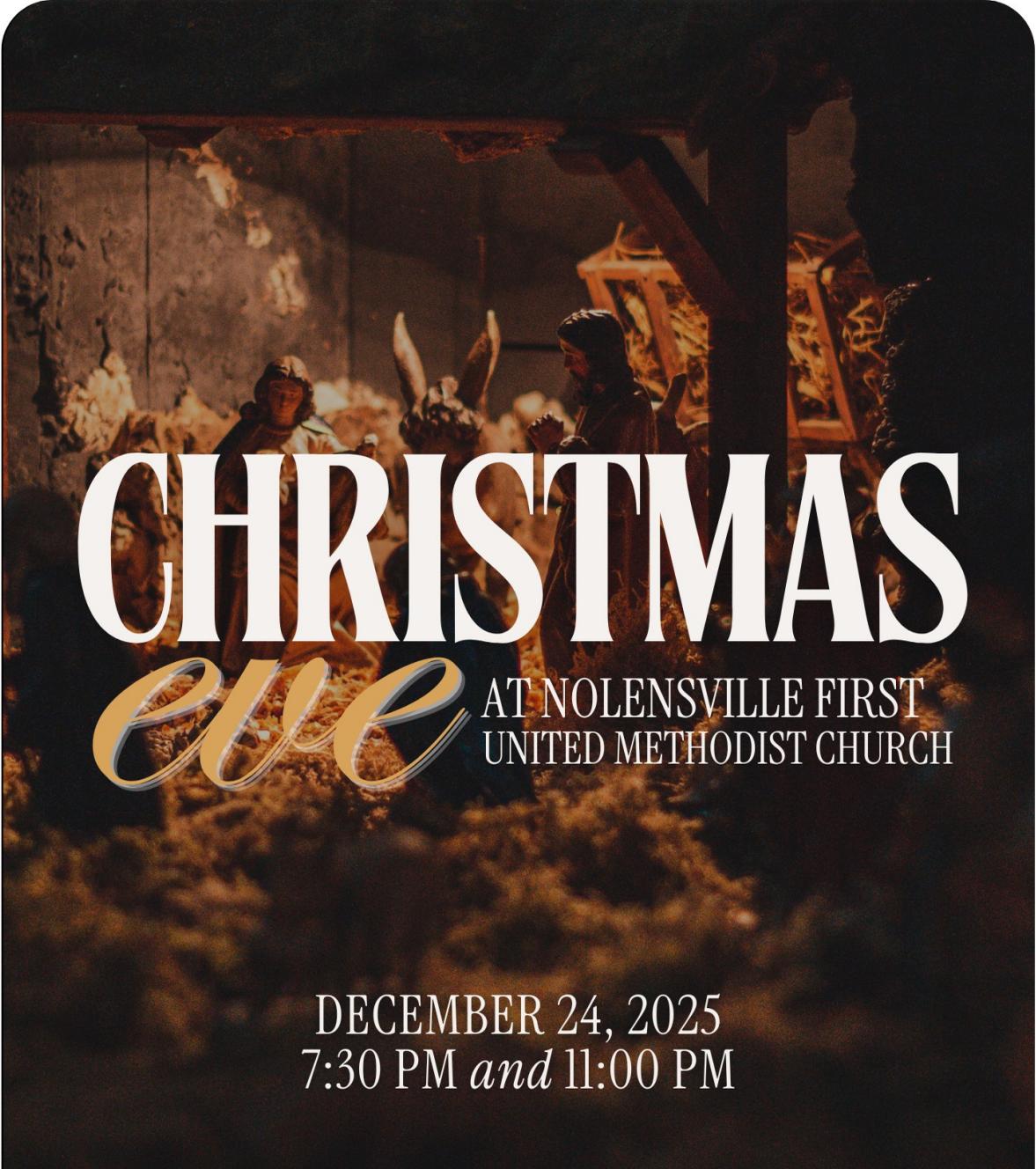




# Nolensville First United Methodist Church

*...a neighborhood church, where people experience a life-changing relationship with Jesus, in a welcoming church family.*



# CHRISTMAS

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AT NOLENSVILLE FIRST  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 24, 2025  
7:30 PM *and* 11:00 PM

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Welcome**

Pastor Jeremy Squires

**Bringing in the Light of Christ**

**Call to Worship** (in unison)

**Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; You shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.**

✠ **Opening Carol**

7:30 pm: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (v.1-3)

11 pm: *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

NFUMC Ensemble

✠ **Litany**

L: Have you heard? Something extraordinary has happened!

**P: Yes, we have heard! Rumors say there has been a Child born, a Savior given.**

L: People of God, these are not rumors. For unto us is born this night in Bethlehem, Christ our Lord.

**P: This is good news of great joy which has come to all people!**

L: Let us go see this Savior of God and bring gifts of praise! Let us go to Bethlehem.

✠ **Hymn of Praise**

7:30 pm: *Noel (Light of the World)*

11 pm: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

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## Lighting of the Advent Wreath & Christ Candle

Clark Family / Hampton Family

Reader 1: To a people longing for hope and yearning for deliverance, the prophet Isaiah declared, The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined...For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:2, 6)

Reader 2: Tonight, we come seeking hope, peace, joy, and love, and we find these things in a child. God made flesh as a baby in a manger. A baby who is both the beginning and the end of our salvation, who dwells with us even now, our Emmanuel, God with us.

**Congregation: We live as people in the in-between who celebrate the arrival of the Light that shines in lost and broken places as we wait for the day when we will live in the fullness of God's kingdom.**

Reader 1: We light these candles as signs of our shocking hope, our just peace, our fierce joy, the love that transforms us, and Jesus Christ, our wondrous Light. May the Light burning in our hearts guide us, comfort us, protect us, and tend us in all seasons and circumstances, reminding us that day and night, in the light and in the darkness, God is with us. Our salvation has come! Amen.

### Special Music

7:30 pm: *O Come All You Unfaithful*

11 pm: *The Infant Jesus (Jesu Bambino)*

Suellen Holland

### Our Offerings of Prayer & Gifts to the Work of God

*For those who gave online, please pick an online giving card from the holders in the pew and place it in the offering plate as it goes by.*

### Offering of Music

7:30 pm: *Mary's Boy Child*

11 pm: *Bring A Torch Jenette Isabella*

Sandi Zimmermann

### ✠ Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father Son, and Holy Ghost**

### Prayer of Offering over Our Tithes & Gifts

**Preparing Room in Our Hearts**      7:30 pm: *Make Room*  
11 pm: *In the Bleak Midwinter*      NFUMC Ensemble

**Scripture**      John 1:1-5, 14, 16-17

**Sermon**      Grace Born in Bethlehem      Pastor Jeremy

**Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

**Response to the Word**      *Noel*      Caroline & Brady Clark

***About Holy Communion tonight:***

*The United Methodist Church practices an open Communion table. We invite to the table all who know, or who wish to know, Jesus Christ as risen and redeeming Savior.*

**The Great Thanksgiving & Invitation to Holy Communion**      UMH p. 12

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another....

**Merciful God, we confess that 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.**

L: The Lord be with you. P: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts. P: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. P: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... we praise Your Name and join their unending Hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your holy Church, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen!**

<b>Communion Music</b>	7:30 pm:	<i>O Holy Night</i>	<i>NFUMC Choir</i>
	11 pm:	<i>O Come All Ye Faithful (v.1,2,5,6)</i>	UMH 234
		<i>Hark The Herald Angels Sing</i>	UMH 240
		<i>What Child Is This</i>	UMH 219

### Lighting of the Candles

*The lights will be dimmed. The pastor will light his candle from the Christ candle. After lighting his candle, he and the liturgist will in turn light the candle of the first person in each row. Each person will then light a neighbor's candle. (Remember to keep the lighted candle upright – tilt the unlighted candle to light it.)*

### Hymn of the Holy Child *Silent Night* UMH 239

**Silent night, holy night,  
All is calm, all is bright  
'Round yon virgin, mother and Child.  
Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night,  
Son of God, love's pure light;  
radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth!  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth!**

**Silent night, holy night.  
shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born!**

**Silent night, holy night!  
Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing,  
Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born,**

### ✠ Hymn of Joy 7:30 pm: *Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)* 11 pm: *Joy to the World* UMH 246

### ✠ Benediction

### ✠ Taking the Light of Christ into the World

*Please extinguish your candle as you leave the Sanctuary and place it in the baskets provided.*

### ✠ Sending Out with the Good News

7:30 pm: *Go Tell It on the Mountain*  
11 pm: *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

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*Poinsettias are given to the glory of God and...*

in honor of  
**Neona Daugherty**  
**Corinne Bowater**  
by the Bowater Family

in honor of  
**Jack & Margaret Branham**  
**Steve Branham**  
by Lyn Branham

in honor of  
**David Russell**  
by Christina Clark

given by  
**the Goebel family**

in honor of  
**Ed and Mary Martin**  
by the Martin family

in honor of  
**Mary Ridings**  
by Amanda and Luke Ridings

in memory of  
**Madison Tuck Moore**  
**John and Ann Tuck**  
**Harold and Sally Holliday**  
by Phillip and Tressa Tuck

in memory of his father  
**Jerry Squires**  
by the Squires Family

in memory of  
**Bill Scott**  
by Susan and Jeremy Squires

in memory of  
**their grandmother**  
by the Wang family

In memory and honor of  
**Louise Grafton**  
**Linda Bowlin**  
**J. Pat Hickman**  
by Haley and Ben White



*Thanks for joining us on Christmas Eve.*

We know you had plenty of options for places to worship on Christmas Eve, and we're so honored that you chose Nolensville First United Methodist Church. We hope you have found something unique here.

If you'd like more information about our regular weekly programming, please visit our website or join our email newsletter for weekly announcements by signing up at the QR code:



*We wish you a merry Christmas.*

# GOD WITH US

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As we embark on a New Year let's join together in worship and prayer with our hearts focused on Immanuel, God with us, and our hopes for the coming year. Please join us for one service on **Sunday, 12/28 at 10 am.**

*Upcoming Sermon Series* | **Attitude Check in the New Year**



## **Do you need an attitude check to start the new year?**

Epiphany starts our year with a celebration of the light that was revealed to the world. That joyous recognition reminds us of the gift that incarnation made known to us and to all of creation. So, the question for the season that follows Epiphany is, so what?

What does that light do for us and to us, and what do we do because that light has been revealed to us? How are we going to let the light into the world in 2026? Maybe we need to an attitude adjustment as we stand in the promise of God revealed. How do we do that? **Join us in January to find out.**

There are children's bulletins at each entrance to the Sanctuary for them to use during worship.

Children are always welcome in our Sanctuary but we do have a nursery for infants through age 3 located on the second floor of the Education Wing. From the Sanctuary, exit by the door on the left side of altar area, turn right, and follow the "Nursery" signs.

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