

ANNOUNCEMENT'S

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH—TODAY

We will have Christmas Brunch on the second floor of the adult center. Please join us for good food and great fellowship!!

KIDZ CLUB CHRISTMAS CAROLING—TODAY

*Our Kidz Club will be roaming the streets, spreading Christmas cheer the old-fashioned way—by singing carols **today, December 14th from 4-6pm**. If you'd like them to swing by your house, please sign up in the church office.*

COMMUNITY BOOK CHAT

*We hope YOU will celebrate the advent season with us by reading *Miracles and Wonder—The Historical Mystery of Jesus* by Elaine Pagels. We will meet for a Christmas Tea and book chat **at The Bradshaw's at 11:30am this Tuesday, December 16th**. Check out the complete list of 2026 Community Book Chat dates and titles in the FMC December newsletter.*

CHOIR CONCERT

*You are invited to a Christmas Choir Concert by the Nacogdoches High School Choir on **Tuesday, December 16th at 6:00pm** in our Sanctuary. All are welcome to this free event.*

BELL CONCERT

*Fill the Season with Resounding Joy! *Vibrè*, a handbell quintet out of Tyler, will be playing a Christmas concert in our sanctuary at **2:00pm on Saturday, December 20th**. The Bells of First Methodist, our own Handbell Choir, will join them in that concert. Admission is free, but donations will always be gratefully accepted.*

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

*On **Wednesday, December 24th at 5pm**, we will gather in the Sanctuary to celebrate the birth of God's Son, our Savior, Jesus. Join us as we sing the carols of the season, receive the Sacrament of Communion, and light our candles, remembering that Jesus is the light of the world.*

COMBINED WORSHIP

*On **Sunday, December 28th**, we will have only one service at **10:00am** in the Sanctuary. There will be no Sunday School.*

BOOK DRIVE

*Community Book Chat is collecting **NEW, UNWRAPPED BOOKS (AGES 8-12)** for Rusk-Panola Children's Advocacy Center. We would love for you to join us in this advent giving event. Drop a book or two in the box outside the FMC Library.*

PLEDGE CARD UPDATE:

*58 Pledges \$380,046 which is 69% of the Budget
13 Capital Pledges \$20,750.00.*



First Methodist Church
Henderson, Texas



Joy in the Waiting

Isaiah 35:1-10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11

Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025

Here to Serve Your Walk with Christ Jesus

**Church 903.657.6588 Preschool 903.657.4881
Church Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 8am-4pm
204 N. Marshall Henderson, Texas 75652
www.fmchenderson.org**

Pastor—Rev. Mike Mayhugh

RECENT PRAYER REQUESTS:

*Family & Friends of Dan Kennedy;
Gloria Smith; Scott Lee; Stacy Strong*

Complete prayer lists are available in the office hallway.



Sharing God's Love & Peace

Joy (He Shall Reign)

Welcome and Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Walker Family

O Come (Let Us Adore)

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10, James 5:7-10,
Matthew 11:2-11

Prayer

Apostles' Creed

Children's Moment

Offering/Offertory

Noel

Sermon:

"Joy in the Waiting"

Call to Discipleship

Prayer Time at Altar

Joy (He Shall Reign)

Announcements and Benediction

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

17th Cammie Thrasher

18th Addison Eggert

19th Jimmy Sanders, Joel Hale,

Marilyn Ford

20th Lydia Wardle

THE APOSTLES' CREED

(Leader): *As followers of Jesus Christ let us use these historic words of The Apostles' Creed to proclaim the faith that directs our lives.*

(People): *I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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.

Ways to Give to FMC Henderson



By Mail

In Church Office

fmchenderson.org

By Automatic Draft



Traditional Worship

PROCESSIONAL PRELUDE

(please stand as the cross enters the sanctuary)

Then Shall Your Light Break Forth

French Advent carol/P. Harris

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

HYMN #238 (St. 1-3)

Angels We Have Heard on High

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Massengale Family

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881

The Apostles' Creed

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Isaiah 35:1-10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

RETURNING GOD'S TITHES AND GIVING OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Alleluia

arr. K. Christopher

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. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

PASTORAL PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #213

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

"Joy in the Waiting"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN #221 (St. 1,3 & 4)

In the Bleak Midwinter

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL POSTLUDE

(please be seated as the cross passes your pew)

What Star Is This?

Puer nobis/F. Ritter