

Traditional Order of Worship		
8:00 a.m.		
Mission Moment	<i>Birthday Bash / Movie Matinee</i>	JoBeth Smith
Introduction of the Service		
Chiming of the Hour		
Lesson 1	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7	
Prelude	“Masters In This Hall”	Marin Marais; arr. Lorie Line
Bringing in the Light		
Lesson 2	John 1:1-5; 10-14	
The Waiting of Advent Litany		
Carol	“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”	UMH 211
Lesson 3	Jeremiah 23:5-6	
Lighting of the Advent Wreath	Luke 1:46-49	
Congregational Care		
The Lord’s Prayer		
Carol	“Away in a Manger”	UMH 217
Lesson 4	Luke 2:1-7	
Offertory Prayer		
Offertory	“Little Baby in a Manger”	Traci S. Law
Lesson 5	Luke 2:8-14	
Carol	“What Child Is This”	UMH 219
Lesson 6	Matthew 1:22-23	
Carol	“Joy to the World”	UMH 246
Lesson 7	John 1:10-14	
Benediction		
Taking the Light into the World		
Music for Going Forth	“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”	Johann Sebastian Bach
Worship Services:		
8:00am	Early Traditional Worship—Sanctuary	
9:15am	Sacred Encounters—Sanctuary (also live-streamed)	
11:00am	Traditional Worship—Sanctuary (also live-streamed)	
(Images of those participating in streamed worship may be visible in the live stream.)		
~ Nursery Care available during 9:15am and 11:00am services ~		
Sunday Class:		
10:30am	Christian Characters—Room 7 (<i>note room change <u>this week only</u></i>)	
Next Week’s Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25		
All Worship Services Today		
Thanks to our Audio/Video Media Team:		
All services: Joyce Stackhouse (video slides preparation)		
8:00am: Luke Jeffers (audio), Joyce Stackhouse (video projection)		
9:15am: John Jeffers (in-house audio), Jackson Prine (streaming audio), Ruth Kmiec (video projection), David Farley (streaming)		
11:00am: John Jeffers (in-house audio), Jackson Prine (streaming audio), David Farley (video projection), Luke Jeffers (streaming)		

FAIRFIELD GLADE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH		
December 14, 2025		
Third Sunday of Advent		
<i>Living and Loving like Christ</i>		
Sacred Encounters		
Contemporary Order of Worship		
9:15 a.m.		
Jammin' For Jesus!		
Mission Moment	<i>Birthday Bash / Movie Matinee</i>	JoBeth Smith
Introduction of the Service		
Lesson 1	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7	
Lesson 2	John 1:1-5; 10-14	
The Waiting of Advent Litany		
Carol	"Jesus, Light of the World"	Ken Bible, George D. Elderkin
Carol	"O Come, O Come"	
	Barry Graul, Bart Millard, Ben Shive, Brown Bannister, Mike Scheuchzer, Nathan Cochran, Robby Shaffer	
Carol	"Love Has Come"	Ken Bible
Congregational Care		
Lesson 3	Jeremiah 23:5-6	
Lighting of the Advent Wreath	Luke 1:46-49	
Carol	"Like a Child"	Daniel Charles Damon
Carol	"Bethlehem"	Marilyn E. Thornton
Lesson 4	Luke 2:1-7	
Carol	"Angels, from the Realms of Glory / Emmanuel"	
	James Montgomery, Henry T Smart, Brenton Brown, Paul Baloche	
Carol	"Come and See What's Happenin'"	
	Gloria Gaither, Michael Sykes, William J. Gaither, Woody Wright	
Lesson 5	Luke 2:8-14	
Special Music	"Noel"	Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Matt Redman
Great Thanksgiving		
The Lord's Prayer		
Holy Communion		
Time of Meditation	"Noel"	
Lesson 6	Matthew 1:22-23	
Lesson 7	John 1:10-14	
Carol	"Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"	
	Adger McDavid Pace, R. Fisher Boy	
Benediction		
Amen!		
Sacred Encounters Worship Today		
Thanks to our Praise Band:		
David Odeggaard (bass guitar), Annetta Deck (keys), Wade England (drums), Luke Jeffers (guitar), Nancy Winn (vocals)		

Traditional Order of Worship		
11:00 a.m.		
Mission Moment	<i>Birthday Bash / Movie Matinee</i>	JoBeth Smith
Introduction of the Service		
Chiming of the Hour		
Lesson 1	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7	
Prelude	“Masters In This Hall”	Marin Marais; arr. Lorie Line
Bringing in the Light		
Lesson 2	John 1:1-5; 10-14	
Choral Introit	“Angels We Have Heard on High”	French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes
The Waiting of Advent Litany		
Carol	“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”	UMH 211
Lesson 3	Jeremiah 23:5-6	
Choral Anthem	“A Child is Born”	Benjamin Harlan
Lighting of the Advent Wreath	Luke 1:46-49	
Congregational Care		
The Lord’s Prayer		
Carol	“Away in a Manger”	UMH 217
Lesson 4	Luke 2:1-7	
Offertory Prayer		
Offertory	“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”	arr. Barbara Balzer Kinyon
	Handbell Choir	
Lesson 5	Luke 2:8-14	
Choral Anthem	“The Shepherd’s Noel”	Issac Watts; arr. John Purifoy
Lesson 6	Matthew 1:22-23	
Carol	“Joy to the World”	UMH 246
Lesson 7	John 1:10-14	
Choral Anthem	“Noel”	Ed Cash, Matt Redman, Chris Tomlin
	Nancy Winn, soloist	
Benediction		
Choral Benediction	“The Birthday of a King”	William Harold Neidlinger; arr. Robert F. Douglas
Taking the Light into the World		
Music for Going Forth	“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”	Johann Sebastian Bach
Traditional Worship Today		
8:00am & 11:00am: Sylvia Schneider, pianist		
Special thanks to Nancy Winn for sharing her gift of music in today’s worship service.		
Sermon Notes:		

Opportunities/Announcements

Cookies Needed: We are running low on cookies for Sunday Fellowship and we are requesting homemade or store-bought cookies from the congregation. Please leave your baked donations in the kitchen on Sunday mornings. Also, remember to join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and cookies after worship services or Sunday School.

Birthday Bash! Join us in Fellowship Hall after the 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services today. We will have cake and punch for members and guests that have birthdays in December to celebrate their special day!

Poinsettias will be part of our Christmas décor again this year. You can donate \$15.00 per plant in memory of, in honor of, or in celebration of... Order forms are available on the table in the Narthex. Please make you check payable to the church with Poinsettia on the memo line, attach your payment to your order form, then put both in the manila envelope (provided). Today is the last day to order. Plants can be picked up after worship service on Christmas Eve or Sunday, December 28.

The Compassionate Friends will be holding their Worldwide Candle Lighting Service tonight at 6:30 p.m. in our Sanctuary. As candles are lit at 7:00 p.m. local time, hundreds of thousands of persons commemorate and honor the memory of all children gone too soon. This special service is open to anyone who has lost a loved one. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Saferite at 931-287-0042.

Movie Matinee: Gather together with friends and family in Fellowship Hall on Monday, December 15, from 2:00-4:30 p.m. as we share the holiday classic, *It's a Wonderful Life*. We will have hot chocolate, homemade cookies, and of course popcorn. Bring a friend or neighbor, a cozy blanket to curl up in, and a comfy lawn chair. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Remember to pick up your ticket when you sign up.

Christmas Eve Worship Service will be held in our Sanctuary at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 24. This service of Carols, Communion, and Candlelight will culminate in the celebration of Holy Communion and the lighting of candles as we sing “Silent Night.” Plan on attending this special time of worship during this holy season.

Missing Books: If you borrowed a United Women in Faith book and have finished reading it, please return it to the red cart that is located in our Library. Please contact Billie Mitchell with any questions (billiejmitchell25@gmail.com or 217-246-5750).

New Sunday School Class, taught by Dennis Odelius, will begin on Sunday, January 4, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 7. The initial curriculum will focus on the book of Romans. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

Bible Study Tech will begin a new study on Monday, January 5, 2026: *Luke in the Land: Walking with Jesus in His First-Century World* by Kristi McLelland. This is a seven-week study and will meet every Monday from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the Friendship Room and Room 7 through February 16. To preregister, please contact Christina Watson (watsoncc@comcast.net) or Barb DesBiens (931-210-8590).

Small Groups, Bible Studies, Committee Meetings Week of December 14	
SUNDAY, 12/14/25 8:45am December Birthdays Celebration 10:30am Christian Characters SS Class 6:30pm TCF Candle Lighting Service	WEDNESDAY, 12/17/25 9:00am Christmas Angel Gifts Sorting 12:00pm Pine View 1st Graders Christmas Party 1:30pm Small Group Study 4:00pm Finance Committee Meeting 4:00pm Handbells Rehearsal 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal
MONDAY, 12/15/25 8:00am Men’s Breakfast 9:30am Chair Yoga 11:30am Church Staff Christmas Luncheon OFFICE CLOSED UNTIL 1:30PM 2:00pm Movie Matinee 4:30pm Advent Study	THURSDAY, 12/18/25 8:30am Crab Orchard 1st Graders Christmas Party 9:00am Men’s Bible Study 9:30am Chair Yoga 10:00am Women’s Book Club 2:00pm Stephen Ministry 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal
TUESDAY, 12/16/25 10:00am Pastor Consultations 12:00pm High Noon Sisters 12:00pm Ladies Game Day 1:30pm Susanna Wesley Circle	FRIDAY, 12/19/25 12:00pm Ladies Game Day

Congregational Care

Cumberland House Hospice: Derith Skipworth

Bledsoe County Nursing Home, Pikeville, TN: Dean Kanuckel

Dominion Senior Living: Sharon Meyer, Marilyn Orr

Holiday Lake Shore Commons, Wilmington, NC: JoAnn Mintz

Morning Pointe of Lenoir City: Joy Morrison

NHC Place at Cool Springs, Franklin, TN: Tom Smith

Preserve: Peggy Orr, Kathie Sampson

Uplands Village: Mary Nell Benson, Wilma Roth

At home: Sue Armstrong, Sandra Ashmore, Phyllis Betz, Linda Bowman, Les Cecil, Richard Comshaw, C.C. Duff, Judy Flinn, Larry Gagnon, Suzanne Gill, Karen Gundy, Janet Hadd, Vern Hotchkiss, Dennis Jones, Donna Klippel, Fred Kirchner, Jim Kubacki, Bill Lapiska, Barb Leach, Diane Mallard, Lois McMorran, Barbara & Jim Mercer, Sid Miller, Gail Murray, Joe O’Neal, Pat Olsen, Carol Pontius, Bonnie Richter, Dawn Robb, Bob Roberts, Ron Roberts, Jim Rowe, Babs & Ed Sanders, Larry Schroth, Sharon Shallcross, Kurt Smith, Nancy Dralle Smith, John Snyder, Phyllis Stone, Gary Storer, Betty Sweborg, Rodney Todd, Sue Torrey, Otis Truxton, Louie Weatherford (on hospice care), Roger Wolter

Please remember all of our homebound members in prayer. Also, please continue to keep the brave and proud people in your prayers where war continues to rage.

Recent Surgeries and Procedures: Shirley Justin


Upcoming Surgeries and Procedures: None known


Christian Condolences to:

- † Gene Lowe and family, on the death of his wife, Marilyn Bazley-Lowe, who died on Friday, December 5. A private service was held at our Columbarium on December 10.
- † Margaret Beamer, on the death of her brother, Dick.

For Pastoral Care this week, please call:
Rev. Lanita Monroe (931) 200-1981
Rev. Connie Hall (931) 303-1449
Pastor Matt McClanahan (931) 210-8674

Ways to Give:

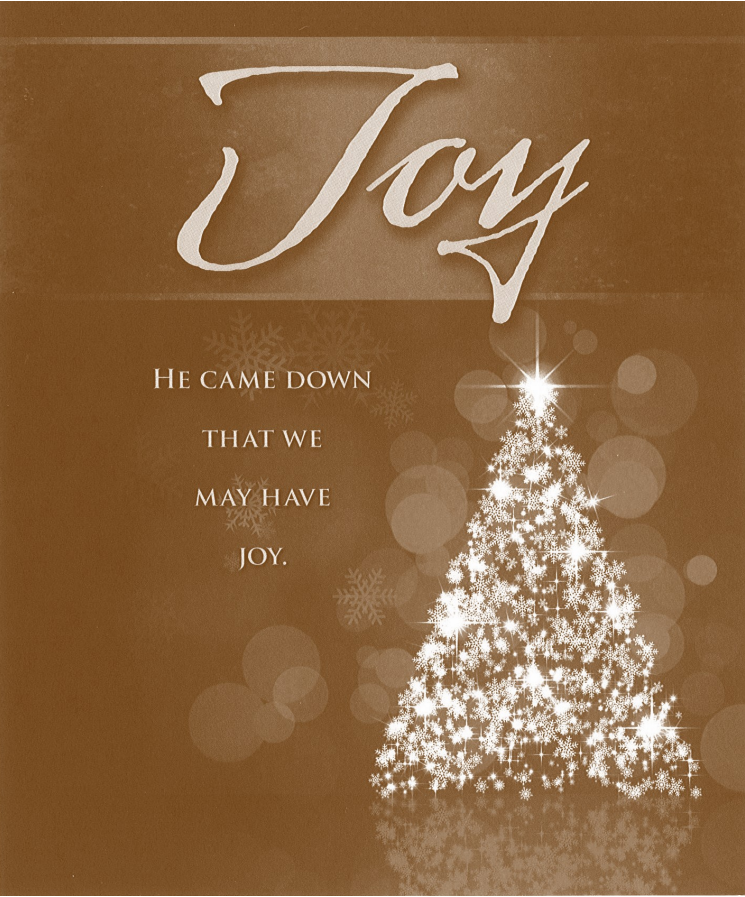
ENVELOPE—Check, cash

ONLINE—www.ffgumc.org/give

Christmas Eve Offering: The premise of the Heifer International organization is to provide animals to places where the animal can do the most good – a water buffalo is a farm animal; a rabbit is both meat and provides fertilizer for gardens; guinea pigs are a meat source in South America; bees are pollinators and provide honey which can be sold, etc. \$5,000 would provide “an ark” of animals to be sent out around the world. Let’s try to raise enough this Christmas to send an ark to the world.

Pastors and Staff Christmas Gift: The Staff/Parish Relations Committee has announced the opportunity for the congregation to recognize our pastors and staff with a special gift at Christmas. If you wish to take part in this recognition, please mark your check or envelope “Staff Christmas Gift,” and have it to the church office no later than 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 31.

Year-End Contribution Notice: The church office will close at noon on Wednesday, December 31, 2025 and will remain closed until Friday, January 2, 2026, in observance of New Year’s. Hand-delivered donations must be received in the church office no later than 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 31, or postmarked by December 31, 2025, in order to be counted toward 2025. It does not matter what date is written on the check. Per IRS rules, donations received via US mail must be postmarked in 2025 in order to be counted as 2025 contributions. All contributions received after these posted times will be counted toward 2026.



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