



# The Americus FMC Bulletin

December 21, 2025

## CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*Luke 2:10-11*

The carol we now know as Hark! The Herald Angels sing was originally written by Charles Wesley, with the original title of “Hark, How All the Welkin Rings”. This poem/song was later altered by preacher George Whitefield to become the modern version we know today. The melody used today is not original to the hymn. Today’s melody was adapted from the music from a 19<sup>th</sup>-century German composer, Felix Mendelssohn, by William H. Cummings to better fit the lyrics Wesley had written. The hymn is based on the biblical account in Luke 2:8-14 of angels announcing the birth of Jesus to the shepherds.

1. What is the meaning of the word “Hark” and why is it fitting to be used as the first word?
2. Discuss the phrase “God and sinners reconciled”. What does this mean to you and how is peace with God achieved through Jesus?
3. What does the song reveal about the birth of Jesus?
4. Discuss the importance of the angels announcing the Messiah’s birth to shepherds.
5. How can we be more like the angels or the shepherds by listening to God’s message and going to see Jesus?
6. Meditate on the phrases in the hymn and seek to apply them in your life. How does Christ bring peace and healing to you?
7. What does it mean to have your heart as God’s home?

Hark! The herald angels sing...and I pray we listen to them announcing the birth of Christ for the world...for you and me...that we may all better understand his joy, hope, peace and love this Christmas!

Daryl

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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# First Methodist Church of Americus

Worship 11:00 am  
December 21, 2025  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

WORSHIP ..... Sam Morris  
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (#240 UMH)  
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (#229 UMH)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (#881) ..... Rev. Daryl Brown

GLORIA PATRI (#71) ..... Sam Morris

PRELUDE ..... Alwen Yeung

PASTORAL PRAYER ..... Rev. Daryl Brown

ANTHEM ..... Sam Morris  
Candlelight Carol (John Rutter)

OFFERTORY PRAYER ..... Sam Morris

OFFERTORY ..... Alwen Yeung

DOXOLOGY (#95) ..... Sam Morris

ADVENT READING ..... Luke 10:25-28

SERMON SERIES ..... Rev. Daryl Brown  
A CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST  
*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*  
Luke 2:10-11

WORSHIP ..... Sam Morris  
O Come, All Ye Faithful (#234 UMH)

BENEDICTION ..... Rev. Daryl Brown

POSTLUDE ..... Alwen Yeung

Media: Bob Slenker

Greeters: Mary Lou Cole & Seth Clark; the Calhoun Family

Ushers: George Ellis (Captain), Jim Bolin, John Fowler,  
Bob McNeill, Craig Potter, Sonny Shealy,  
Casper Speegle, Dylan Brown

# CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

December 21st - 9:00AM - Social Hall

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**Rev. Daryl Brown**

### This Week's Worship

John Cook, Jackson McSweeney, Rebecca Ferguson,  
Rev. Daryl Brown, Randy Saye

#### Media & Sound

Camille Cochran

#### Greeters

Deanna & Kayla Hudgins



CHRISTMAS EVE

# Candlelight Service

December 24th - 5:00 p.m.



## Men of First Methodist Church Ready to Help

The men of First Methodist Church are happy to assist with small jobs for anyone in our congregation who needs help. A list of volunteers is available through the church office. Please call **229-924-3169** with your request.

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. — 1 Peter 4:10*

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Cuyler Barr, Holly Roquemore Bickel, Jim Bolin, Christina Brown,  
Mary Tom Byram, Diane Corning, Evelyn Dean, Trey Dixon, Lyn Dozier,  
Jim Dudley, Tripp Duncan, Sharon Dutton, Betty Ellis, Waylon English,  
Lydia Ann Fowler, Melanie Hahn, Janice Haugabook, Corbert Howell,  
Steve Hudson, Marcia Johnson, Nick Klein, 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, Caden Stone, Connor Taylor,  
Landon Thorpe, Terry Thorpe, Emily Waller, Morgan Whaley, Rick Whaley,  
Karen Willis, Carolyn Wright



We are closed for Christmas break until January 6th.

We hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas!

Merry Christmas from all of Bright Beginnings!

Casey Pitts, Director



## Youth Ministry

- 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





January 4th  
12pm - 3pm

Help UN decorate your church

**UN**  
**Hanging**  
of the  
**Greens**

Lunch will be provided  
for all volunteers!

WE'RE TAKING A  
**SWEET BREAK**  
Back to Wednesday Night Activities  
January 7, 2026  
*Merry Chirtsmas*



**Family Night Supper**  
**Will Be Back on**  
**January 7, 2026**

Please make your reservations  
by  
*Monday at Noon*  
to the office or  
on **Communication Cards**  
*at 5:15 pm in the Social Hall*



## Events This Week

### Sunday, December 21st

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  
 5:00 pm Christmas Caroling followed by a trip to Scoops

### Monday, December 22nd

11:00 am Ministry Staff Meeting in Pastor Daryl's Office  
 5:30 pm **Canceled** Church Council Meeting in the Social Hall

### Tuesday, December 23rd

8:00 am Red Roosters Reunion Group in the Coffee Café

### Wednesday, December 24th

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service in the Sanctuary  
 Office Closed

### Thursday, December 25th

Christmas Day  
 Office Closed

### Friday, December 26th

Office Closed

**Total Sunday Worship Attendance for December 14th: 354**

### **OUR RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS**

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship .....	67	11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship ...	188
Sunday School.....	99	Wednesday Night Activities:.....	72

### **Giving as of December 14th:**

Budget Giving This Week.....	\$	18,934.39
YTD Budget Giving .....	\$	722,185.17
YTD Budget Expenditures .....	\$	753,992.78