

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
JANUARY 4, 2026 SERVICE TIME 11:00 AM

GATHERING

Greet others and prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

JOYS, CELEBRATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

Please be seated and prepare for worship with quiet meditation and prayer.

INTROIT

Bring a Gift of Love

CALL TO WORSHIP

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*HYMN 250

Once in Royal David's City

*OPENING PRAYER

*A MODERN AFFIRMATION 885

*GLORIA PATRI 70

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY 95

ANTHEM

What Child Is This

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

SCRIPTURE READING

The Word of God for the people of God.

Matthew 2:12-23

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Jesus the Refugee

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING 12

Please use the musical responses on page 17. Your generous offering left on the Communion rail goes to Local Missions, which assists those of our community in need.

*HYMN 249

There's a Song in the Air

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

*POSTLUDE

*Items in **Bold** are unison. Items with an asterisk (*) denote standing as you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MISSIONS DONATIONS: First Sunday of the month or the Sunday we share Holy Communion.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH: So sorry we had to cancel that Christmas Social in December but we're going to try for an "After Christmas Social" on Thursday, January 8 at 12:00 noon in the fellowship Hall. Please let Sharon Holder or Brenda Peake know if you plan to attend.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Coffee	Greeters	Children's Time	Children's Church
04-Jan	Bellamy/Smith	Hawkins	Communion	Antczak
11-Jan	Kruger	Brown/Auld	Millsap	Payne
18-Jan	Hofmann	Holders	Fortune	Pennington
25-Jan	Wright	Evans/Peake	Crabtree	Bontrager

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