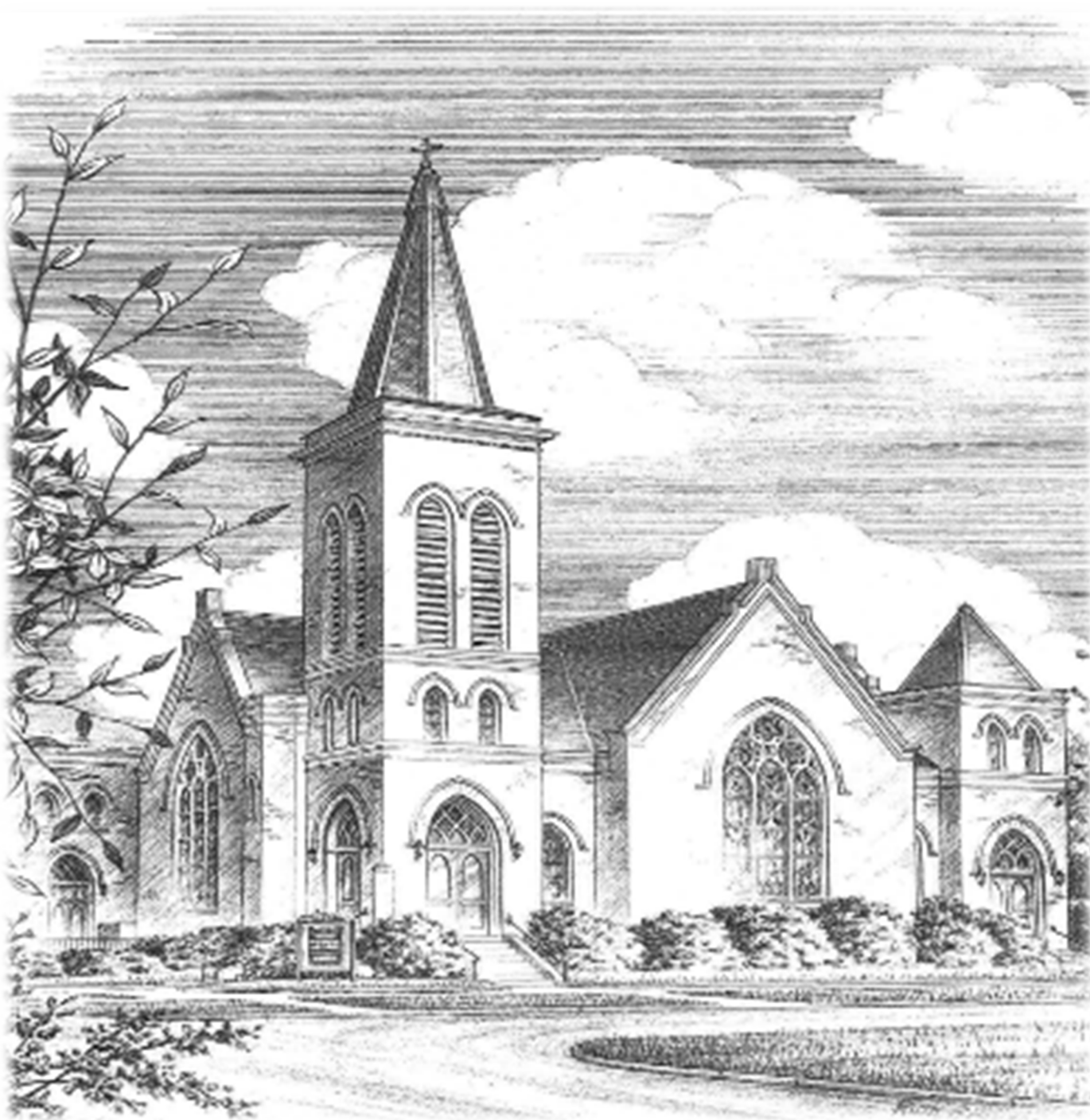


# **Duncan Memorial Methodist Church**

**First Sunday of Advent**



**November 30, 2025**

**“Secure in Our Union with Christ”**

**Reverend William “Ted” Ragsdale**

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+Congregation standing, if able. Congregation responses in **BOLD**.

**GATHERING**

*Quiet conversation among congregants is encouraged.*

**PRELUDE**

“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”

D.E. Wagner

*Please observe a moment of prayerful silence as we enter our worship time.  
Please take a moment to sign the Red Pew Pad.*

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Katie Damon

**+CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Ragsdale

Leader: O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.

People: **Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.  
I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.**

**BLESSING OF THE CHRISMON TREES**

Rev. Ragsdale

**Holy Lord, we come with joy to celebrate the birth of your Son, who rescued us from the darkness of sin by making the cross a tree of life and light. May these trees, arrayed in splendor, remind us of the life-giving cross of Christ, and the new life that shines in our hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

Trinity Sunday School Class

**+OPENING HYMN**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Hymnal Pg. 140

**+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

Hymnal Pg. 881

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day, he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

**+GLORIA PATRI**

“Glory Be To The Father”

Hymnal Pg. 70

*Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.*

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT**

Paula Ford

*Children ages 3 years – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade are invited to Children’s Church.*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 9:1-7

Pew Bible OT Pg. 638

**CHURCH CONCERNS**

Rev. Ragsdale

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Rev. Ragsdale

**THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

“Of The Father’s Love Begotten”

C. Tornquist

**+DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymnal Pg. 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**ANTHEM**

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Chancel Choir

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Romans 5:12-21

Pew Bible NT Pg. 156

**SERMON**

“Secure in Our Union with Christ”

Rev. Ragsdale

**+CLOSING HYMN**

“There Is a Fountain”  
Verses 1,3,4

Hymnal Pg. 622

**+DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Rev. Ragsdale

**POSTLUDE**

“Prepare the Way, O Zion”

R. Lau

**The altar flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory and honor of God  
by the Duncan Altar Guild.**

### Weekly Calendar

**Nov. 30**

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

**Dec. 1**

9:00am Counter

5:30pm Pastor Search Committee

**Dec. 2**

9:00am 3M

6:00pm Church Council Meeting

**Dec. 3** LOL & The Bridge

### This Sunday's Greeters & Ushers

**Greeters:** Laura Royster, Cheryl Bolin, Elsie Jayroe

**Ushers/Offering:** Sammy Walters, Laura Royster

### We are glad you are here!

Welcome to Duncan Memorial Methodist Church. May this time of worship renew your spirit, draw you closer to God, and remind you that you are deeply loved and never alone.

### Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 4:30pm

Friday 9:00am – 12:00pm

### CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Candlelight Dinner** – December 7th: It's that time of year for the Youth Annual Fundraiser. We need volunteers to host a table, donate turkeys, and donate desserts. If you can help, please call or text the church at 843-546-5647.

**2026 Altar Flowers** – If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday Worship, please reach out to Linda Harmon at 843-995-3563 or call the church office at 843-546-5647.

**Yuletide Home Tour:** Anne Hudson and Pam Toemmes need Docents, or greeters, for December 13, 2025. If you can help, please reach out to them at 972-979-7963 or 843-450-1008.

## CHANCEL CHOIR

Are you interested in joining Duncan's choir? If so, they would be happy to have you join them! Their next practice is November 30 at 10:15am. If you would like more information, please call the church office at 843-546-5647.

Our Faithfulness for November 23, 2025

Weekly Collection: \$7,042.00

Attendance: 87