

December 14, 2025

Pennies for Hunger: January4 7

December Missions Offering:

Peacehaven Farm

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Vimeo live-streamed services may be accessed from www.alamancechurch.org.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: Children and youth re-tell the Christmas story during worship **today**.

SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERING in **December**: Peacehaven Farm, in Whitsett. See insert for details.
Your gifts to the November partner, The Shepherd Center of Uganda, totaled \$1,899! Thank you.

CHRISTMAS HONOR CARDS from Greensboro Urban Ministry are on sale, for \$5 each, **after worship on Dec. 14;** in the Thin Place. (Make your checks out to G.U.M., **NOT** to APC.)

KIDS ROCK: **No meeting tonight**.

YOUTH GROUPS: **Today, Dec. 14:** YOCO! at Guilford Park Pres. Church.

SENIORS & FRIENDS: Fellowship group meets and eats on **first Mon. of even months at 11:30a**, in the Coble House — unless otherwise noted.
Otherwise noted: next meal is **tomorrow, Mon., Dec. 15**.

APC BOOK CLUB meets **Tues., Dec. 16, 7p** in the Book Nook (top floor, middle building). Currently reading ***The Good Book***, by Peter Gomes.

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS, *Laudamus Te*, by Jacob Dishman, will be presented by church musicians during worship **next Sun., Dec. 21**.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP is **Wed., Dec. 24, 7p** in the sanctuary. Communion will be served during this worship service.

CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED **Dec. 22-26**, and **Jan. 1**. Offices will be open limited hours during the week beginning **Dec. 29**.

YEAR-END GIVING: To claim a 2025 charitable contribution donation, donors must ***deliver*** or ***mail (and***

postmark) checks on or before **December 31, 2025**. Donations that are hand-delivered to Dana Adams’s workroom mailbox **after Dec. 31** will not qualify for 2025 deductions — even if dated 2025. Checks **written, mailed** and **postmarked** in 2025, even if not received until 2026, **are** deductible.

APC BRUNSWICK STEW SALE: Take-out only. **Sat., Jan. 3**, pick up from **5-7p**. Cost is \$10 per quart. Order and pay ahead, to be sure you get some stew! <https://app.easytithe.com/App/Form/46e7c084-a4d1-4c54-b66d-5517a41e320d>

SOUP & SALAD EXTRAVAGANZA fundraiser for Children and Youth ministries is **immediately after worship on Sun., Jan. 11**, in Brown Fellowship Hall. Soups, green salad, grilled cheese sandwiches. Contact Jess Rigel or Joy Thomas to contribute a dish to the meal.

KNIT/CROCHET CLASS IN JANUARY: Lou Gonzalez leads. Contact her for details about the **Sun., Jan. 18** beginners’ class. (336-301-9191)


POTTERS HOUSE: Since 2004, APC has fed Greensboro Urban Ministry guests on the **third Sat. of each odd month. Sat., Jan. 24, 2026** is next date.

CHURCH NURSERY is in room #313 (top floor, Education Building). Sign up to help there at Children's Ministries Volunteer (Please contact Dana Adams for a background check, **as you MUST have one** to work with children in this church. (dana@alamancechurch.org).

STATED SESSION MEETING is on the **fourth Sunday each month**, unless otherwise noted.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Seniors & Friends meal is **Dec. 15**. Lessons & Carols is **Dec. 21**. Christmas Eve Candlelight worship is **Dec. 24**. Christmas is **Dec. 25**. Brunswick Stew is **Jan. 3**. Soup & Salad Extravaganza is **Jan. 11**. Potters House meal is **Jan. 24**. Easter 2026 is **Apr. 5**. Vacation Bible School is **June 28-July 1, 2026**.


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| Staff love gift will be collected during worship today . | See Holly Daas at the Welcome Table in the narthex, to express your interest in serving on a Bereavement Team. |
| Purchasing new furniture for the holidays? Is an old couch or lounge chair cluttering your space? APC Youth Groups seek furniture for a new meeting space — and would welcome your comfortable, gently-used, hand-me-downs! If you have a piece to share, contact Pastor Jess for specifics. (jess@alamancechurch.org). | <p><i>Questions & Answers with Kyle</i></p> <p>is a Sunday school class for adults, led by Pastor Kyle Goodman. Class meets most every Sunday at 9a in the Parlor (middle building, middle floor, beside the fire escape.) You are welcome to join at any time.</p> <p><i>Read the Bible in Two Years</i></p> <p>Bobbie Black leads this Sunday school class\ in the Uffman classroom from 9-9:30a on the first Sunday each month. Next class is on Sunday, January 4.</p> |
| <p>Food Pantry</p> <p>December special collection: Canned soups</p> <p>The APC Food Pantry serves up to 30 families each week, all year long. Your donations make this vital local mission possible.</p> <p>VOLUNTEERS ESSENTIAL.</p> <p>Sign up at https://signup.com/group/987658676044?utm_source=group-badge-volunteer-green.</p> <p>Do, please, donate clean, dry, plastic grocery bags.</p> | <p>OPEN MEETING: 12-step recovery program (AA) meets 7p every Thursday in the Gathering Place.</p> <p>Presbyterian Women Circles meet: Red Hat: Mon., Jan. 12, 6:30p in the Coble House. Agapé: Tues., Jan 13. 11a to go eat, 12p in Uffman room for Bible study. L.I.F.T.: Tues., Dec. 16, 7p in the Coble House.</p> |
| 336-697-0488 Office hours: 8:30a-2:30p M-T-Th-F, 8:30a-12:30p on Wednesday | Men’s Group meets at 6:30p on the third Tuesday of each month . Next meeting is on Tues., Dec. 16 at Kirby Ward’s home, 3800 Lilly Farm Rd. |
| <p>Church Staff</p> <p>Dr. Kyle Goodman, Lead Pastor kyle@alamancechurch.org</p> <p>Rev. Jess Rigel, Discipleship Pastor jess@alamancechurch.org</p> <p>Andrew Long, Audiovisual Technician andrew@alamancechurch.org</p> <p>Joy Thomas, Dir., Children’s Ministries joy@alamancechurch.org</p> <p>Katie Long, Director of Music katie@alamancechurch.org</p> <p>Jacob Dishman, Pianist</p> <p>Dana Adams, Finance and Administration Coordinator dana@alamancechurch.org</p> <p>Lynn Barnes, Administrative Asst. lynn@alamancechurch.org</p> | <p>ONLINE GIVING:</p> <p>Easy Tithe charges APC a monthly fee to accept online giving, <i>in addition</i> to a processing fee for each transaction. Easy Tithe recommends that donors use the ACH payment type with online donations: this significantly lowers processing fees.</p> <p>To give by text: Text the word “give” to 336-396-6133. Follow prompts to set up an account and make donations. www.alamancechurch.org has instructions to sign up with Easy Tithe for online giving.</p> <p>To make changes to your account, contact Dana Adams (336-697-0488 x 127, dana@alamancechurch.org)</p> |



We welcome all to the community of Jesus: to connect, to learn, to worship, to serve.

Third Sunday in Advent, Christmas Pageant

December 14, 2025 10 a.m.



Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Music

Lighting the Advent Candle of JoyBob & Grace Dagenhart

InvitationCome, Thou Long-Expected JesusScreens

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee. Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Confession and Reconciliation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of hope, God of arrival, we sense that your great gift, the greatest gift, Jesus Christ, is on the way; yet we struggle to wait. We forget how to live as your people. In our impatience, we choose despair; forgetting that in darkness, new life grows. Turn us back to your hope. In our anxiety, we choose ways of violence, believing that our own strength will save us. Turn us back to your peace. In our want, we believe stories of scarcity, forgetting what you have done and given to us. Turn us back to your joy. Grant us sacred attention in this Advent season, that we might bear witness to your coming, always in our midst and on the way. Amen.

A Word of Forgiveness and Encouragement

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of the Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

We invite everyone to share Christ’s peace with your neighbors,
both now and after the service. If you are with us on-line,
we invite you to send a message or make a call to share peace.
If you are here in person, we invite you to greet those near you.

***Sung Response** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, Jesus the Light of the World*
Song sheet

The Word Proclaimed

Message *The Greatest Gift: A Children’s Christmas Pageant*

The Cast:
Narrator: Milo Roseman
Mary: Cameron Brooks
Joseph: Nolan Roach
Angel Gabriel: Cabree Gamboa-Mims
Innkeeper: Madison Forbis
Donkey: Olivia Brooks
Shepherd One: Jillian White
Shepherd Two: Kennedy Swann
Extra Shepherds: Maelyn Goodman, Alena Little, Ashley Little
Magi One: Amos Roseman
Magi Two: Matthew Gill
Magi Three: Mason Forbis
Star: Megan Gill
Choir of Angels:
 Angel One: Gabbie Brown
 Angel Two: Avery Cromer
 Extra Angels: Jaylan Covington, Aria Wessinger, Kelsea White
Sheep: Lorenzo Daas, Cadee Gamboa-Mims, Sophie Long
 Special Music: Jared Gill, violin

Scene 1: The Angel’s Message
Song: *Breath of Heaven*; Katie Long, soprano

Scene 2: The Journey to Bethlehem
Song: *Away in a Manger*; Congregation sings

Scene 3: The Shepherds Hear the Good News
Song: *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*; Congregation sings

Scene 4: The Visit of the Wise Ones
Song: *Silent Night* (cast performs ASL); Congregation sings

Scene 5: The Greatest Gift
Song: *Joy to the World*; Congregation sings

Thanksgiving and Offering

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer King James Version

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowéd be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Pray with the words that hold the most meaning for you,
even if they differ from your neighbor’s.

Call to Offering

Sharing of Offering

We invite you to prayerfully donate to the continued life and work
of our congregation. You may mail gifts directly to the church,
or use our online giving platform,
at <https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-tithing>.

Offertory

*** Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Song sheet

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Sending

*** Sending Hymn** *Angels We Have Heard on High* Song sheet

Feel free to come forward during the closing song to light a candle,
as a public sign of an inward commitment to life in the light of Christ.
If your religious tradition includes crossing yourself, feel free to do that here.

* Charge and Benediction

Closing Music

*One asterisk means to stand, as you are able.

The nearest restrooms are out the sanctuary side door, through the breezeway,
and into the alcove of the Thin Place Gallery.


Assisted listening devices are available from the technician at the Audiovisual booth, which is located at the back of the sanctuary.

Citations for references used during worship are available from the ministers, upon request. The New Revised Standard Version (Updated Edition) of the Bible is used during worship, unless otherwise noted.

Lectionary Year A, Third Sunday in Advent, **December 14: *Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146:5-10, Luke 1:46b-55, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11.***

Lectionary Year A, Fourth Sunday in Advent, **December 21: *Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 18-25.***

Lectionary Year A, Christmas Eve, **December 24: *Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 96, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14 (15-20).***



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We are a **Matthew 25** Church.
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