

**MIDDLETON MEMORIAL METHODIST
CHURCH**
A Congregation in the Global Methodist Church

**NEW TO MIDDLETON MEMORIAL METHODIST
CHURCH? WELCOME!**

Everyone needs Jesus! No matter who you are, how much money you have (or don't), what you look like, or how you've been behaving. Everyone is welcome in God's church. Everyone!

We are so happy you've decided to join us this morning to fellowship, learn, and worship. We want you to know that you are special to us. Whether just passing through town or looking for a church home, our sincere prayer for you is that you have a Christian church home that works for you. Wherever that may be, you are always welcome here.



December 14, 2025

Our Mission
To make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

Rev. Jamie Lea, Pastor
Elizabeth Simmons, Chair Church Council
Rick Simmons, Lay Leader
Rosie Womack, Treasurer
Michelle Brandon, Church Secretary

**MIDDLETON MEMORIAL
METHODIST CHURCH
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**Please stand as you are comfortable*

Welcome and Announcements		Liturgist	Offering Prayer		Liturgist
Prelude		Linda Gray	Offering/Offertory		Linda Gray
Acolyte			*Doxology	<i>UMH 95</i>	Congregation
*Opening Prayer		Pastor Jamie	Holy Communion	<i>UMH 13</i>	
Advent Reading	Insert	Pat and Helen Smith	*Invitational Hymn	<i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear</i> UMH 218	Congregation
*Opening Hymn	<i>Tell Me the Stories of Jesus UMH 277</i>	Congregation	Acolyte		
First Scripture	Luke 1: 46b-55 Pew Bible NT 69	Liturgist	*Benediction		Pastor Jamie
Joys		Pastor Jamie	*Benediction Hymn	<i>Blest Be the Tie That Binds UMH 557, Verse 1</i>	Congregation
Concerns		Pastor Jamie	*Postlude		Linda Gray
Second Scripture	Matthew 11: 2-11 Pew Bible NT 13	Pastor Jamie			
Sermon	<i>It Outta Give You Hope, the Joy is Real</i>	Pastor Jamie			
Invitation	Insert	Pastor Jamie & Congregation			

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

December 7

Linda Tinnerman, Eddie and Tammie Yarter, Colt Walker, John Yarborough, Thomas Dean Mengo Family, Denise, Arty Guillory, Gerald Gusler, Moody Family

November 30

Family of Fayrene Hillyer

Extended Prayer List

Angie Horn, Herb Adame, Callie Bitner, The Russell Family, Bryan Robertson, Marsha Willcox, Rob McLelland, Sharon and Burl Elliot, Heidi Felice, Jessie Garcia, Rosetta Moulton, Ron and Marianne Willingham, Callie Bitner, Eddie Hillyer, Betty Sayers, Kaitlin Sanders, Marshall Quin, Those impacted by Floods, Betty Sayers, Mary Kirkham, Linda's Family, Kaiden Helmers, Wesley Richey, Louise Ezer, Paul Weaver, Keith Tilton, Shannon Perry, Jimmy Burnett, Chelsea Thompson, Fred Campbell, Tate Wellmann, Cindy Mayeux, Steve Smith, Helen Ajlani, Becky Moody, Tony Ridello, Jimmy Carol Ford, Colleen Deen, Beverly Posey, Bernita Thibodeaux, Belinda Schubert, Ebbie Wilcox, Molly, Cynthia Nash, Pam and Greg Warren, Kyle and Shannon Boyer, Gwen Clift, Clint and Becky Fancher, Colt James, Daulton Harmon, Joe Gonzalez, Wayne & Marie Eby, Danny Thompson, Kenneth "Pop" Storey, Bonnie Vowell, Gage Leath, Bruce & Brenda Ernst, Pastor Jamie & Kandace Lea, Our Church Families

In the Military

Tristan Deen, Bret Copeland, Julia Wells, Lance Latham, Casey Shoemaker, Tristan Langford, Logan Allen, Andrew Shaw, Jack Sheppard, Landon Salazar, DJ Watts, Mason Totzer, Cody Anderson, Dana Lavain McCullen, David Watson, Wyatt Crews, Taylor Hankamer, Joe Hansen, Caden Hampton, Von & Jenny Black, Nate Gigout, Nan Pham, Miles Tinsley, Ryan Taylor, Rory Meaux, David Perez, John Stefan Morin, Hunter Daniels, Jailaia Landry, Grant & Kendall MacDougall

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT READING

First Reader: In the midst of our waiting and longing for God to make the world right again, we cling to the truth that God has saved, God is saving, and God will save. So today, we join our voices with the prophet Isaiah, who calls us to live in the joy of the truth of God's salvation.

All: We choose to believe that the day is coming when "the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away" (Isaiah 35:10)

Second Reader: We light this candle of joy as a sign of the Truth that sets us free to live in joy as we wait and work for the day when all creation will flourish together.

Light the third candle (pink) of the Advent wreath

December 14, 2025 ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will have a Church Council Meeting today after Church.

Pastor Jamie and Kandace invite the congregation to an Open House at the Parsonage, Saturday, December 20, from 1-5.

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Services:

Middleton Memorial Methodist – 5:00 p.m.

FMC Anahuac – 6:00 p.m.

Invitation

*Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, Who earnestly
repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another*

Confession & Pardon

Congregation: *Merciful God,
we confess we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Pastor: *Here the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!*

Congregation:
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: *Glory to God. Amen.*

The 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

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This Week's Lectionary Scriptures Not Listed in the Order of Worship

Isaiah 35: 1-10

James 5: 7-10

Worship Team Leaders This Week

Liturgist – Elizabeth Simmons

Acolyte – Rick Simmons

Offering – Allen Willcox

Communion Servers – Rick and Elizabeth Simmons

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Next Week's Lectionary Scriptures

Isaiah 7: 10-16

Psalms 80: 1-7, 17-19

Romans 1: 1-7

Matthew 1: 18-25