



**Hollywood**

Knowing Jesus and Making Jesus Known

**THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**FOURTH  
SUNDAY  
OF**

**ADVENT**



**December 21, 2025**

# Welcome to WORSHIP at HUMC

## PRELUDE

“O Holy Night”

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \* OPENING HYMN

UMH #384

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

### \* ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Choral Intro: “Light of Light”

Reader: Advent is a time to let go of anger and fear.

People: **God of Love, fill our hearts with true compassion.**

Reader: Advent is a time to look for the best in others.

People: **God of Love, help us to speak truth with kindness.**

Reader: Advent is a time to share with those in need.

People: **God of Love, remind us that in giving, we receive.**

Reader: Advent is a time to notice and appreciate the good around us.

People: **God of Love, help us see the world through loving eyes.**

Reader: Today, we light four candles - the candles of hope, peace, joy, and the candle representing love. This candle is a symbol of Christ's eternal love for us, as well as a reminder that we have been instructed to love others as we love ourselves. Because God is love, and because we were created in God's image, we ourselves are the embodiment of God's love here on earth. Love is patient and kind and powerful, and we all share the calling to go into the world and spread that love to others.

People: **God of love, we open our hearts to you today and ask that you fill us with the power of your love. Take away our bitterness, greed, and jealousy. Remind us that we are brothers and sisters, all sharing the wonderful gift of life. Help us treat others with respect and love, and help us care for the world that you have given us with loving hearts and gentle hands. Amen.**

## LIGHT OF LIGHT

by Joel Raney



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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 7:10–16

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Sunday School Dismissal for pre-K through 5th grade

## SPECIAL MUSIC

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

## A COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Joys & Concerns ~ Pastoral Prayer ~ The Lord's Prayer

### \* HYMN OF PREPARATION

UMH #215

“To a Maid Engaged to Joseph”

### \* NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 1:18–25

## SERMON

Rev. Matthew Tate

## THE APOSTLE'S CREED

UMH #882

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

See the back page for a variety of ways to support HUMC.

Offertory

Mary Jane Seanor

\* Doxology

UMH #95

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving

### \* HYMN OF CELEBRATION

UMH #234

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

### \* BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Mary Jane Seanor

\* We stand in body or in spirit to give glory to God.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS = The Faith We Sing

*Prelude and Special Music this morning provided by*

*Mary Jane Seanor with Annaleise Jones, Cellist.*

"and you are to name him

# JESUS,

for he will save  
his people  
from  
their  
sins."



Matthew 1:21 NRSV



# PRAYER REQUESTS

*Pray for the healing of our church family,  
friends & relatives*

<b>Linda Coppage &amp; Fam</b>	<b>Don Peeling</b> (11/10)
Lailon Dorsey (12/16)	<b>Brenda Pogany</b> (12/2)
Estelle Elmore (12/2)	<b>William Pugh</b> (12/2)
Johnny Gatton (8/15)	<b>Tom Rothwell</b> (11/5)
Jim & Carole Lupis (12/2)	Macie Shumpert (8/8)

*Pray for those who are battling cancer*

Tim Buckheit	Curtis Graves	<b>Dustin Plunkett</b>
Christine Clontz	Nathan Gray	Leanne Riley
<b>Joan Compton</b>	Elana Harris	James Rothwell
Janet Cook	Harold Insley	<b>Pat Spear</b>
AJ Davis	Joe Jones	Yvonne Tabor
Sandy Denison	Mike Knight	Janet Taylor
Bruce Dickinson	Adam Martin	Juniper van Vliet
Connie Evans	Bob Napier	<b>Rich Winford</b>
		Gene Wood
		Sarah Zsak

*Pray for our Homebound*

Robert & Sharon Hayes  
David Roberts  
CD & Judy Wood

*Pray for Pastor  
Matthew & Danielle,  
and Amelia, Simon,  
and Ambrose*

*Pray for those who are grieving, including the Benham family,  
as April's mother passed away last Sunday.*

To request  
prayer,  
fill out a  
Keeping in  
Touch card  
or call or  
[email the  
office.](#)  
**Please keep**  
us updated  
on the  
status of  
your prayer  
requests.

Names in  
**bold** indicate  
new prayer  
requests or  
those who  
need extra  
prayer this  
week.



## PJ CONNECTION

Through the generosity of our HUMC family,  
HUMP&K families, and the community at large, we  
were able to provide Christmas presents for

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local needy children! Thank you! **Praise the Lord!**

# PRAYER SHAWLS & SQUARES

Pick up a prayer square in the Narthex. If you would like to  
receive or give a prayer shawl, please see Karen Melotti. Hobby  
Lobby or Michael's gift cards are a great way to support this  
ministry and will be used to purchase yarn. Cards can be given to  
Karen Melotti. Thanks!

# WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

You are invited and encouraged to check out one or all of our Bible Studies.

**Good News TODAY**

Tuesdays @ 7:00 PM  
Youth Room

**Kathryn's Class**

**Adult Bible Study**

Wednesdays @ 11:00 AM  
Galilee Hall

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

We invite our kids, Pre-K through 5th Grade, to join our  
Children's Ministry Team for their own Sunday morning Bible  
exploration. Children begin the worship service with their parents  
and are generally dismissed after the pastor's children's moment.  
Children will return to the sanctuary during the Benediction, or in  
time for communion. As always, children are more than welcome  
to remain with their parents throughout the service if you prefer.



Filling Empty Little Tummies

HeartFELT needs the **single-serving** items below  
most of all.

Chicken Cans  
Vienna Sausage Cans  
Cans of Soup

Thanks for supporting this great ministry to kids in need!

# HOLLYWOOD YOUTH GROUP

Enjoy your Christmas Break! We'll see you  
back in the youth room on Sunday, January 4!  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Spend time WITH your family!

# POINSETTIAS

The Prelogs  
IN MEMORY OF  
Henry Burger,  
Sarah's Father

Beverly & Steve Wilson  
IN MEMORY OF  
Joan & Dave Wilson,  
Steve's Parents x2

Beverly & Steve Wilson  
IN MEMORY OF  
Mary Ellen & Kinsey Burke,  
Beverly's Parents

The Branch Family  
IN MEMORY OF  
Mike Branch,  
Our Husband, Father, and  
Grandfather

Jean Loffler  
IN MEMORY OF  
Carl "Buddy" Loffler,  
Her Husband

Jean Loffler  
IN HONOR OF  
Her Children &  
Grandchildren

Janine & Michael Schmitt  
IN HONOR OF  
Jay, Jared, Forrest,  
Justin, and Eva,  
Their Children

Janine & Michael Schmitt  
IN HONOR OF  
Eva, Jakob, Maddox, Lucas,  
Dixie, Rosemary, Emeric,  
Levi, and Grayson,  
Their Grandchildren and  
Great-Grandson

Linda Coppage  
IN MEMORY OF  
Steve & Mary Pogany,  
Her Parents

Chuck Gantz  
IN MEMORY OF  
C. Kenneth & Margaret  
Gantz,  
His Parents

The Burr Family  
IN MEMORY OF  
Jean & Paul Rothwell,  
"Adopted" Grandparents  
of Sarah Burr

Tammy Burr  
IN MEMORY OF  
Bill & Sharon Williams,  
Her Parents

The McGovern Family  
IN MEMORY OF  
Lois Wild,  
Their Mother &  
Grandmother

John & Maricruz Murzynsky  
IN MEMORY OF  
Joan Murzynsky,  
Their Nona x2

Dee Snyder  
IN HONOR OF  
The HeartFELT Ministry  
Team

The Benham Family  
IN MEMORY OF  
Bill & Barbara Benham,  
Bill's Parents

The Benham Family  
IN HONOR OF  
Lailon Dorsey and  
IN MEMORY OF  
Frankie Dorsey,  
April's Parents

Kim Bentley & Family  
IN MEMORY OF  
J. C. Tubbs,  
Kim's Father

Kim Bentley & Family  
IN HONOR OF  
Shirley Tubbs,  
Kim's Mother

Harley & Janet Cook  
IN HONOR OF  
Their Family

Dan Liebschutz  
IN MEMORY OF  
Kathryn Liebschutz,  
His Mother X4



# POINSETTIAS

Frances Hall  
IN MEMORY OF  
Roger Hall,  
Her Husband

Frances Hall  
IN MEMORY OF  
Jeanne Rothwell,  
Her Sister

Frances Hall  
IN MEMORY OF  
Daniel & Louise Breakiron  
Her Parents

Frances Hall  
IN MEMORY OF  
James & Nell Hall,  
Her In-Laws

Jeffrey & Myra Milner  
IN MEMORY OF  
Dave & Lynne McGuffie,  
Myra's Parents

Jeffrey & Myra Milner  
IN MEMORY OF  
Bob & Carole Milner,  
Jeff's Parents

Jeffrey & Myra Milner  
IN MEMORY OF  
Danny McGuffie,  
Myra's Brother

Shirley Tubbs  
IN MEMORY OF  
JC Tubbs, Her Husband,  
and IN HONOR OF  
Her Children &  
Grandchildren

The Brown Family  
IN HONOR OF  
Pat Brown,  
Their Mother

The Brown Family  
IN MEMORY OF  
Mickey Brown,  
Their Father

The Brown Family  
IN MEMORY OF  
Connie Lynch,  
Their Aunt

Candy & Bill Cain  
IN MEMORY OF  
Iva & Fred, and Jeff Cain ,  
Bill's Parents and Brother

Candy & Bill Cain  
IN HONOR OF  
Janet Taylor,  
Candy's Mother

HUMC  
IN HONOR OF  
P. Wade Thompson,  
For his 10th Christmas as our Office Manager

**THANK YOU** for helping us make the sanctuary even more beautiful for Christmas!

**KNOWING AND MAKING  
JESUS JESUS  
KNOWN**



# DECEMBER

LUKE THRU

Read one chapter of LUKE  
each day of December thru  
Christmas Eve.

Tune in each day and listen  
as Pastor Matthew reads and  
discusses that day's chapter.

# LOVE

## Christmas Offering

Goes to our  
Needy Fund and  
Solomons.  
Give in the plate  
or online!





**For God so  
LOVED  
the world that  
he gave  
his only Son,  
so that  
everyone  
who believes  
in him may  
not perish  
but may have  
eternal life.**

**John 3:16 NRSV**



Bring in 2026 **WALL** calendars and place them **in the Amen Corner** or in the box on the shelves outside Pastor Matthew's office by **NEXT** Sunday, December 28. NO desk or pocket calendars! **ONLY WALL CALENDARS.** They will be given to Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. **THANKS!**

## **MOVING HELP**

We will need your help after worship **TODAY**, Sunday, December 21, to help us move furniture and boxes from the offices, library, and preschool, right after worship! As y'all have proven over and over, many hands make light—and quick—work!

See Brian Getty for more info! Thanks in advance!

## **WEEKLY EVENTS**

Sundays	10:00 AM	Morning Worship Service
	6:00 PM	<del>Youth Group</del>
Tuesdays	9:00 AM	Jazzercise (GH)
	3:30 PM	<del>Ladies Bible Study (Youth Room)</del>
	7:00 PM	<del>Good News TODAY Bible Study (YR)</del>
Wednesdays	11:00 AM	<del>Kathryn's Class Bible Study (GH)</del>
	6:30–8:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursdays	9:00 AM	Jazzercise (GH)
	10:00 AM	<del>Deadline for Next Sunday's Bulletin</del>
Fridays		Pastor's Sabbath
	9:00 AM	Jazzercise (GH)

~~Event~~ indicates a weekly event that will not be held this week.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sunday, December 21	Fourth Sunday of Advent First Day of Winter After Worship	Office Hall/Preschool Moveapalooza
Wednesday, December 24, Christmas Eve	4:00 PM 7:00 PM 11:00 PM	Kid Friendly Christmas Eve Service Christmas Eve Service Christmas Eve Vigil
Thursday, December 25	Christmas Day—Office Closed	
Friday, December 26	Office Closed	
Sunday, December 28	After Worship	Office/Preschool Moveapalooza/Reset No Youth Group
Wednesday, December 31, New Year's Eve		
Thursday, January 1	New Year's Day—Office Closed	
Sunday, January 4	After Worship 6:00 PM	Solomons Mission Center Collection Epiphany Stars Service UNDeck the Halls! Youth Group Resumes
Tuesday, January 6	Epiphany	
Wednesday, January 7	Kathryn's Class Resumes	
Sunday, January 11	After Worship	Everybody's Birthday Celebration (GH)
Sunday, January 18	10:00 AM–8:00 PM	Human Relations—UMC Special Sunday Youth Day Event
Monday, January 19		Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—Office Closed
	Noon	Ladies Lunch at ?
Friday, January 31	Statistical Reports Due	
Sunday, February 1	Solomons Mission Center Collection	
Sunday, February 8	After Worship	Souper Bowl



## NURSERY

**THANKS** to everyone who donated furniture and toys to our newly relocated church nursery below the sanctuary. Go check it out (after you help move some boxes from the offices, library, and preschool hallway).

Interested in volunteering in our nursery on Sunday mornings? We need two people each Sunday. Contact Janet or Tammy to sign up.

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[tjburr00@gmail.com](mailto:tjburr00@gmail.com)

# CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES



**4:00 PM**

Family Service

**7:00 PM**

Candlelight Service

**11:00 PM**

Vigil

**All are welcome to all services!**

**Invite your friends & family!**

*Merry Christmas*

## Ways to Support HUMC

✝ Place your tithes and offerings in the plate during worship or mail a check to us at the address below!

✝ [Click here to give online or scan the QR Code.](#)

We incur a lesser fee when you give directly from your bank account versus a credit card.



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