

**Hollywood**

Knowing Jesus and Making Jesus Known

**THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



# CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL

**December 24, 2025**

# Welcome to WORSHIP at HUMC

## PRELUDE

Mary Jane Seanor

“The First Noel/Christmas Eve Waltz”

## INTRODUCTION

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Reader: Rejoice, for God is with us—Emmanuel.

People: In the darkness of our world shines God’s holy light.

Reader: Now there is reason to hope, to love, to laugh, to live.

People: God is truly with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

### \* CAROL

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

UMH #234

### PRAYER

Gracious God, With joy and thanksgiving we gather as your people. We have come to hear again the timeless story of Christ’s birth. In the excitement of this night, quiet our hearts that we may know the peace and fullness of this holy time. Shine, O Light, in the darkness of our world. Sing, O angels, in the stillness of our hearts, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those God favors.” This we pray in the name of the Child of Bethlehem. Amen.

## THE WORD

John 1

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Reader: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named

People: Wonderful Counselor, Almighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace,  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, God with us, Emmanuel.

### THE COMING OF JESUS IS ANNOUNCED TO MARY & JOSEPH

Luke 1:26–38  
Matthew 1:18–25

### THE PREPARATION FOR THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Luke 2:1–5

### \* CAROL

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

UMH #230

### JESUS IS BORN

Luke 2:6–7

### \* CAROL

“Away in a Manger”

UMH #217

### A MOMENT TO WONDER

Reader: Take a moment to ponder and wonder with Mary about the story of this miraculous child.  
Wonder . . . what were Mary and Joseph’s hopes for their child?  
Wonder . . . were those hopes fulfilled?  
Wonder . . . what are your hopes on this night?

## PIANO INTERLUDE

Mary Jane Seanor

“I Wonder as I Wander”

### JESUS’ BIRTH IS ANNOUNCED TO THE SHEPHERDS

Luke 2:9–14

### \* CAROL

“Hark The Herald Angels Sing”

UMH #240

# THE SHEPHERDS FIND THE BABY JESUS

Luke 2:15–18

\* **CAROL**

“The First Noel”

UMH #245

## S E R M O N

Rev. Matthew Tate

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

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

Offertory

Mary Jane Seanor

\* Doxology

UMH #95

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION & PARDON

People: Merciful God, we confess that often we find darkness more comfortable than light. We confess that we find your good news frightening and unsettling, especially when we consider its demands as well as its promises. We confess that Christmas has become more to us than the birthday of the Christ, partly because we do not want a Christ-Child in our lives or in our world. Forgive us, break us, bend us, remake us. Give us the courage to lay ourselves open to the wonder and healing of your coming. Be born again into our world, be born again into our hearts and lives. Hear now our silent and personal confessions as we prepare ourselves for your nativity

Leader: The true light that enlightens all has come into the world. That light shines on in the darkness, and the darkness has never been able to put it out. This is the good news: God has heard our confession. God has forgiven our sin.

People: Thanks be to God!

## COMMUNION

## THE PASSING OF THE LIGHT

\* **CAROL**

“Silent Night”

UMH #239

## PRAYER

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **CAROL**

“Joy to the World”

UMH #246

## POSTLUDE

“Joy to the World”

Mary Jane Seanor

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

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS = The Faith We Sing

Merry Christmas



# 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**





# Christmas Offering

**Goes to  
our Needy Fund  
and Solomons  
Mission Center.  
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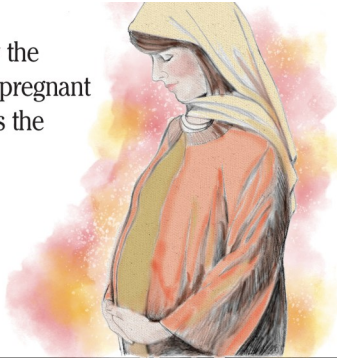


**Sunday, December 28  
10:00 AM**

# Bible Quiz

Elizabeth, an older relative of Mary the mother of Jesus, was miraculously pregnant at the same time as Mary. What was the name of Elizabeth's husband?

- A. Aaron
- B. Zechariah
- C. Joseph
- D. Simeon



Answer: B (See Luke 1:5, 39-41.)

Who was governor of Syria when Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem for a mandated registration, or census?

- A. Theophilus
- B. Herod Antipas
- C. Pontius Pilate
- D. Quirinius



Answer: D (See Luke 2:1-7.)

Complete this Bible verse: "The (1)\_\_\_\_ (2)\_\_\_\_ in the (3)\_\_\_\_, and the (3)\_\_\_\_ has not overcome it."

- A. (1) Word; (2) speaks; (3) silence
- B. (1) light; (2) shines; (3) darkness
- C. (1) kingdom of God; (2) reigns; (3) world
- D. (1) Spirit of God; (2) shines; (3) world
- E. None of the above



Answer: B (See John 1:5.)

Who told Mary that her child would be called "the Son of the Most High"?

- A. Zechariah
- B. Gabriel
- C. Simeon
- D. Joseph



Answer: B (See Luke 1:26-32.)

Where did the child Jesus and his parents flee for safety?

- A. Ethiopia
- B. Syria
- C. Rome
- D. Egypt



Answer: D (See Matthew 2:13.)

In Matthew's genealogy, which woman is *not* mentioned as Jesus' ancestor?

- A. Tamar
- B. Rahab
- C. Mary
- D. Ruth
- E. Sarah
- F. Bathsheba



Answer: E (See Matthew 1:1-17.)

Which of the four Gospels name(s) Bethlehem as the place of Jesus' birth?

- A. Only Luke
- B. Matthew and Luke
- C. Mark and John
- D. All four



Answer: B (See Matthew 2:1; Luke 2:1-7.)

In the story of the Magi, what word is used to give a sense of Jesus' age when the wise men visited? What does it tell us?

- A. "baby"; Jesus was still a newborn in a manger
- B. "child"; when the wise men visited, Jesus had grown past infancy
- C. "youth"; Jesus was probably between 10 and 14
- D. No word is used to suggest Jesus' age at the time of the wise men's visit.



Answer: B (See Matthew 2:1-12.)



# Epiphany/Star Words SERVICE



Our service on  
Sunday, January 4,  
will feature star words  
for you to focus on  
in 2026.

**EVERYBODY'S BIRTHDAY  
CELEBRATION**  
**JANUARY 11**  
**AFTER WORSHIP**  
**GALILEE HALL**

## **Ways to Support HUMC**

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

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