

Celebrate Christmas

at Dunwoody UMC

Advent and Christmas Season

The season of Advent begins Sunday, Dec. 1 and continues for three Sundays leading up to Christmas day. There are many ways to worship and celebrate at DUMC during this season of preparation and anticipation.

WORSHIP

Morning Worship Services

Sunday, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22

8:45 a.m. Chapel Service
Chapel

8:45 a.m. Contemporary Service
Sanctuary

11:05 a.m. Traditional Service
Sanctuary

The Longest Night:

A Service of Hope

Wednesday, Dec. 18, 6:30 p.m., Chapel. While the holiday season is a time of joy and fellowship, for many of us it is also a time of struggle and grief. The Longest Night Service of Hope is held on or near the winter solstice, the longest night of the year, in order to acknowledge the hardships many of us face and to remind us that Christ, the light of the world, is always giving us hope. All are welcome to this quiet and reflective Service of Word and Table.

A Night of Christmas Worship

Monday, Dec. 23, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary. Come for an evening of modern, dynamic Christmas worship led by DUMC's Contemporary Worship team. Carols, special music, dramatic readings and an inspirational message will engage the entire family.

Christmas Eve at DUMC

Tuesday, Dec. 24, Sanctuary. All are welcome to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ at one of our five Christmas Eve services, all held in the DUMC Sanctuary.

Family Services

4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., Children's Choirs perform with a Christmas message, carols and the lighting of candles.

Youth with Holy Communion Service

7:00 p.m., A Christmas Communion service with music leadership by the Youth Choir and youth musicians.

Lessons and Carols

9:00 p.m., Special choral music from the Chancel Choir and selected scripture readings tell the story of Christmas.

Holy Communion Service

11:00 p.m., A holy and reverent communion service that brings us into the quiet, early moments of Christmas day.

Last Sunday of 2019

Sunday, Dec. 29, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary. DUMC will have one church wide worship service to give thanks and praise for 2019 and to look forward with hope at what's to come in the new year.



Upcoming Advent and Christmas Events

GROWTH

Advent Study

Wednesdays, Nov. 20, Dec. 4, 11 and 18. Afternoon option: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 240. Bring a lunch! Evening option: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Room 258. Both studies are open to all. This study focuses on hope, love, joy and peace and the discussion of the book, “Christmas Gifts That Won’t Break.” Led by Rev. Kathy Brockman. The study is free to attend, and books cost \$12. To register and pre-order a book, please visit dunwoodyumc.org/adults-small-group-studies. Books will be available on the first day of the study.

MISSIONS

Angel Tree

Please visit our tree in the main lobby of the Activities Building. Choose one (or more) angel(s) to help make Christmas merry for these ministries.

Christmas Tree

Please help contributing to the transforming Youth ministry by purchasing a Christmas tree or signing up to volunteer for a shift on the lot. Sign up to volunteer for a tree lot shift by emailing youth@dunwoodyumc.org with the days and times that you are available. Tree lot hours: Monday – Friday, 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Sundays, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

DUMC Christmas Catalog

Make a donation in the name of a friend or family member and pick up

a card detailing the gift made in their name. Catalogs will be available at the Welcome Desk. Contact chris.mixer@dunwoodyumc.org for more information.

FELLOWSHIP

Deck the Halls—Advent Decorating and Dinner

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Join us for Wednesday Night Supper, and bring your entire family to make an Advent craft together in the Youth Area. Please consider offering a cash donation to cover craft supplies. To make a reservation for Wednesday Night Supper, visit dunwoodyumc.org/wednesday-nights.

Christmas at Callanwolde Save the Date

Friday, Dec. 6, 9:30 a.m. There will be a carpool to Callanwolde Fine Arts Center. Tickets are \$10. Brunch will be an individual expense. To register, pay and discuss the carpool, contact robin.yearns@dunwoodyumc.org or call 770-394-0675. Please bring an unwrapped gift for Toys for Tots. Deadline for payment is Monday, Dec. 2.

Family Christmas Concert and Advent Celebration

Sunday, Dec. 8, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary. We invite you and your family to DUMC's annual Family Christmas Concert led by the Youth and Children's Choirs. Following the Family Christmas Concert, please join us for fellowship and a live Nativity on

the lawn. Dinner will be available for purchase from Shane's Rib Shack.

New Friends Christmas Lunch

Monday, Dec. 9, 11:30 a.m., Epworth Room. Celebrate the season with New Friends, a group of widowed men and women who meet the second Monday of each month. Reservations are due by noon on Dec. 1 to Betty Moreland, 770-641-8519.

Youth Christmas Gathering

Sunday, Dec. 15, 9:55 a.m. – 10:50 a.m., Youth Area. A Christmas-themed Morning Blend for sixth graders – high school seniors.

Trailblazers Christmas Event

Sunday, Dec. 15, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., fourth and fifth graders. Annual White Elephant party in conjunction with the regular scheduled meeting. Students are asked to bring \$5 for pizza and a \$5 gift to exchange.

MUSIC

Christmas Concert featuring

John Rutter's 'Gloria'

Sunday, Dec. 15, 3:30 p.m., Sanctuary. Dunwoody UMC's annual Christmas Concert featuring John Rutter's "Gloria." For more information, contact music@dunwoodyumc.org.

Advent Sermon Series



What Child Is This

For those of us who have heard the story of Christmas our whole lives, it's easy to forget just how shocking and unexpected it must have been to encounter the Messiah as a vulnerable infant lying in a manger. This Advent season, we will experience the message of hope, peace and joy afresh, as we await the birth of Jesus. We will marvel with the prophets, Mary and Joseph, shepherds and angels as we look to the coming of the Christ child.

Dec. 1	The Hope of the World <i>Isaiah 35:1–10; Matthew 11:2–6</i>
Dec. 8	The Prince of Peace <i>Isaiah 2:1–5; Luke 2:13–16</i>
Dec. 15	Good News of Great Joy <i>Isaiah 12:2–6; Luke 2:8–12</i>
Dec. 22	Emmanuel <i>Isaiah 7:10–16; Matthew 1:18–25</i>
Dec. 24	A Light in the Darkness <i>Isaiah 9:2–7; John 1:1–14</i>
Dec. 29	The Boy in the Temple <i>Luke 2:41–52</i>