

CHRISTMAS EVE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

One Morning Worship Service at 9:00 AM
No Sunday School or childcare provided.

Candlelight Communion Service at 4:00 PM

NEW YEAR'S EVE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

One Morning Worship Service at 9:00 AM
No Sunday School or childcare provided.

EMBRACE AL/FL KID'S CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Throughout December and at our Christmas Eve Services we are receiving an offering to support the "Embrace AL/FL Kids" Ministry. Please write checks to Lillian Methodist Church and on your memo write "Embrace AL/FL Kids".

CHURCH CHRISTMAS POST OFFICE

At the entrance of the fellowship hall there is a table where you can drop off and pick up Christmas cards to/from people in our church family. Please mail your cards to the homebound on our prayer list.

YEAR-END GIVING & YEAR-END STATEMENTS

For contributions to be credited for 2023, they must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2023. 2023 year-end giving statement, will be sent by -January 31, 2024. If you have any questions contact treasurer, Edi Langlois at lillianumc_treasurer@outlook.com.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS NEEDED . . .

Ecumenical Ministries: canned meats, soups, vegetables, fruits, grits, oatmeal, hamburger/tuna helper, mac & cheese, pancake mix, jelly, peanut butter, powdered milk, syrup, instant potatoes, brownie mix, cookie mix, Ramen noodles, hygiene and home cleaning items

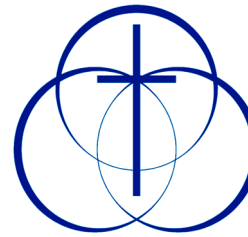
Maxwell Respite Center: cleaning supplies, dish & laundry detergent, paper towels, etc. and children's and women's clothes

Aluminum Pop-Tops & Greer's Receipts: Please save and bring your aluminum pop-tops for the Ronald McDonald House and Greer's "Apples for the Students" receipts for Elberta Elementary.

Please place all items in the marked receptacles in the foyer of the Education/Office building. Thanks so much for your support!

OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 20 - JANUARY 2

Pastor Daniel may be reached at 251-234-1122 if you need him.



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THIRD SUNDAY
OF
Advent

**The third candle of the Advent wreath is
a symbol of Christ our Eternal Joy!**

TO VIEW WORSHIP at 8:00 & 10:00 AM or LATER
Go to www.LillianMC.org, and click on Worship.

**TO RECEIVE WEEKLY EMAIL UPDATES & TO PLACE
SOMEONE ON THE PRAYER LIST, EMAIL THE OFFICE .**

December 17, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

* HYMN #174

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

* HYMN #691

The Apostles' Creed

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-38

“In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.” Mary was greatly troubled at His words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.” “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?” The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. For nothing is impossible with God.” “I am the Lord's servant,” Mary answered. “May it be to me as you have said.” Then the angel left her.”

SPECIAL

“He is the Gift”

HYMN #179

“What Child is This?”

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

SERMON

God's Perfect Plan

* HYMN #200

“O Holy Night”

* BENEDICTION

“Emanuel, Emanuel”

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel.

* Please Stand, If Able.

WELCOME VISITORS

Thank you for joining us for worship today! We pray you feel the love of Christ throughout the service. Please complete a Welcome Card located in the pews and give it to the pastor after the service. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Daniel Randall at DanielWRandall@gmail.com or 251-234-1122.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

17 Joanne Kish
19 Jessica Curl

17 Eleanor Stewart
21 Cheryl Hoffman

18 Visna Ork
22 Sara Laibe

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

18 Judy & Bob Bailey

20 Nelda & Bruce Clements

22 Joann & Bill Monroe

23 Katie & Tom Piscopo

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 17

8:00 AM **Worship** 9:00 AM **Sunday School**
10:00 AM **Worship, Children's Church & Nursery**
for Children Birth to 2nd Grade Only

Tuesday, December 19

1:00 PM **Ageless Grace, Brain Fitness**
7:00 PM **ALANON**

Thursday, December 21

10:00 AM **Ageless Grace, Brain Fitness**

Friday, December 22

9:30 AM **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

PASTOR & STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT

If you are giving a gift through the church for tax credit and not directly to the staff as an individual gift, please indicate on your check or pew envelope “*Staff Christmas Gift*” and place it in the offering plate by December 17 so that the it can be equally distributed to the staff before Christmas. Remember, what you give to them directly, they will receive completely. What is given through the church will have 22% taxes withheld. Gifts given directly to the staff may be placed in the Church Christmas Post Office boxes in the foyer of the fellowship hall. LMC Staff: Rev. Daniel Randall, Blake Riley, Tay Randall, Edi Langlois, Joyce Ellison & Jennifer Kennedy. Thank You for your support of our LMC staff.
In Christ, Steve Duckworth - Chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee