

St. John United Church
United Methodist/Presbyterian Church (USA)
Wilde Lake Interfaith Center
10431 Twin Rivers Road, Columbia MD 21044

UNITED IN LOVE - UNITED FOR SERVICE

SJU FLASH December 12, 2025

We will worship in person and online on Sunday, December 14, at 10:30 AM, on this Third Sunday of Advent. Our choir will present a Christmas Cantata for your listening enjoyment.

We livestream our [worship service](#) directly from the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center starting about 10:25 AM, with the service starting promptly at 10:30 AM. You may access the worship service via our [Facebook Page](#) or our [YouTube Channel](#). You may also access our worship service from our [website](#) by clicking on the 'Worship' drop-down menu and clicking on [online worship](#). However you worship with us, we welcome you with the love of Christ and a deep longing for a relationship with you.

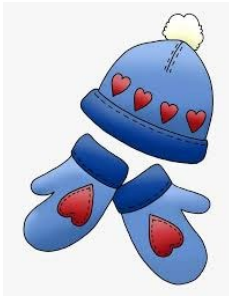
If you experience difficulty accessing content on Facebook, YouTube, or our website, please contact Aleia Street, our Church Administrator by clicking [here](#).

This Sunday, Rev. Hyiwot Teshome will lead us in worship and Robin Dietzway will be the liturgist. The scripture readings are Matthew 11:2-11, Isaiah 35: 1-10, James 5: 7-10 and Luke 1: 47-55. Our Cantata is entitled "A Season for Singing", featuring selections from "Appalachian Winter" by Joseph M. Martin.

The hymns selected for this Sunday are: (all from [Glory to God](#), unless specified)

1. Opening Song: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #82
2. Responsive Hymn: "There Is a Longing in Our Hearts" #470
3. Offertory: "Once in Royal David's City" #140
4. Closing Hymn: "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy" [The Faith We Sing](#) #2098
5. Postlude: "Prepare the Way, O Zion" #106

Announcements:



BWES Collections

Once again for the 2025 winter, we will be supporting our community with several collection drives to spread cheer and God's love. We hope you are able to participate. Reach out to Dr. Lisa Cooper-Green or Pamila Brown for more information.

- We are working with our partner, Bryant Woods Elementary School to celebrate its children and staff this holiday season. We need gift cards for teachers in the amount of \$5 from Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts or Target. It's the small acts that brighten someone's day.
- Please bring in hats, mittens and gloves to decorate our Christmas tree. Help us trim the cutest tree ever with adorable gifts that will later be donated to the community to stay warm this winter. Our drive continues through our worship service **THIS SUNDAY, December 14th**. Please place your contributions in the basket at the back of the church on Sundays or leave them with Aleia or Pastor Hyiwot at the church office.
- **AND** remember that we will be signing personal cards for the BWES staff after service on December 14.



Upcoming Events:



We cordially invite you to our annual
STAFF APPRECIATION CELEBRATION
THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025

Room 10
11:15 - 12 Noon
immediately after the Cantata Service

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UPCOMING SERVICES

SJERC/SJU Christmas Concert – Fri, December 19 @ 7 pm

– WLIFC Room 1

Blue Christmas Service – Sun, December 21 @ 6 pm

Christmas Eve Service – Wed., December 24 @ 7



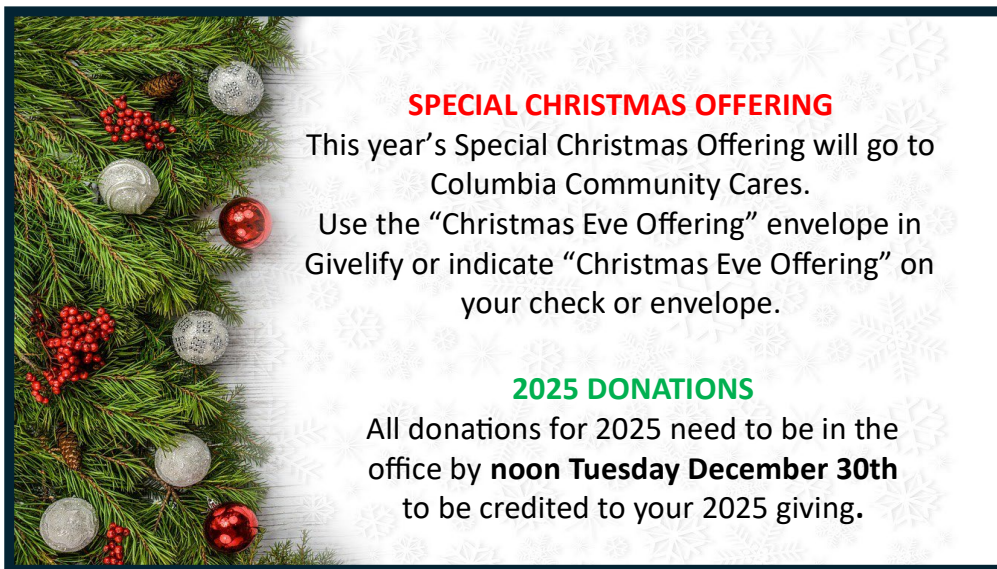
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING

This year's Special Christmas Offering will go to Columbia Community Cares.

Use the "Christmas Eve Offering" envelope in Givelify or indicate "Christmas Eve Offering" on your check or envelope.

2025 DONATIONS

All donations for 2025 need to be in the office by **noon Tuesday December 30th** to be credited to your 2025 giving.



****Message from Pastor Hyiwot:****

Members and friends of the church are welcome to visit with me at their convenience. You can book an appointment with me at this [LINK](#).