

## Upcoming Events and Information

**TBD Jan:** Flint Hill and Sperryville Council Meetings

**Mon Jan 8:** Pastor Jeff DCOM interview (final step in the annual licensing process for recommendation to the VAUMC Cabinet for another appointment year on the Charge.)

**Mon Jan 22:** 10AM WC Council Meeting

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

**FLINT HILL:** 2 Anne-Ashleigh Lamma

**SPERRYVILLE:** 2 Richard Antony, 10 Frank Coffey,  
18 Duane Siler, 23 Sandy Thompson

**WILLIS CHAPEL:** 2 Glenda Fox, Mary E. Williams,  
20 Judi Burke, 21 Tommie Leddy, 23 Dottie Johnson

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Rappahannock  
United Methodist Charge



**1st Sunday after Christmas Day  
December 31, 2023**

**Sunday Morning Worship**

8:45 AM: Flint Hill

9:55 AM: Willis Chapel

11:15 AM: Sperryville



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**RAPPAHANNOCK CHARGE**  
**1st Sunday after Christmas Day**  
**December 31, 2023**

**\*Standing (either literally or in spirit remaining seated)**

**PRELUDE**

**ENTER LIGHT OF CHRIST  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

This is the day. The Lord has made.  
Let us rejoice. And be glad in it!

**\*HYMN 240 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Almighty creator, we come to shout and rejoice in the wonderful gift of your Son for our world. It is a miracle that fills our lives with your glory. On this last day of the year, may our celebration honor the good we have received from your hand, even as we look forward to walking faithfully with you in the year ahead. As those who came before us, we will not be silent in our love for you; we will not mute our pure joy for what you have brought into our lives as you lived among us, with beginnings in a manger bed. Amen.

**HYMN 217 Away in a Manger**

**PRAYER OF YEARNING**

We come to you with joy and happiness, but we know it won't always be so. The human heart is a fickle thing. As we celebrate the birth of your Son, open us to the many ways you seek to bless us. Free our lips to sing your praises, even when we feel alone and in need. As a new year dawns, help us bring righteousness and praise to all the earth in your heavenly name. Amen

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION P6**

**SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 61:10-62:3**

**PSALTER: Psalm 148 P861-862**

**SCRIPTURE: Galatians 4:4-7**

**SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:22-40**

**SERMON "Simeon and Anna"**

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Just as you have brought your child into this world, so you have brought us to be your children. You have gifted us with your wisdom and glory, trusting that we will lead our lives in your name. Praise the Lord. Amen.

**HYMN 249 There's a Song in the Air**

**CONCERNS AND PRAYERS**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**\*95 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

**SENDING FORTH**

**\*HYMN 245 The First Noel**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*HYMN Shalom to You**