



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

Voi - ces cry out from a world in grief:
prayers of those who seek re - lief.
End their dark - ness, hear their call for
peace on earth, good will for all.

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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

Linda Coppage & Fam

Lailon Dorsey (12/16)

Estelle Elmore (12/2)

Johnny Gatton (8/15)

Jim & Carole Lupis (12/2)

Don Peeling (11/10)

Brenda Pogany (12/2)

William Pugh (12/2)

Tom Rothwell (11/5)

Macie Shumpert (8/8)

Pray for those who are battling cancer

Tim Buckheit Curtis Graves

Dustin Plunkett

Christine Clontz

Nathan Gray

Joan Compton

Leanne Riley

Janet Cook

James Rothwell

AJ Davis

Pat Spear

Sandy Denison

Yvonne Tabor

Bruce Dickinson

Janet Taylor

Connie Evans

Juniper van Vliet

Rich Winford

Adam Martin

Gene Wood

Bob Napier

Sarah Zsak

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.

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.



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



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!

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.

POINSETTIAS

The Prelogs	Janine & Michael Schmitt	John & Maricruz Murzynsky
IN MEMORY OF Henry Burger, Sarah's Father	IN HONOR OF Eva, Jakob, Maddox, Lucas, Dixie, Rosemary, Emeric, Levi, and Grayson, Their Grandchildren and Great-Grandson	IN MEMORY OF Joan Murzynsky, Their Nona x2
Beverly & Steve Wilson IN MEMORY OF Joan & Dave Wilson, Steve's Parents x2	Linda Coppage IN MEMORY OF Steve & Mary Pogany, Her Parents	Dee Snyder IN HONOR OF The HeartFELT Ministry Team
Beverly & Steve Wilson IN MEMORY OF Mary Ellen & Kinsey Burke, Beverly's Parents	Chuck Gantz IN MEMORY OF C. Kenneth & Margaret Gantz, His Parents	The Benham Family IN MEMORY OF Bill & Barbara Benham, Bill's Parents
The Branch Family IN MEMORY OF Mike Branch, Our Husband, Father, and Grandfather	The Burr Family IN MEMORY OF Jean & Paul Rothwell, "Adopted" Grandparents of Sarah Burr	The Benham Family IN HONOR OF Lailon Dorsey and IN MEMORY OF Frankie Dorsey, April's Parents
Jean Loffler IN MEMORY OF Carl "Buddy" Loffler, Her Husband	Tammy Burr IN MEMORY OF Bill & Sharon Williams, Her Parents	Kim Bentley & Family IN MEMORY OF J. C. Tubbs, Kim's Father
Jean Loffler IN HONOR OF Her Children & Grandchildren	The McGovern Family IN MEMORY OF Lois Wild, Their Mother & Grandmother	Kim Bentley & Family IN HONOR OF Shirley Tubbs, Kim's Mother
Janine & Michael Schmitt IN HONOR OF Jay, Jared, Forrest, Justin, and Eva, Their Children		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

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

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

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

**KNOWING A
JESUS N
D JESUS** **MAKING
KNOWN**

DECEMBER.

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

S M T W T F S

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	Youth Group
Tuesdays	9:00 AM	Jazercise (GH)
	3:30 PM	Ladies Bible Study (Youth Room)
	7:00 PM	Good News TODAY Bible Study (VR)
Wednesdays	11:00 AM	Kathryn's Class Bible Study (GH)
	6:30-8:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursdays	9:00 AM	Jazercise (GH)
	10:00 AM	Deadline for Next Sunday's Bulletin
Fridays		Pastor's Sabbath
	9:00 AM	Jazercise (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		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		Human Relations—UMC Special Sunday Youth Day Event
Monday, January 19		Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—Office Closed Ladies Lunch at ?
	Noon	
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.

Janet McGovern Tammy Burr

janetmcgovern88@gmail.com

tjburr00@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

4:00 PM

7:00 PM

11:00 PM

Family Service

Candlelight Service

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.

