

Union Methodist Church

A Global Methodist Church Congregation

First Sunday in Advent, December 1st, 2024.

**2024 Theme: "A fruitful church that wins souls,
making and nurturing disciples of Christ."**

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life,
and he who wins souls is wise." Proverbs 11:30 NKJV

Website: unionmcnc.com

It is our prayer that you will feel welcome and experience God's love here.

If you are new, please consider making this your church.

Entrance & Call to Worship

Introit:

Sammy Kinton

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 25 :1-7 NIV

1 In you, Lord my God,

I put my trust.

2 I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame,

nor let my enemies triumph over me.

3 No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame,

but shame will come on those

who are treacherous without cause.

4 Show me your ways, Lord,

teach me your paths.

5 Guide me in your truth and teach me,

for you are God my Savior,

and my hope is in you all day long.

6 Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love,

for they are from of old.

7 Do not remember the sins of my youth

and my rebellious ways;

according to your love remember me,

for you, Lord, are good. AMEN

Lighting of First Advent Candle

***Hymn of Praise:** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

UMH 158

***Affirmation of Faith:** The Apostles Creed

UMH 881

***Gloria Patri**

UMH 70

Welcome and Announcements

Prayers and Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Proclamation and Response

Children's Time

Mary Allen

Confession

This is my Bible. I am what it says I am. I can do what it says I can do.
Today, I will be taught the Word of God. I boldly confess:
my mind is alert, my heart is receptive. I will never be the same.
In Jesus name. Amen.

Giving of God's Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology

UMH 95

1st Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-9 Pew Bible pp 491

*2nd Lesson: Mark 1: 1-8 Pew Bible pp 707 Pastor Michael

Message: Advent 1

The Gospel: Jesus is *the Christ*, the promised Anointed One

Response: **Holy Communion**

UMH P12-14

Sending Forth

*Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

UMH 211

*Benediction

*Please stand as you are able.

Upcoming Events:

- **Today: Live streaming link for this service** – see unionmcnc.com
- **Today at 3 pm:** Former Mamers Charge Women's Christmas Program in the New Fellowship Hall.
- **Weekly Prayer Meetings:** Tuesdays: 10am; Thursdays: 6:30pm
- **Saturdays: Breakfast & fellowship for all: 9am**
- **Friday, December 6, 12 noon: Senior Citizens' Lunch.** Please bring a \$10 gift to share in the Christmas gift exchange.
- **Saturday, December 7:** 10:30 Choir Practice
- **Saturday, December 7:** 1:00 Christmas Play Practice
- **Sunday, December 8, 3pm: Union Methodist Charge Conference** (annual meeting/conference for all Church members).
- **Sunday, December 15:** Traditional annual Christmas ornament exchange. Please bring your ornament that day

Bible in 3 Years: For more info: contact Don Wilson - 910 580 3428

Today: Psalms 104; DEC 2: Isaiah 23; DEC 3: Isaiah 24; DEC 4: Luke 20; DEC 5: Isaiah 25; DEC 6: Isaiah 26; DEC 7: Luke 21;

Rev. Dr. Michael Larbi, Pastor 910-984-1160; mlarbi@mac.com.

Keith Carroll- Lay Leader; Mitch Darroch - Assistant Lay Leader; Shane Sebastian - Assistant Lay Leader;

sMary Allen- Children's Ministry; Sammy Kinton- Pianist;