

Offering Prayer (on screen)

The Lord’s Prayer (on screen)

† Hymn #238 (UMH)

Eldon Callen, CLM

UMH #895

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Eldon Callen, CLM

Blessing

SENDING FORTH

Pastor Bart

Advent people, go now in the blessing of God’s joy, confident that the day we await is close at hand and ready to cooperate with God in building the kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Postlude

Christmas Dinner Today!

Join us after worship for our Christmas Dinner at noon, hosted by our United Women in Faith and United Methodist Men. We hope to see you there for good food and fellowship!

SCOTTS RUN MEAL DRIVE

December’s meal is breakfast! We are looking for items such as oatmeal, granola bars, cereal, and/or canned fruit. You might also add boxed milk, peanut butter, jam, or honey!

DONATE TO MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church is now working on a new project and we need your help! **We need donations of 5x7 or 4x6 picture frames - any color or style, new or used.** Donations will be accepted until December 20th. Thank you for all your help and support. Blessings, Lena.

Blue Christmas Service

The holiday season can be hard for those whose hearts are hurting. You are not alone. Blue Christmas is a gentle, contemplative service for those who are carrying pain or loss during the season. Please join us on Tuesday, December 23rd at 6:30pm.

Rada Knife Fundraiser

Support the SSUMC Chancel Choir by purchasing Rada Cutlery! Use the QR code to check out the Rada Kitchen Catalog for practical gifts for Christmas, birthdays, housewarmings, and showers. All proceeds go to the music intern program.

Christmas Eve Service

Join us for our annual Christmas Eve worship! The service will be held on Wednesday, December 24th at 7pm.

MY ENJOY COUPON BOOKS

The United Methodist Men will be selling My Enjoy Coupon Books through the end of December. These books contain discounts of up to 50% at Morgantown, Fairmont, and Uniontown area businesses. Books may be obtained after the 10:45 service in Seeker’s Hall, through the church office, or from any United Methodist Men member. Price remains \$40.00. For questions or free home-delivery, call Roger Britton at 304-292-8832.

Lectionary Readings
Sunday, December 21

Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

Welcome to
Spruce Street
United Methodist Church

“A Church at the Heart of Morgantown with a Heart for Morgantown”

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Website: sprucestumc.org Email: secretary@sprucestreetumc.org

10:45 a.m. Service on WCLG-AM 1300 or Morgan 92.1FM

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3rd Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025

8:30 & 10:45 AM

WELCOME TO SPRUCE STREET CHURCH

We are glad you are here. Whether you are here for the very first time or a lifelong member of Spruce Street United Methodist Church, you are welcome. May this day be filled with God’s presence and blessing.

2025 SSUMC Attendance & Stewardship Sunday, December 7

115 In Person / 128 Online / Radio Est. 300

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Radio Broadcast: In honor of generations of choir members who established the strong music traditions of SSUMC. by Marguerite Bostonia

Altar Flowers: In celebration of December birthdays Scott, David, & Taryn Shanes by Ken & Linda Shanes.

Refreshments: Thank you to Doug Stanger for providing refreshments for the 8:30 service. We hope you will join us for our Christmas dinner after worship!

Liturgists: Keith Carr (8:30) & Dan Erenrich (10:45)

Candle Lighters: Eddy Family (8:30) & Nina and Andrew (10:45)

Prayers of the People of God

Prayer updates can be shared with Carolyn Carr.

Lori Britton
Dolly Cale
Sharon Hillerary
Carolyn Hubbard
Connie Johns
Carolyn Keech

Marlene McCarty
Charlotte Murphy
Susan Presley
Angie Thompson
Linda Wise

THIS WEEK AT SPRUCE STREET UMC	
Sunday, December 14th	
Christmas Cantata	
8:30AM	Worship Service (In Person)
9:45AM	Sunday School
10:45AM	Worship Service (In Person & Radio Broadcast)
12:00PM	Christmas Dinner
Tuesday, December 16th	
12:00PM	Seekers Advent Study
Wednesday, December 17th	
11:00AM	Bible Study
6:00PM	Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
Thursday, December 18th	
10:00AM	Chair Yoga
6:15PM	Handbell Choir
7:00PM	Chancel Choir
Saturday, December 20th	
4:00PM	Circle of Friends

The Church in Worship

Congregational Responses and Prayers are in ***bold italic print***

† Congregation Standing (*as you are able*)

Prelude

Announcements and Welcome

Our Loving, Learning, Leading Prayer (on screen)

† Call to Worship

See! The ruler of earth shall come,
the Lord who will take from us the heavy burden of our exile.

Lighting the Advent Candles (On Screen)

† Hymn #220 (UMH) “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

First Prayer

O God, whose will is justice for the poor and peace for the afflicted, let your herald’s urgent voice pierce our hardened hearts and announce the dawn of your kingdom. Before the advent of the One who baptizes with the fire of the Holy Spirit, let our complacency give way to conversion, oppression to justice, and conflict to acceptance of one another in Christ. We ask this through the One whose coming is certain, whose day draws near: your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

First Reading

James 5:7-10

⁷ Be patient, therefore, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹ Brothers and sisters, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Children’s Moment

Pastor Bart

Second Reading

Luke 1:46b-55

Pastor Bart

^{46b} "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed, ⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name; ⁵⁰ indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. ⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴ He has come to the aid of his child Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Christmas Cantata

Bethlehem’s Child by Lloyd Larson & Victor C. Johnson

Chancel Choir



WORSHIPPING THROUGH GIVING

Invitation To Give

Eldon Callen, CLM

Offertory

† Doxology #95 (UMH) “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”




SSUMC CHANCEL CHOIR

PRESENTS

Bethlehem’s Child

by Lloyd Larson & Victor C. Johnson

O Come, All Ye Faithful	Traditional, arr. John Francis Wade
Come and Worship	Larson & Johnson
Our Hope is in Emmanuel	Larson & Johnson
Un Reve	Juliette Dantin
Waiting and Longing	Larson & Johnson
My Soul Does Magnify the Lord	Larson & Johnson
Christ is Born in Bethlehem	Larson & Johnson
Run, Shepherds!	Larson & Johnson
Still, Still, Still	Traditional, arr. Ashley Lewis
Cradle Carol	Larson & Johnson
Concerto in Bb Major, II. Andante	W.A. Mozart
Bethlehem’s Child	Larson & Johnson



Performers

Choir		Soloists (in order of appearance)
Alanna Burden	Bonnie Johnson	Kate Crooks
Amy Jo Ciccone	Dawna Johnson	Gary Schlobohm
Kate Crooks	Kat Kopalek	Lizzie Owns
Gerri DeFabio	Robyn Lindamood	Andrea Elkins
Jay DeFabio	Lizzie Owens	
Andrea Elkins	Ben Seabolt	Instrumentalists
Kathi Elkins	Gary Schlobohm	Madi Cardenas - bassoon
Connie Erenrich	Gale Truman	Anna Korsunsky - cello
Nina Han	Mark Wise	Kat Kopalek - flute
Garrett Harper		
Narrators		Accompanist Marguerite Bostonia
Lynn Yanak, 8:30	Jenny Smith, 10:45	Director Ashley Lewis