



Welcome to

First United Methodist Church Fox Hill

A vibrant church, making Christian disciples & enriching lives through outreach.

Sunday, December 7, 2025



“You Brood of Vipers!”
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19, Matthew 3:1-12

Announcements

This Sunday

Pastor Brian will be with Pastor Becky on the Navajo reservation for pastor training. In his absence, Shan Sixbey, a long-term lay servant, will bring the message.

Music and Pastor Tommy Appreciation!

Next Sunday, Dec 14, we'll have special treats – we'll have music Sunday, and we will be blessed by having Pastor Tommy with us for the morning. Please make an effort to be present for the 9am combined service!

Special Request

Judy Adams and Jane Barbour are spearheading an effort to connect with our homebound, those who have moved, and those in nursing homes and memory care units. To start, we'd like anyone with current contact information to fill out one of the forms available at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex. These people have been a vital part of our fellowship, and we'd like to help them remain vitally connected. For any questions, please contact Pastor Brian, Judy, or Jane.

ChristmasGIVING for Our Incredible Staff

The joyous Christmas season is a time for happiness and GIVING. Please join us in recognizing and supporting our fabulous staff by GIVING to the Staff Christmas Bonus Fund **now through December 14**. Make sure to note “Staff Christmas Bonus Fund” on your envelope or online donation.

Our staff are exceptionally talented and skilled, and the ChristmasGIVING staff bonus is a good way to show our appreciation.

Sincerely,
Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee

**December 7, 2025, 9:00 a.m.
Traditional Worship Service**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Second Advent Candle

Mark and Josiah Biondolillo

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ the Way.
May the Word sent from God through the prophets
lead us to the way of salvation.
O come, O come, Emmanuel.

* Hymn	UMH 211	“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (vss. 3, 4)
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Children’s Time

Offering Prayer and Offertory

* Doxology	UMH 72	“Gloria, Gloria”
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* Hymn	UMH 196	“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”
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Prayer of Confession

Jane Barbour

O God, the journey through this season can be exhausting, stressful, and confusing. At times hope eludes us, peace is out of the question, and joy seems impossible. We confess our need for your coming, once again. Open our eyes and ears so that we might see the glory of the Lord and hear the voices of angels. Strengthen our hands and hearts so that we might share your love, for the sake of the world you seek to save, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news: The One who calls you to repentance is the One who walks beside you to give you strength and peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

Morning Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Jane Barbour

Anthem	“Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Bach/McDonald	First Fox Hill Family Choir
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Scripture	UMH p. 795 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19, Matthew 3:1-12
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Sermon	“You Brood of Vipers!”	Shan Sixbey, Lay Servant
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* Hymn	UMH 644	“Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring”
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* Benediction

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

* Benediction Response	UMH 204	“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”
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Postlude

*Please stand as you are able

**December 7, 2025, 10:30 a.m.
Modern Worship Service**

Prelude

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Lighting the Second Advent Candle

Seth, Larissa, and Caspian Luma

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ the Way.
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lead us to the way of salvation.
O come, O come, Emmanuel.

* Worship Songs

“Joy to the World/Shout for Joy”
Paul Baloche

“Only in Jesus”
Chris Pitonyak | Leah Paschall | Matthew Fowler

“One Thing Remains”
Brian Johnson | Christa Black Gifford | Jeremy Riddle

Offering Prayer and Offering

Scripture

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19, Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon

“You Brood of Vipers!”

Shan Sixbey, Lay Servant

Reflection

“God with Us”
Jason Ingram | Leslie Jordan

Worship Team

Morning Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Jane Barbour

* Benediction

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

Postlude

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Fifty Plus

Don’t miss out on any of the Fifty Plus activities.

- **We will meet at church at 12:30 pm, Saturday, December 13 for our outing to see *A Christmas Carol* presented by the Williamsburg Players.** We’ll stop for an early dinner following the performance.
- Coming up for **Saturday morning on January 17** we are **planning our annual breakfast at the Poquoson Dinner**...mark your calendars.
- A **Spring trip** is in development with expected mid-April dates. **Be watching for details soon** and be ready to grab a seat while they are available.
- Coming on **Sunday afternoon, June 14**, we will enjoy a ***Mystery Patriotic Musical*** at the **Williamsburg Players**. This will definitely be a winner, but due to contractual limitations, the title cannot be revealed until the end of February. Don’t miss out...**we have only 30 seats**. Afterward we will stop for dinner. **Cost is \$19 plus your meal.**

More to come. Watch First Fox Hill publications for more details and contact Anne or Bill Bryan to sign-up – in person, at abandbb1@cox.net, or by phone to 757-851-0748.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 7

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service: In-Person/[Livestream](#)
 10:30 a.m. Searchers Class: FH Stage Zoom Passcode: 000846
 10:30 a.m. Faithlink Class: Classroom
 10:30 a.m. Rise Children's Ministry: Ed Wing
 10:30 a.m. Modern Worship Service In-Person/[Livestream](#)
 4:00 p.m. Women in the Word: ESR
 6:00 p.m. Elevate Youth Night
 6:00 p.m. Junior Youth: Ed Wing

Monday, December 8

10:00 a.m. Yoga: FH Stage
 1:00 p.m. "The Book" Club: Tri-X Room
2:30 p.m. Church Office Closed Early
 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting: ESR

Tuesday, December 9

10:00 a.m. Shawl Makers: ESR
 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 151 Meeting: FH
 7:00 p.m. BSA Troop 151 Meeting: FH

Wednesday, December 10

9:30 a.m. Soul Sisters: Faithlink Room
 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting: Tri-X Room
 3:00 p.m. Love Unites: ESR
 5:45 p.m. Wesley Bells Rehearsal: Sanctuary
 6:00 p.m. Buckroe New Hope AA Group: FH Kitchen
 7:00 p.m. 1st Fox Hill Family Choir Practice: Sanctuary

Thursday, December 11 Church Office Closed

5:00 p.m. TABS: Tri-X Room
 6:00 p.m. Karate for Christ: FH Stage

Friday, December 12

6:00 p.m. Buckroe New Hope AA Group: FH Kitchen
 6:00 p.m. BSA Crew 1151 Meeting: Tri-X Room

Saturday, December 13

9:00 a.m. Buckroe Men's AA Group: FH Kitchen
 9:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Sisters in Christ: Faithlink Room
 12:30 p.m. Fifty Plus Outing: Williamsburg Players
 6:00 p.m. The Collective: Tabletop
 7:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal



Pray Continually
1 Thessalonians 5:17



Kassandra Brown
 Brian Eubank, Sr.

We continue to pray for our homebound, those with chronic conditions, and for those unspoken prayers.

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Attendance 11/30/2025

<u>In person:</u>	<u>124</u>
9:00 a.m. Service	87
10:30 a.m. Service	37
<u>Internet Live Streaming</u>	<u>120</u>
9:00 a.m. Service	73
10:30 a.m. Service	47

Tithes & Offerings

Total One Fund:	\$ 4,765.38
Year to Date:	\$ 459,233.78

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Last Week:	\$ 123.00
Year to Date:	\$ 2,684.00

Worship Assistants for December 7, 2025

Dec. Ushers	9:00 a.m.: Jimmy Roberson (Capt.), Rick Nolin, Fred Foster, Jeanne Chapman, * 10:30 a.m.: Dave Sharp (Capt.), Daniel Clark, Elevate Youth
Liturgist	9:00 a.m.: Patty Biondolillo 10:30 a.m.: Donnie Coe
Ambassadors	9:00 a.m.: 12/07 Fred & Kay Foster 12/14: Joann Smith & Anne Bryan 10:30 a.m.: 12/07 Mike & Judy Adams 12/14
Night Watchmen	12/07 Brian Eubank, 12/14 Ryan Tuttle, 12/21 Mark Robinson

Next Sunday, Dec 14

Music Sunday & Pastor Tommy Appreciation Sunday

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