

## BLYTHWOOD CALENDAR

### Sunday, December 7th

- ♦ Sunday Service and The Lord's Supper at 10:30 am.
- ♦ Kid's Church.
- ♦ Online Worship Service on YouTube.  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCf-hCNBIHMPJ1nLZqm401yA>
- ♦ Friday December 12th  
Blythwood Christmas Concert at 7:30 pm.
- ♦ Saturday, December 13th  
Blythwood Out of the Cold at 2 pm, at Trinity Square.

## SAVE THE DATES

- ♦ Sunday, December 14th, General Meeting of the Nominating Committee and Finance Committee, following the Service.
- ♦ Sunday, December 21st, Christmas Lunch, following the Service.
- ♦ Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:30 pm

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Year-to-date, October 31st, 2025	2025 Budget
Givings: \$147,688.50	\$197,350
Rental income: 62,492.75	65,900
Other income: 2,958.36	10,000
\$213,139.61	\$273,250
Expenses \$ 335,385.11	\$450,925
Net +/- <b>-\$122,245.50</b>	<b>-\$177,675</b>

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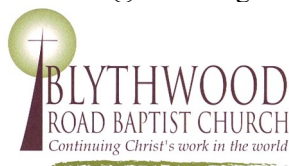
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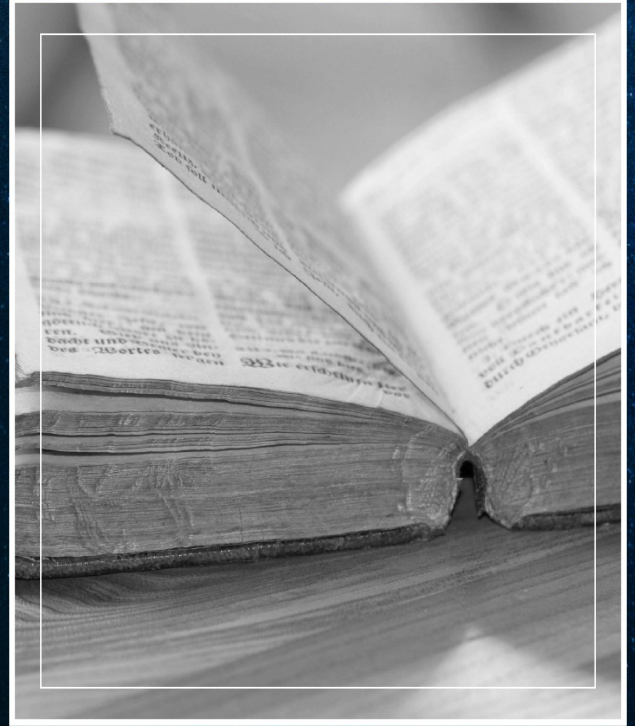
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Blythwood Road Baptist Church

"Toda la Tierra Espera/  
All the Earth Is Waiting"

## SIGNS AND STORIES



## PEACE

The Lord's Day  
Sunday, December 7th, 2025  
Second Sunday of Advent

## WORDS OF WELCOME

Welcome to worship on this second Sunday of Advent! We gather to anticipate the joy of God's coming — at Bethlehem, in our hearts and at the end of days.

Today we celebrate **The Lord's Table**. All who are seeking to respond to God through faith in Jesus Christ are invited to receive the spiritual nourishment offered in the bread and the cup. The Benevolent Offering

## ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

- ♦ The Advent Devotional is available at the rear of the church or you can access it online at:

<https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/advent-devotional/>

## BLYTHWOOD GIVINGS

- ♦ The church accepts donations by online e-Transfer through your bank to Blythwood's email address [treasurer@blythwood.org](mailto:treasurer@blythwood.org)
- ♦ Donations can be made electronically through the Church's website [www.blythwood.org](http://www.blythwood.org)
- ♦ If interested in setting up pre-authorized payment to Blythwood, please contact the church office to obtain the form [office@blythwood.org](mailto:office@blythwood.org)
- ♦ If you would like to mail a cheque please send to the church office.

## DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS



Our Annual Christmas  
Decorating  
*From left to right,*  
Liz, Osmany, Pastor David,  
Sandra, Peter and Anna.

## OUT OF THE COLD

Last Saturday, Mills Brokers Insurance prepared 128 roast chicken dinners, and 8 vegetarian meals, along with cheese squares and banana bread.

*Photo taken last Saturday at Trinity Square. Two of our volunteers' Brenda & Nicole helping our guests.*



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Prelude @ 10:25 am

Adolfo De Santis

*Wexford carol*

### GATHERING

Rev. David Thomas

Life @ Blythwood

Advent Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Leader: Beloved, we gather to remember who we are, not who the world tells us to be.

***People: We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.***

Leader: We recall the story of God's people, how God has called us to live in peace and righteousness in a world full of conflict and twisted morality.

***People: We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.***

Leader: We gather to repent and return anew to God's story that guides our lives to work for peace and flourishing for all God's creation.

***All: We gather to tell the story of the day that all the earth awaits.***

***Thanks be to God! Amen.***

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

(Charles Wesley, 1739; MENDELSSOHN)

Greeting

*God With Us*

(Jason Ingram and Leslie Jordan ©2013)

*Toda la tierra/All Earth is Waiting*

(Alberto Taulé b. 1932, tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall b. 1946; TODA LA TIERRA)

### WORD

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon: "Signs and Stories"

### RESPONSE

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Musical Reflection/Doxology

***The holly and the ivy***

*Prayers of God's People*

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

(Sebastian Temple, 1928-1997, from a prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, c. 1182-1226; CHANNEL OF PEACE)

### **The Lord's Table**

### SENDING

*Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!*

(Latin Hymn, 1692, tr. Edward Caswall; HYFRYDOL)

### **Pastoral Blessing**

The Postlude

***Still, still, still***