

ANNOUNCEMENT'S

HANGING OF THE GREENS—Join us **TONIGHT**, for our annual Hanging of the Greens at **5:00pm in our Sanctuary**. Enjoy scripture and music as the church is transformed with Christmas greenery and candlelight. Reception to follow in the Parlor.

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE—CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY—Join us for a special One Worship Service **NEXT Sunday, December 7th at 10:00am** in our Sanctuary. Enjoy a special performance during our worship, as our children will perform a Christmas play. After worship, we will gather in the Great Hall for a covered dish luncheon. Bring your favorite dish.

BELL RINGERS—Bell ringing will begin Monday, November 17th and end Tuesday, December 23rd. Wal-Mart is the primary location, with shifts 2 hours long during the hours of 10am-6pm, Monday—Saturday. Please call or text Dora at (903)658-5028 to volunteer. Be sure to stop by and see the church staff on Tuesday, December 9th from 10am-noon on the grocery side.

ANGEL TREE—Our Angel Tree is up with Angels ready to be chosen. It is very important to remember to sign the Angel Tree information sheet when you select an Angel (Angels), and to mark each wrapped gift with the Angel number. Feel free to go in together with a friend (or a class) to ensure that each child gets what is on their list. All gifts are due by Sunday, December 7th.

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 on Tuesday, December 16th**. Check out the complete list of 2026 Community Book Chat dates and titles in the FMC December newsletter.

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 in the FMC Library.

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

We will have Christmas Brunch on **Sunday, December 14th, at 9:45am** on the second floor of the adult center. Bring a favorite Christmas goodie or two to share. Please join us for good food and great fellowship!!

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.

SHUT IN GIFTS READY TO BE DELIVERED

The Christmas gifts prepared for our shut-in members are now ready for delivery. These gifts may be picked up in the church office, where volunteers are asked to sign their names beside the recipients they will be delivering to. We welcome anyone who wishes to participate in this ministry, as it provides a meaningful opportunity to extend care and fellowship to those who are no longer able to attend services in person. Through this act of service, we share the love of Christ and bring joy during the holiday season.



First Methodist Church

Henderson, Texas



Wake Up

Matthew 24:36-44

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 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

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Pastor—Rev. Mike Mayhugh

RECENT PRAYER REQUESTS:

Family & Friends of Cathy Reaves

Complete prayer lists are available in the office hallway.



Sharing God's Love & Peace

Hark the Herald (King of Heaven)

Welcome and Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Emmanuel, God With Us

Scripture Reading

Matthew 24:36-44

Prayer

Apostles' Creed

Children's Moment

Offering/Offertory

Christmas Day

Sermon:

"Wake Up"

Call to Discipleship

Prayer Time at Altar

Hark the Herald (King of Heaven)

Announcements and Benediction

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

30th Patty Ryan
2nd Kyle Henderson
5th Mary Massengale,
Bob Minton

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)

Savior of the Nations, Come

J. Walter/P. Manz

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

HYMN #224

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Rousseau 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

Matthew 24:36-44

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

RETURNING GOD'S TITHES AND GIVING OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Carol of the Bells

arr. Wilhousky/Starling

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. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #237 (St.1-3)

Sing We Now of Christmas

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

"Wake Up"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN #242

Love Came Down at Christmas

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL POSTLUDE

(please be seated as the cross passes your pew)

Jesus, What a Wonderful Child

American Spiritual/M. Hayes