

**RICHMOND UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

Rev. Dave Goss
First Sunday after Christmas
December 28, 2025
Service 10:00 AM

Welcome

Call to Worship

Come, let all who serve the Lord gather this day for worship.
**The Lord our God is great and all who would serve shall be
blessed.**

Yet God's call can mean times of stress and great danger.
We are willing to follow the Lord however we are called to serve.
So let us prepare to follow Christ as we sing and give praise to God.
Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Opening Song #217 “Away in a Manger”

Opening Prayer

**O God, some would have killed Jesus before Your message of love
had even been delivered, yet worldly intrigue is as nothing before
Your mighty throne. We give You praise, O Lord. In Christ we
pray. Amen.**

Gloria Patri

Children’s Message

Special Music

Prayer for Illumination:

**Gracious God, by the gift of your Holy Spirit
show us the Word made flesh—
good news of great joy for all—
so that we may sing with the angels:
glory in the highest and peace on earth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

First Lesson – Isaiah 63:7 – 9

Second Lesson – Matthew 2:13 – 23

Message “The Great Escape”

Time for Reflection

Statement of Faith #880

Prayer Chorus #397 “I Need Thee Every Hour”

**Pastoral Prayer–
Question: Do You Have Any Praises?**

The Lord’s Prayer – UMC Hymnal page 10

Announcements and Action Plans

Giving our Tithes and Offerings

**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.**

Closing Hymn #245 “ The First Noel” verses 1-3

Benediction

Benediction Response “May the Peace of the Lord Christ Go with
You”

PRAYER CONCERNS

***OUR COUNTRY – Our Military – PUMP**

People of Ukraine, Russia.

**Eileen Albert, Bill, Sue & Ted Emmons, Karen, Steven Clark, Joe,
Harry Abendroth, Angela Pinella, Renee Callie, Gail Evans.
Our Church Family - Victims of Natural Disasters and Abuse.**

FRIENDS AND FAMILY DEALING WITH CANCER

**Paula Kohl, Angela Lemmer, Debbie Crafa, Ed Wehmeyer
(Cousin), Tom Stark, Lisa Woodlee, Susan Wehmeyer,
Anna Diehl, John, Kristin, Renee A'Hearn, Larry McEwen,
Marilyn Monica, Jack Bel, Chris Sellers.**

**12/21/2025 Offering \$2,104.35, the amount to meet the
annual budget is \$1,710.67.**



**BIBLE STUDY.– Pastor is on vacation, no Bible Study Monday,
December 29th.**

**VACATION Pastor Peter is on vacation. Please welcome Pastor
Dave Goss who will lead worship today and be available for any
pastoral emergencies. Pastor Dave's Cell number is
(570) 556-9482.**

REFRESH – the next meeting is Sunday 1- 4-26, after worship.

**SUPPORT PUMP – We always need your financial support and
non-perishable food items Place any donations in the PUMP basket
in the Narthex. Thank you for the Christmas Gifts for PUMP
children.**

**CHILI -There are a few quarts of Chili (\$10 per quart) and quarts
of Pumpkin and Vanilla ice cream (\$10 per quart) in the freezer.**

**GRATEFUL BREAD MISSION- our next Safe Harbor Meal is
Tuesday, January 13- Group #2 recipes and pans in kitchen. The
Tin Bucket offering on the third Sunday of each month will be
designated for the purchase of some recipe components and
supplies for our Safe Harbor meals. Thank you for supporting our
mission to feed the hungry in our community.**