

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

Matthew 2:12-23

The Word of God for the people of God.

**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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