November 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent

WORSHIP Sam Morris
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (#196 UMH)
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (#211 UMH)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (#881) Rev. Daryl Brown

GLORIA PATRI (#71) Sam Morris

PRELUDE Alwen Yeung

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Daryl Brown

CHORAL RESPONSE Chancel Choir

ANTHEM Chancel Choir
The First Noel (Dan Forrest)

OFFERTORY PRAYER Sam Morris

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DOXOLOGY (#95) Sam Morris

SERMON SERIES Rev. Daryl Brown

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BENEDICTION Rev. Daryl Brown

POSTLUDE Alwen Yeung

Media: Bob Slenker

Greeters: Casper, Meagan, Maddox, Amelia, Eliza Speegle;
Annette Larkin

Ushers: Bill & Ellen Hanson, Sam & Reba Hunter

6 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

November 30th - 9:00AM - Social Hall

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Rev. Daryl Brown

This Week's Worship

John Cook, Jackson McSweeney, Rebecca Ferguson,
Rev. Daryl Brown, Paul Farr

Media & Sound

Camille Cochran

Greeters

Ross & Jill Youngdale

Gifts in Memory of

Frank Lowrey

From

Jim & Penny Bolin

In Memory of Mr. John Davis

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Mr. John Davis, who passed away on November 13, at the age of 98. Mr. Davis was a former member of our church and served as President of Redman Mobile Homes during the 1960s and 1970s. He later made his home in Dallas, Texas.

Please keep his family in your prayers.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Cuyler Barr, Holly Roquemore Bickel, Christina Brown, Mary Tom Byram, Diane Corning, Evelyn Dean, Trey Dixon, Lyn Dozier, Tripp Duncan, Sharon Dutton, Betty Ellis, Waylon English, Lydia Ann Fowler, Melanie Hahn, Janice Haugabook, Steve Hudson, Marcia Johnson, Lynne Knecht, Floyd Martin, Tyler Mazey, Brooks Starlin Mechler, Christian, Robert & Jennifer Parks, Lutrelle Perry, Joyce Perry, Gene Pierce, Gail Price, Chris Revell, Jerry Rowland, Jennifer Sizemore, Jim Stanfield, Susanne Stanfield, Connor Taylor, Landon Thorpe, Terry Thorpe, Emily Waller, Susan Welch, Morgan Whaley, Rick Whaley, Karen Willis

CHURCH WIDE CHRISTMAS CAROLING, SUNDAY,

DECEMBER 21, 5-7 PM

PLEASE CONTACT TERESA IF YOU ARE INTERESTED
IN SINGING OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE FOR THE
CAROLERS TO SING AT YOUR HOME.



Family Night Supper

Pizza, Salad, and Dessert

Please make your reservations by

Monday at Noon

to the office or on Communication Cards

December 3rd

at 5:15 pm in the Social Hall

Fun & Fellowship Together



We have lots of FUN happening at the preschool this week!
On Tuesday, we will have a special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.
On Thursday, we will have a Christmas pajama party with
some special treats and watch the Polar Express.
We hope everyone has a blessed week!

Casey Pitts, Director

A Star, A Stable, A Savior

Join us Dec. 14 during the 11 AM Service as our children present a special Christmas Play!

Rehearsals will take place each week during Sunday School and Children's Church.

Please let us know if your child would like to participate so we can assign them a part.



Confirmation Class

Join us every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Foundry
with Beth NeSmith & Beth Carroll.
Come grow in faith, hope, and joy
as we journey together in the spirit of Christ's love and light!

Youth Ministry

Where Does True Thankfulness Come From?

- Join us Sundays, 10:00 AM in the Foundry for food, fun, & spiritual growth.
- Prayer Breakfast: Tuesdays, 7:45 AM at Chick-fil-A on Forsyth Street. All ages welcome!
- Bible Study: Wednesdays, 6:00–7:00 PM in the Foundry. Bring a friend — snacks provided!
- Georgia Mission Trip: May 23–29, 2026

ACF Holiday Schedule

Co-Ed Tuesdays:

Dec. 2 – Noon–8 PM ...Movie & Meal

Resumes Jan. 20, 2026

Women's Group Wednesdays:

Resumes Jan. 21, 2026

Americus First Methodist Church

PRESENTS:

LIGHT *from the* MANGER

a Christmas Journey in Song

In fellowship with Georgia Southwestern State University
Choirs, First Baptist Church of Americus, and the Albany
Symphony Orchestra

DECEMBER 7, 2025
5:00PM

General Admission:

Buy a **16oz** Jar of Peanut Butter Per Person from
Food Lion As Your "Ticket." Drop your peanut
butter off at any time before the concert at First
Methodist Church or Food Lion. This Concert
Benefits **Harvest of Hope Food Pantry** and **The
Fuller Center**



www.fmcamericus.org/events
200 S Lee St. Americus, GA 31709

Poinsettias for the Sanctuary

Poinsettias will be placed in the church beginning
December 14th.

If you wish to purchase a poinsettia in honor or in memory of
a loved one, please complete this form, include your check
and drop it in the offering plate or mail to the church at 200
South Lee Street. We will order 100 poinsettias at \$20.00
each. Poinsettia sales are used as a fund-raiser to help with
flowers in Sunday services throughout the year.

Deadline is Wednesday Dec. 10th Make checks payable to
First Methodist Church & note poinsettias on your check.

In **honor of** _____

By _____

In **memory of** _____

By _____

Will pick up after Christmas Eve Service _____ Donation _____

Events This Week

Sunday, November 30th

9:00 am Early Worship in the Social Hall
 10:00 am -12:00 pm Infant Nursery in the Sanctuary Building
 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

Monday, December 1st

5:30 pm Mission Committee Meeting in the
 Coffee Café

Tuesday, December 2nd

8:00 am Red Roosters Reunion Group in the
 Coffee Café
 6:00 pm Men Serving Christ in the Social Hall

Wednesday, December 3rd

3:30 pm Stitches/Esther Bible Study in the Parlor
 4:30 pm Butterfly Reunion Group in the Coffee Café
 5:15 pm Family Night Supper in the Social Hall
 6:00 pm Bible Study in the Social Hall
 6:00 pm Youth Worship in the Foundry
 6:00 pm Children's Activities in God's Playhouse
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal in the Music Suite

Friday, December 5th

Office Closed

Saturday, December 6th

2:00 pm Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Upcoming Events

December 7th 5 pm Christmas Concert in the Sanctuary
 December 8th 5:30 pm in the Coffee Café Trustee Meeting
 December 9th 11 am Women Serving Christ Christmas
 Luncheon in the Social Hall

Total Sunday Worship Attendance for November 23rd: 293

OUR RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 70 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 141
 Sunday School..... 82 Hanging of the Greens..... 62

Giving as of November 23rd:

Budget Giving This Week..... \$ 18,226.59
 YTD Budget Giving \$ 660,433.60
 YTD Budget Expenditures \$ 707,753.91