## Thank you for being part of our Christmas Eve Service.

Our Sunday Worship service is at 10:30 am.

Join us in 2026 as we study the Life of Jesus in 100 Days, beginning January 1.

This will include daily devotions as well as Sunday worship. Please pick up a booklet as you leave tonight for the first set of devotions.

Feel free to get your picture taken in front of our Christmas tree or manger scene. Costumes available, if you like.

## Centered in Worship, We Reach, Teach, Tend and Send

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**Worship Service and Music** 

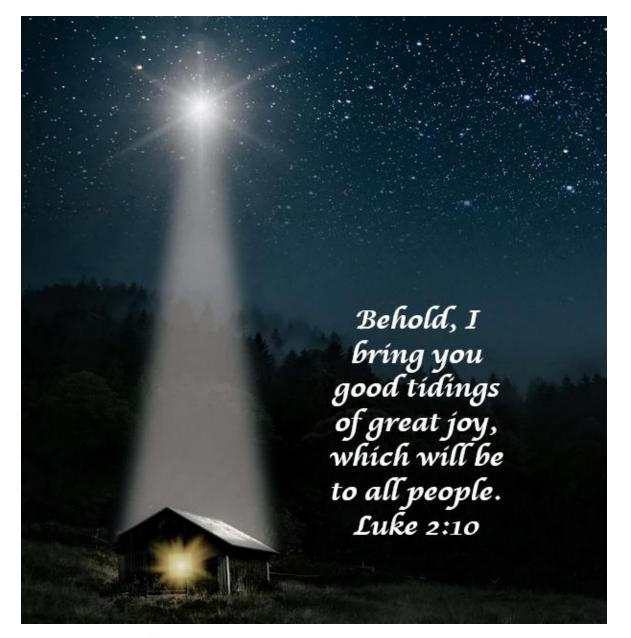
Rev. Misty Howick **Pastor** 

Jeffrey Conger **Director of Music**  Chaplain Kathy Norris

Jeffrey Conger, Sue Wilson, Scott South & Joanne Croft - Praise Team

Alex Lunardi Accompanist

**Pastoral Assistant** 





## Service of Scripture, Prayer and Music

December 24, 2025, 7:00 pm Christmas Eve

**Prelude** "Joy to the World" George Frideric Handel arr. James Koerts

Welcome/Announcements

**Call to Worship** 

Leader: Beloved, on this night, we gather to remember the story once again of God who came to dwell among us as a vulnerable baby.

People: We rejoice in the day that all the earth awaits.

Leader: We remember the stable, the animals, and the manger that witnessed the arrival of Emmanuel, God with us.

People: We rejoice in the day that all the earth awaits.

Leader: We recall the angels who announced the Messiah's birth to the shepherds, those most unlikely witnesses of God's glory.

People: We rejoice in the day that all the earth awaits.

Leader: We gather today as people of God's promise, witnesses to God's glorious presence among us in the vulnerable, forgotten, and tucked away places of the world.

People: We gather to rejoice in the day that all the earth awaits, the day that has already come and will yet be. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Adapted from Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, June 2025

**Advent Candle Lighting** 

Congregational Sung Response Advent Song TFWS 2090, v 5

\*Opening Carol Away in a Manger UMH 217

Offering

Offertory "Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)" Tomlin, Cash, Gilder Praise Team

\*Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 94

\*Offertory Prayer

Children's Message

Scripture Luke 2: 1-7, 15-20 Vicki Hunt, liturgist

Carol The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy TFWS 2098

Sermon Tucked Away Rev. Misty Howick

Call to Prayer "O Holy Night" Dwight & Adam

Jeffrey Conger, soloist

Affirmation of Faith UMH 883

**Prayer of Confession** 

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

TFWS 2278

Communion Music "O Holy Night with Silent Night" Adam & Gruber

arr. James Koerts

(Please raise your hand if you would like communion brought to you)

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** 

\*Closing Carols Silent Night UMH 239

Joy to the World

UMH 246

(Candles will be lit during Silent Night. Please hold the lit candle upright and tip the unlit candle into the flame. During Joy to the World, follow the choir and ushers to process out onto the patio with your candle, as you are able.)

\*Benediction

\*Postlude "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" Traditional English

arr. James Koerts

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand as you are able