

# WELCOME TO EVANGEL CHURCH PCA

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**THE MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP**  
December 14, 2025 10:15 a.m. Worship

**Gathering Praise** **“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”**

O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel!*

O Come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel!*

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high and order all things far and nigh,  
to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel!*

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind.  
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel!*

**Welcome and Announcements** **Ralph Nelson, Youth Director**

**Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer** *Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. Matthew 6:9-14*

**\*Scriptural Call to Worship** **Isaiah 7:14; Galatians 4:4,5; I John 4:9**

Minister: Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

**People:** **But when the fullness of time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law,**

Minister: so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

**People:** **In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.**

**All:** **Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift.**

**\*Congregational Worship** **“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”**

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free.  
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's Strength and Consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art.  
Dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart!

Come to earth to taste our sadness, He Whose glories knew no end;  
by His life He brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.  
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;  
this the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Joy to those who long to see Thee, Dayspring from on high, appear;  
come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse, of Thy birth we long to hear!  
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth;  
“Go to Him, your praises bringing; Christ, the Lord, has come to earth.”

**“Love of God”**  
**Evangel Choir with Mary Frances Wheeler and Eric Wheeler, duet**

It's so good I almost can't believe it, far beyond what hearts could ever dream,  
the God who set the galaxies in motion would descend to give His life for me.  
For what could make perfection bleed for sinners?

What leads a King to pay so great a cost?  
All my life my heart will sing the answer: only the love of God.  
*Singin oh, how great is the love of God. He paid our debt on that rugged cross.*  
*For all our days we will sing our Savior's praise. How great is the love of God.*  
It's so kind it leads us to repentance. It's so bright the darkness has to flee.  
Hallelujah, it cleared my guilty sentence, for I was bound, but now I stand redeemed.

For what could break the chains of any prison?  
What force could rob the power from the grave?

What would trade my rags for heaven's riches? Only the love of God.  
*Singin oh, how great is the love of God. He paid our debt on that rugged cross.*  
*For all our days we will sing our Savior's praise. How great is the love of God.*

Though I try my mind can't comprehend it. It's so high, too marvelous for words.  
I could sing a million songs about it, and barely scratch the surface of Your worth.  
This all my life the banner I'll be waving, my anthem cry no matter what may come.  
And when I rise to walk the streets of heaven, I'll still be singing this song,  
for everything that You've done. How great the love of God.  
*Singin oh, how great is the love of God. He paid our debt on that rugged cross.*  
*For all our days we will sing our Savior's praise. How great is the love of God.*

**Introduction of the Lighting of the Advent Candle of JOY**

**Advent Reading (Luke 2:8-11)** **Freddy, Amanda, Desmond, & Penelope Tse**

**Congregational and Offertory Prayer** **Ralph Nelson**

**Receiving of His Tithes and Our Offerings** **“Manger Throne”**  
**Evangel Choir with Andy Ward, soloist**

You could have stepped into creation with fire for all to see,  
brought every tribe and nation to their knees,  
arriving with the host of heaven in royal robe and crown,  
the rulers of the earth all bowing down.  
But You chose meekness over majesty, wrapped Your power in humanity.

You could have marched in all Your glory into the heart of Rome,  
showed them splendor like they'd never known.  
But You wrote a better story in humble Bethlehem,  
Creator in the arms of common men.  
You will die for our redemption and You'll rise so we can live.

Glory be to You, alone, King Who reigns on a manger throne.  
My life, my praise, everything I own to Jesus the King on a manger throne.

From heaven to the cradle, from cradle to the cross.  
Let heaven and nature sing, "This is our King!"  
But the grave couldn't hold Him, our God has overcome.  
Let heaven and nature sing, "This is our King!"

From heaven to the cradle, from cradle to the cross.  
Let heaven and nature sing, "This is our King!"  
But the grave couldn't hold Him, our God has overcome.  
Let heaven and nature sing, "This is our King!"  
All hail the King! All hail the King! All hail the King!

Glory be to You, alone, King Who reigns on a manger throne.  
My life, my praise, everything I own to Jesus the King on a manger throne.  
My life, my praise, everything I own to Jesus the King on a manger throne,  
to Jesus the King on a manger throne. Ahh.....

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel!  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel!

**“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”**

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;  
peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;

with th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
*Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”*

Christ, by highest heav’n adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the Virgin’s womb:  
veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity;  
pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
*Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”*

Hail, the heav’nborn Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, ris’n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, born that men no more may die,  
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.  
*Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”*

**>Children ages 4, 5, and 6 are invited to Children’s Church in Room 212.**

**\*The Reading of God’s Word** **John 1:1-5, 14**

**The Exposition of God’s Word** **Rev. Alex Goodsell, Associate Pastor**

**“Before the Beginning”**

**\*Pastoral Benediction** **Rev. Alex Goodsell**

**\*Congregational Response** **“Joy Has Dawned Upon the World”**

Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation. God’s salvation  
now unfurled, hope for every nation. Not with fanfare from above,  
not with scenes of glory, but a humble gift of love: Jesus, born of Mary.

Son of Adam, Son of heav’n, given as a ransom, reconciling God and man,  
Christ, our mighty Champion! What a Savior, what a Friend,  
what a glorious mystery. Once a Babe in Bethlehem, now the Lord of history!

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**The Prayer Team** will be available in the front of the sanctuary near the stage  
each Sunday immediately following the closing song. Any who desire prayer  
or to talk about spiritual matters are encouraged to meet with a member of our team.



## EVANGEL CHURCH PCA

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**THE STAFF**  
Rev. David Maginnis, Pastor  
Rev. Alex Goodsell, Associate Pastor  
*Christian Education/Pastoral Care*  
Andy Ward, Young Adult Ministries Director  
Penny Lowden, Women's Ministry Director  
Ralph Nelson, Youth Ministry Director  
Liz Oldfield, Children's Director  
Grace Baas, Nursery Director  
Amy Windsor, Nursery Co-Director  
Pam Sapp, Accounting & Finance Manager  
Joshua Williams, Facility Team  
Connie Reynolds, Music Director  
Phillip Lichlyter, Worship Leader  
Jacob Martin, Worship Intern

**THE SESSION**  
Stephen Daniels '28  
Buster Ellis '28  
Byron Ketcham '25  
Doug Morgan '28  
Ralph Nelson '26  
Kyle Rakestraw '25  
Lee Russell '25  
Steve Sanders '25  
Dennis Stockman '27

**THE DIACONATE**  
Wesley Allen '25  
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Danny Scott '25  
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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 14, 2025

**Evangel Christmas at American Village** Join us TODAY at 5:00 p.m. at the American Village!

**Christmas Eve Communion** You and your family are encouraged to join us for on Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m. for worship and communion. We will take up a special offering for the PCA Ministerial Relief Fund which offers special support to PCA pastors, widows, and ministry staff in need. We will end the service with the candlelight singing of *Silent Night*. O come, let us adore Him!

**Christmas Decor Volunteers Needed!** We need help this taking down this year’s Christmas decorations and we are also forming our team for Christmas 2026! If you can serve in either (or both!) areas, we would love to have you. Thank you for keeping our church beautiful and welcoming! Contact Leslie Viles (205) 902-5356.

**The Evangel Ladies Book Club** will meet Tuesday, December 16th at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Betty Harris (*821 Maplewood Trail*) for discussion of *A Christmas Snow*. Afterwards, we’ll have lunch with Betty providing the main dish. Please bring a side dish and /or dessert to share. Please text Betty (205-914-5587) with what you are bringing.

**Children's Ministry Craft Party**-Saturday, December 20, 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the gym. Kids and their parents are invited to join us for brunch while we make homemade gifts for our friends and family! Bring your appetite and creativity and we will provide the rest. We will have craft kits with instructions available plus an area with beads, paper, glue, and other fun supplies for you to create whatever you want! Don't worry parents! There will be crafts and food for you too! Come join us for a time of fellowship, food, and festive fun! RSVP to Liz Oldfield @ [childrensdirector@evangelchurchpca.org](mailto:childrensdirector@evangelchurchpca.org).

**Coming in January!** Ladies winter Bible study begins on Wednesday, January 7, at 9:30 a.m. This will be a 16-week study of Revelation, the only book in the Bible that offers a special blessing to those who study it! We will meet at the home of Debbie Elliott (1025 Bridle Lane, Helena) (205) 612-4073.

**Seasons of Change , Seasons of Grace** a 12-week women’s Bible study led by Patti Ketcham will start on Thursday, January 8. We will study Scripture and have discussion and application concerning various change-points we all come to in life that God uses to build character and conform us to Christ. In all our change, God and His Word remain changeless. We definitely live in changing times and often reminding ourselves of how rooted we are in what God has done to preserve the church over twenty centuries can help us to better understand and respond to our 21st century challenges. Each study will end by highlighting a survey of church history, century by century. By God’s grace we can gain a more informed and accurate perspective on our own changing times by remembering the ongoing story of God’s faithfulness to build His church. Come join us on Thursday, January 8, from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in Room 203. Contact Patti at [bkcorral16@gmail.com](mailto:bkcorral16@gmail.com) or (205) 305-9233 for more information.

**Evangel’s Simpson World Missions Conference** will be February 22-March 1, 2026. Some of our Evangel Missions Partners will be coming from all over the world to spend time with us and share all that The Lord is doing through their ministries. We are looking for a few people who would be willing to "Host" a missionary while they are in town. If you are interested please contact Andy Ward at [award@evangelchurchpca.org](mailto:award@evangelchurchpca.org).

**Cuba Mission Team** Please be in prayer for our team from Evangel as they prepare for a mission trip to Cuba with The Overseas Initiative on January 19-23, 2026. Andy Ward will lead this team of Rob Carr, Dora Ditchfield, Phillip Lichlyter, Connie Reynolds, and Brian Viles.

**Youth happenings through the end of 2025!!!**

- **2026** will get off to a fast start with Wednesday night worship beginning on Wednesday, January 7th and Bible studies on Sunday, January 11th.
- ***Something new*** for Evangel's Youth...we are doing a 2 night winter youth retreat at Camp Hargis in Chelsea the weekend of Saturday, January 17th–Monday, January 19th. Cost is \$50.00.
- Please sign up for the Winter Retreat through the SignUpGenius link that was sent via text and on Instagram. If you do not have access to the link please text or email Mr. Ralph at (205) 903-5855 or [youth@evangelchurchpca.org](mailto:youth@evangelchurchpca.org).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025**  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School Classes for Children:  
3, 4 & 5 year olds Room 104C taught by Lisa & Phillip Lichlyter: *God Created All Things*  
1st, 2nd & 3rd Grade Quad 212 taught by Stacey Parham: *Living Together*  
4th, 5th & 6th Grade Room 217 taught by Linda Stockman & Sheri Williams: *Genesis*  
Jr. & Sr. High Girls Room 222 taught by Jennifer Carr & Randee Sims *Romans*  
Jr. & Sr. High Boys Room 224 taught by Tommy Barberini & Rob Wood *Apologetics*  
Growing In Grace in the Choir Suite studying *Islam* taught by Buster Ellis  
Young Couples meeting in Room 203 with the Wards *Marriage & Family*  
Refuge meeting in Area 235 studying *Hebrews* with the Hightowers, Hoyles, & Windsors  
Teach &Talk Class A new three week series starting December 7:  
A Fresh Perspective on the Incarnation of Christ taught by Michael Tubbs  
meeting in Quad 208 with the Ketchams, Morgans, & Russells  
Ladies’ Class led by Kitsy Sullivan meets in the Library *Christmas Devotionals*  
10:15 a.m. Worship Service and LIVE Streaming  
5:00 p.m. Christmas at American Village

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025**  
7:00 p.m. Trail Life (*contact Mitchell Jones at [mjones@dosterconstruction.com](mailto:mjones@dosterconstruction.com)*)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025**  
6:15 a.m. Men’s Bible Study (Studying *The Book of Romans*)  
(*meeting at Chick-fil-a in Alabaster; contact David Maginnis, 835-0890*)  
9:30 a.m. Ladies Book Club (*at the home of Betty Harris*)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025**  
6:45 a.m. Men’s Bible Study (Studying *Finding Jesus in the Old Testament*)  
(*meeting at Chick-fil-a in Calera; contact Alex Goodsell, 837-3376*)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2025**  
6:30 a.m. Men’s Ministry Study (Studying *Jeremiah*)  
(*meeting at Panera Bread in Alabaster; contact Dennis Stockman, 451-2739*)

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2025**  
8:30 a.m. Children’s Ministry Craft Party (*Gym*)

Wednesday Night Connection  
will resume on Wednesday, January 14th.

**Oak Mountain Ministries Urgent Needs** this month are breakfast items, jelly, condiments, hearty soups, deodorant, shampoo, soap, diapers, wipes; new socks and underwear for adults and children. Please bring any items you would like to donate and place in the basket near the church office.

**Stewardship Season: worship.connect.serve.give.go**  
Extra commitment cards are available in the vestibule if you did not receive one and would like to make your 2026 GIVE Stewardship Pledge. We give thanks that we have received **71 pledges for a total of \$675,272.**



We thank God for your continued faithfulness in giving to the Lord’s work!

Ways you can give:

Mail your check to  
Evangel Church  
423 Thompson Road Alabaster, AL  
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Drop off at the Church  
Hand deliver Monday–Thursday  
9:00 am–3:00 pm

QR Code/ Online Giving  
<https://www.evangelchurchpca.org/giving>

2025 FINANCIAL UPDATE

|                 | November  | Year to Date |
|-----------------|-----------|--------------|
| Budgeted Income | \$105,791 | \$1,163,702  |
| Total Income    | \$119,805 | \$1,088,156  |
| Total Expenses  | \$94,626  | \$1,054,108  |
| Net             | \$25,179  | \$34,047     |

FAITH PROMISE: GIVING TO SUPPORT  
THE WORK OF MISSIONS  
November Receipts: \$9,213

