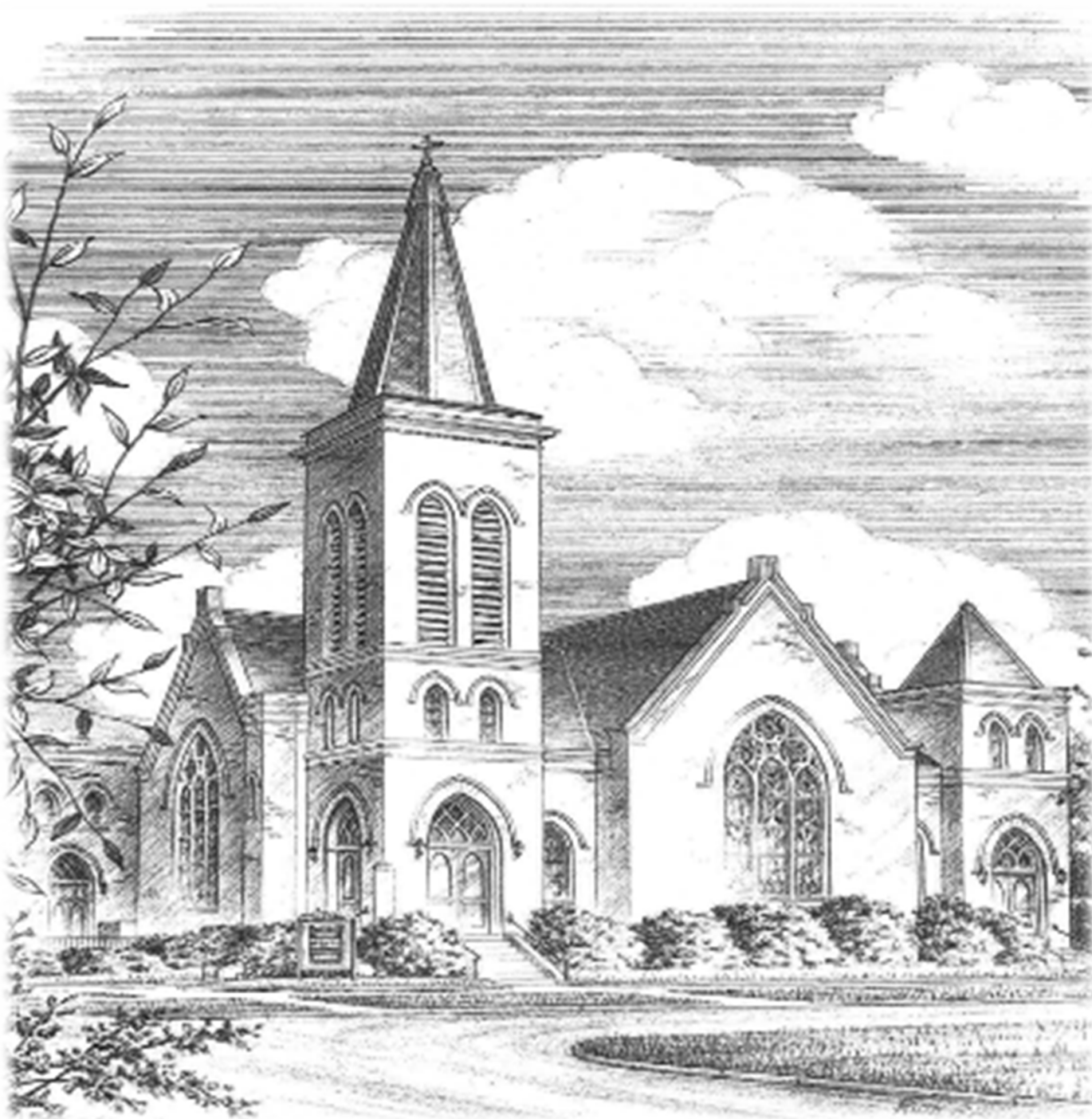


Duncan Memorial Methodist Church

First Sunday After Christmas Day



December 28, 2025

“Who Shall Rule Our Hearts?”

Reverend William “Ted” Ragsdale

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

GATHERING

Quiet conversation among congregants is encouraged.

PRELUDE

*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

KassiJo Lloyd

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Ragsdale

Leader: I will praise you, O LORD, with my whole heart; with the congregation I will sing your praise.

People: I will bow down before you and will praise your name for your love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things.

+OPENING HYMN

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Hymnal Pg. 230

+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
<i>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.</i>		
CHILDREN’S MOMENT		KassiJo Lloyd
<i>Children ages 3 years – 3rd Grade are invited to Children’s Church.</i>		
CHURCH CONCERNS		Rev. Ragsdale
PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER		Rev. Ragsdale
THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS		
OFFERTORY	“Angels from the Realms of Glory”	M. Hayes
+DOXOLOGY	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	Hymnal Pg. 95
<i>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.</i>		
ANTHEM	“Manger Songs”	Chancel Choir
SCRIPTURE READING	Isaiah 9:6-7	Pew Bible OT Pg. 638
SERMON	“Who Shall Rule Our Hearts?”	Rev. Ragsdale
+CLOSING HYMN	“Be Thou My Vision”	Hymnal Pg. 451
+DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Rev. Ragsdale
POSTLUDE		

*The altar flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory and honor of God
and in memory of our Parents and Grandparents by Melanie and Chip Daniels.*

Weekly Calendar

Dec. 28

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

Dec. 29

9:00am Counter – Cindy Shaw

Dec. 30 Church Office Closes at 1pm

Dec. 31 Church Office Closed

Jan. 1 Church Office Closed

Jan. 2 Church Office Closed

This Sunday's Greeters & Ushers

Greeters: Velva Ellerbe, Louise Walters, Elsie Jayroe

Ushers/Offering: Ben Culbertson, John Kester, Velva Ellerbe, Bill Hodgins, Clay Livingston

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

2026 Altar Flowers

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.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Are you interested in joining Duncan's choir? If so, they would be happy to have you join them! If you would like more information, please call the church office at 843-546-5647.

Our Faithfulness for December 21, 2025

Weekly Collection: \$10,000.00

Attendance:--

Christmas: Who Rules My Heart?

Isaiah 9:6-7

This Child will grow to be the everlasting king in the lineage of David and over His Kingdom.

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders....He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

A. Jesus is declared to be David's heir and the everlasting king.

Luke 1:28-32

B. The government shall be upon his shoulder--his only.

On Saturday May 6, 2023 in Westminster Abbey, Prince Charles became King Charles III.

Isa. 22:22, Exodus 28:9-12

C. Glorious things are here spoken of Christ's government.

1. It shall be an increasing government.
2. it shall be a peaceable government.
3. It shall be a world wide, multinational, multilingual kingdom united in Christ. Ephesians 2:12-22
4. It shall be administered with prudence and equity.
5. It shall be an everlasting kingdom.
6. That God himself has undertaken to bring all this about:

Practical Applications

31 times Jesus in Matthew speaks about the kingdom of heaven.

Mt. 4:17,23

The Tenor of the believer is humble trust in the Lord Jesus. Mt 18:3-4

The greatest goal and blessing of the believer is to serve the Lord Jesus.

Mt 13:45, Mt 6:33

Luke 1:30-32 ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; his kingdom will never end."

Isa. 22:22 I will place on his shoulder the key to the house of David; what he opens no-one can shut, and what he shuts no-one can open.

Exodus 28:12 Aaron is to bear the names on his shoulders as a memorial before the LORD.

Ephesians 2:12-22 remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.

¹³ **But now** in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵ by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations.

His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

¹⁹ **Consequently,** you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow-citizens with God's people and members of God's household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Mt 4:17,23 From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the **kingdom of heaven** is near." ²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the **kingdom**, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

Mt 18:3-4 And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the **kingdom of heaven**. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the **kingdom of heaven**."

Mt 13:45 "Again, the **kingdom of heaven** is like a merchant looking for fine pearls.

Mt 6:33 But seek first his **kingdom** and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.