

St. John United Church
United Methodist/Presbyterian Church (USA)
UNITED IN LOVE - UNITED FOR SERVICE
Wilde Lake Interfaith Center
10431 Twin Rivers Road, Columbia MD 21044

SJU FLASH December 5, 2025

We will worship in person and online on Sunday, December 7, at 10:30 AM, on this Second Sunday of Advent.

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, Karen Hopkins will be the liturgist. Rev. Hyiwot Teshome will lead us in worship. The scripture readings are Isaiah 11:1–10 and Luke 3:2-18, and the sermon is entitled, “What Shall We Do?”.

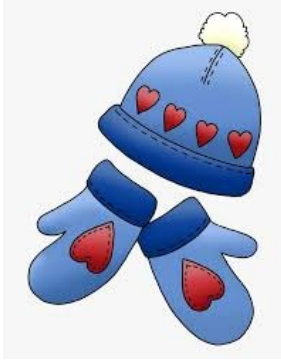
The hymns selected for this Sunday are: (all from Glory to God GTG, unless specified)

1. Opening Song: “Savior of the Nations, Come” #102
2. Responsive Hymn: “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?” #104
3. Offertory: “I Want Jesus to Walk With Me” #775
4. Closing Hymn: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” #39
5. Postlude: " “Prepare the Way, O Zion” #106

Announcements:

Memorial services for Joel Nwagbaraocha will be held on Sunday, 12/07 at 4:00 PM.





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 the December 14th service. 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.

-We will be signing personal cards for the staff after service on December 14. Do you have holiday love to spread to our SJU staff? If so, here is your chance to let them know.



Upcoming Events:

Ladies of SJU, Let's take time to connect, reflect, and celebrate the blessings of our church community. Please join us at the first Faith & Fellowship Tea THIS SATURDAY!
See details below.



**The ladies of SJU are invited to an
afternoon of faith, fellowship, and
friendship!**

*Let's
Par-tea!*

**Faith &
Fellowship
Tea**

**Saturday, December 6, 2025
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
5207 Grovemont Drive
Elkridge, MD 21075**

**RSVP by Dec. 1st to Trena Perez Powell
at tleeperez@gmail.com.**



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

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

10431 Twin Rivers Road
Columbia, MD 21044

Contributions and Personal Notes and Cards should be
mailed to 6304 Golden Hook, Columbia, MD 21044
or delivered to the church by December 10, 2025.
Checks should be made payable to Pamila Brown not SJU
or can be sent electronically via Venmo@Pamila-b .



It's time to decorate for Christmas! The HRM/ASP group is already busy making their beautiful wreaths. We will be offering wreaths for the new cost of \$35. (Cash/check preferred, we have other methods of payment available if needed).

You can use one of the links below to place a wreath order, or email any questions to MB Last at mamalast3@gmail.com.

Delivery dates will be the weekends of
12/6-7, 12/14-15.

Quantities are limited so please order now!!!

<https://forms.gle/idZLqCbbkhfugCh17>



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](#).