

## BLYTHWOOD CALENDAR

Sunday, November 30th

- ◆ First Sunday of Advent. 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/>
- ◆ Sunday Service and Kid's Church at 10:30 am.
- ◆ Online Worship Service on YouTube.  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCf-hCNBIHMPj1nLZqm401yA>

Tuesday December 2nd

- ◆ Deacons' Meeting at 12:30 pm

Wednesday, December 3rd

- ◆ Family Prayer Hour on Zoom at 7:30 pm.  
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82518458955?pwd=ydIqKLDaQ8gsfrLBUrVroVpT1Hhb3U.1>  
To join in by Phone Dial: 647 558 0588  
Meeting ID: 825 1845 8955 Passcode: 074521

Saturday, December 6th

- ◆ Blythwood Out of the Cold at 2 pm, at Trinity Square.

## SAVE THE DATES

- ◆ Friday, December 12th, at 7:30 pm, Blythwood Christmas Concert.
- ◆ 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

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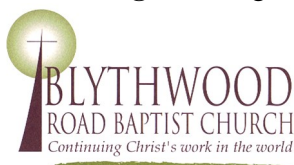
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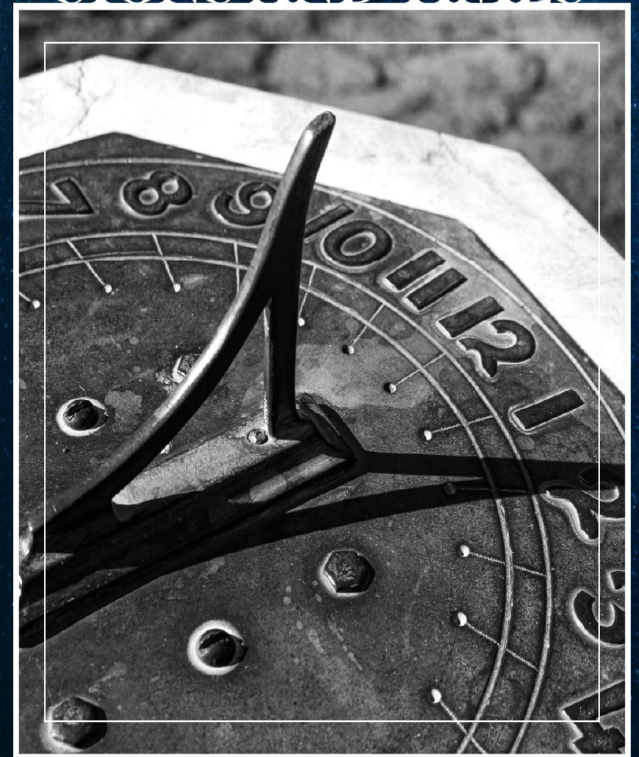
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Blythwood Road Baptist Church

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

## SIGNS AND TIMES



## HOPE

The Lord's Day  
Sunday, November 30, 2025  
First Sunday of Advent

## WORDS OF WELCOME

Welcome on the first Sunday of Advent! Today we begin the season of anticipation, hope and preparation for the coming Messiah. The Advent wreath is a symbol of watchfulness and increasing joy as we anticipate Jesus' birth. The wreath's circular shape symbolizes eternity, or life without end. The candles remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World.

## 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:	<u>2,958.36</u>	<u>10,000</u>
	\$213,139.61	\$273,250
Expenses	<u>\$ 335,385.11</u>	<u>\$450,925</u>
Net +/-	<b>-\$122,245.50</b>	<b>-\$177,675</b>

## 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.

## OUR NATIVITY SCENE EVENT



## OUT OF THE COLD

Last Saturday November 22nd, Eglinton St. George United Church, OOTC prepared their second meal of the season, 124 meatloaf, dinners, and 8 vegan meals and homemade muffins, banana bread and cookies.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Prelude @ 10:25 am

Adolfo De Santis

***Emmanuel comes***

### **GATHERING**

Rev. David Thomas

Life @ Blythwood

Advent Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Leader: Beloved, once again we embark on the Advent path that points us to the coming of Jesus.

***People: We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.***

Leader: We remember the signs and the times that heralded the arrival of the baby Jesus, God Incarnate.

***People: We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.***

Leader: We tell the stories once again as we learn to discern the signs and the times, watching for glimpses of God's here-and-not-yet kingdom among us.

***People: We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.***

Leader: Come, let us worship God who shines a light to guide us on the path to peace and flourishing for all creation.

***All: Come, let us worship as we journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.***

*O Come O Come Emmanuel*

(Anonymous Latin, 12<sup>th</sup> Cent.; Tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866; VENI EMMANUEL L.M.)

Greeting

*Down By the Riverside*

(African-American Spiritual; STUDY WAR NO MORE)

*Jesus, the Light of the World*

(George D. Elderkin, Charles Wesley; WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT)

### **WORD**

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon: "Are We There Yet"

### **RESPONSE**

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Musical Reflection/Doxology

*Jesu*

*Toda la tierra/All Earth is Waiting*

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

***Prayers of God's People***

### **SENDING**

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

(Charles Wesley, 1707-1788; HYFRYDOL)

**Pastoral Blessing**

The Postlude:

***Creator of the stars of night/Of the Father's Love begotten***