

FAIRFIELD GLADE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
December 7, 2025
Second Sunday of Advent

Living and Loving like Christ

Traditional Order of Worship
8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Chiming of the Hour (11am)		
Prelude (8am)	“A La Nanita Nana”	arr. Lorie Line
Processional (11am)	“Ding Dong Merrily on High”	French Carol; arr. Joanne LeDoux
Bringing in the Light		
Greeting and Announcements		
Mission Moments:		
The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting Service Explore		Sharon Saferite Tom Morrison
Choral Introit (11am)	“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”	
Text: Latin Hymn; translated by John M. Neale; Music: adapted from Plainsong by Thomas Helmore		
Hymn	“In the Bleak Midwinter”	UMH 221
Lighting of the Advent Wreath		
Psalter	Psalm 133	UMH 850
Gloria Patri		
Congregational Care		
Offertory Hymn	“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”	UMH 218
Offertory Prayer		
Offertory (8am)	“Dona Nobis Pacem”	arr. Jacob Schmeltzer
Offertory (11am)	“Silent Night”	arr. Jay Rouse
Special Music	“Peace on Earth” / “Little Drummer Boy”	
Rusty McClanahan & Bruce Williams, vocalists Fraser, Onorati, Grossman, Davis, Simeone		
Scripture	Isaiah 11:1-10	
Sermon		Matt McClanahan
Great Thanksgiving		
The Lord’s Prayer		
Holy Communion	“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”	arr. Raluca Bojor
Hymn	“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”	UMH 196
Benediction		
Choral Benediction (11am)	“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”	Peter Lutkin
Taking the Light into the World		
Music for Going Forth (8am)	“Put Peace into Each Other’s Hands”	Irish Melody; arr. Joel Raney
Music for Going Forth (11am)	“We Three Kings of Orient Are”	John H. Hopkins, Jr.; arr. Joel Raney



Welcome to our guests!
Please join us in Fellowship Hall after worship
for coffee and cookies.

Opportunities/Announcements

Mitten Tree: Today is the last day to decorate our Mitten Tree with your gifts of new mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves for local children. We provide hats and mittens for Pre-K and Kindergarten age children at Pine View and Crab Orchard elementary schools during their annual Christmas parties. Donations of all sizes are shared with Bread of Life, Avalon Center, and local ministries in need. You may contact Diana Graf with any questions at 847-530-3800.

Cumberland County Community Chorus will present their free Christmas Concert, *A Nostalgic Christmas*, in our Sanctuary today at 3:00 p.m.

United Women in Faith—All women are invited to the Annual Christmas Potluck with United Women in Faith! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 10 at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall and join them for a morning filled with laughter, fellowship, and holiday cheer! Their Annual Christmas Potluck is the perfect way to celebrate the season—and this year promises to be extra special. They'll have entertainment: Enjoy a delightful performance by David Garrison! There will be food: Bring your favorite dish to share and savor a festive feast with friends. New This Year: They're collecting children's books (new or gently used!) to support the Art Circle Public Library's brand-new Book Bus—a wonderful way to spread joy beyond our walls. Be sure to sign up at the table in the Narthex. They can't wait to celebrate the season with you! For more information, please call Karen Saunders at 401-603-8454.

Game Night: Come enjoy playing games on Thursday, December 11, at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a snack to share.

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). Deadline to order is Sunday, December 14. 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 on Sunday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m. in our Sanctuary. This service will unite family and friends around the globe as candles are lit for one hour to commemorate and honor the memories of the sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, and grandchildren who left too soon but are not forgotten. 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 on Wednesday, December 24, at 4:00 p.m. 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.

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 at 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the Friendship Room and Room 7 through February 16. To preregister for this study, please contact Christina Watson (watsoncc@comcast.net) or Barb DesBiens (931-210-8590).

Congregational Care

- Cumberland Medical Center:** Jim Rowe
Cumberland House Hospice: Marilyn Bazley-Lowe, 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, Shirley Justin, 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, Dawn Robb, Bob Roberts, Ron Roberts, 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: None known

Upcoming Surgeries and Procedures: None known

Christian Condolences to:

† Earl and Diana Rigg, on the death of his sister-in-law, Laura.

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:



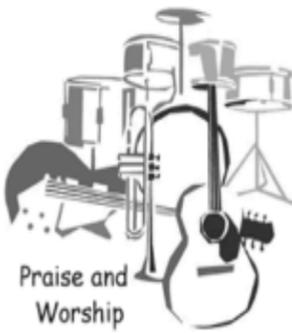
ENVELOPE—Check, cash



ONLINE—www.ffgumc.org/give

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.



Sacred Encounters

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Praise and Worship

Contemporary Order of Worship—9:15 a.m.

Jammin' For Jesus!
 Greeting and Announcements
 Mission Moments:
 The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting Service Sharon Saferite
 Explore Tom Morrison
 Gathering
 "Forever" Chris Tomlin
 "Always Only Jesus" Barry Graul, Bart Millard, Jess Cates, Jordan Mohilowski,
 Mike Scheuchzer, Nathan Cochran, Robby Shaffer
 "Shout to the Lord" Darlene Zschech
 Congregational Care
 "Spirit Song" John Wimber
 "Blessed Be the Name of the Lord" Don Moen
 Special Music "O Come, O Come"
 Barry Graul, Bart Millard, Ben Shive, Brown Bannister,
 Mike Scheuchzer, Nathan Cochran, Robby Shaffer
 Scripture Isaiah 11:1-10
 Sermon Matt McClanahan
 Great Thanksgiving
 The Lord's Prayer
 Holy Communion
 Time of Meditation "O Come, O Come"
 Closing Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
 Text: Latin Hymn; ascribed to John Francis Wade; translated by Frederick Oakeley
 Music: John Francis Wade; Last refrain setting, Descant and Choral ending by Tom Fetke
 Benediction
 Amen!

Sacred Encounters Worship Today

Thanks to our **Praise Band**:
 David Odegaard (bass guitar), Annetta Deck (keys),
 Wade England (drums), Luke Jeffers (guitar), Nancy Winn (vocals)

Traditional Worship Today

8:00am: Sylvia Schneider, pianist
 11:00am: Lesley Morrison, organist; Sylvia Schneider, pianist
 Special thanks to Rusty McClanahan and Bruce Williams
 for sharing their gifts of music in today's worship services.

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—Friendship Room

Next Week's Worship Service:

Lessons and Carols

Small Groups, Bible Studies, Committee Meetings Week of December 7

SUNDAY, 12/07/25 10:30am.....Christian Characters SS Class 3:00on..... CCCC Christmas Concert MONDAY, 12/08/25 8:00am..... Men's Breakfast 9:30am..... Chair Yoga 1:30pm.....Bible Study Tech 3:00pm..... Trustees Meeting 4:00pm.....Advent Study TUESDAY, 12/09/25 10:00am..... Mitten Tree Sorting 12:00pm.....High Noon Sisters 12:00pm.....Ladies Game Day	WEDNESDAY, 12/10/25 9:15am UWF Christmas Potluck 1:00pm Servant Ministry Meeting 1:30pm Small Group Study 4:00pmHandbells Rehearsal 5:30pmChoir Rehearsal THURSDAY, 12/11/25 9:00am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Chair Yoga 1:00pm Sager Brown Mission Team Meeting 5:30pm Game Night 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal FRIDAY, 12/12/25 12:00pm Ladies Game Day
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All Worship Services Today

Thanks to our **Audio/Video Media Team**:

8:00am: Kathie Hillner (audio)
 9:15am, 11:00am: David Farley (video slides preparation)
 9:15am: Jackson Prine (in-house audio), John Jeffers (streaming audio),
 John Hamm (video projection), David Farley (streaming)
 11:00am: Jackson Prine (in-house audio), John Jeffers (streaming audio),
 Mary Runfeldt (video projection), Luke Jeffers (streaming)

Thanks also to our **Behind-the-Scenes Staff**

whose efforts help make Sunday worship possible:

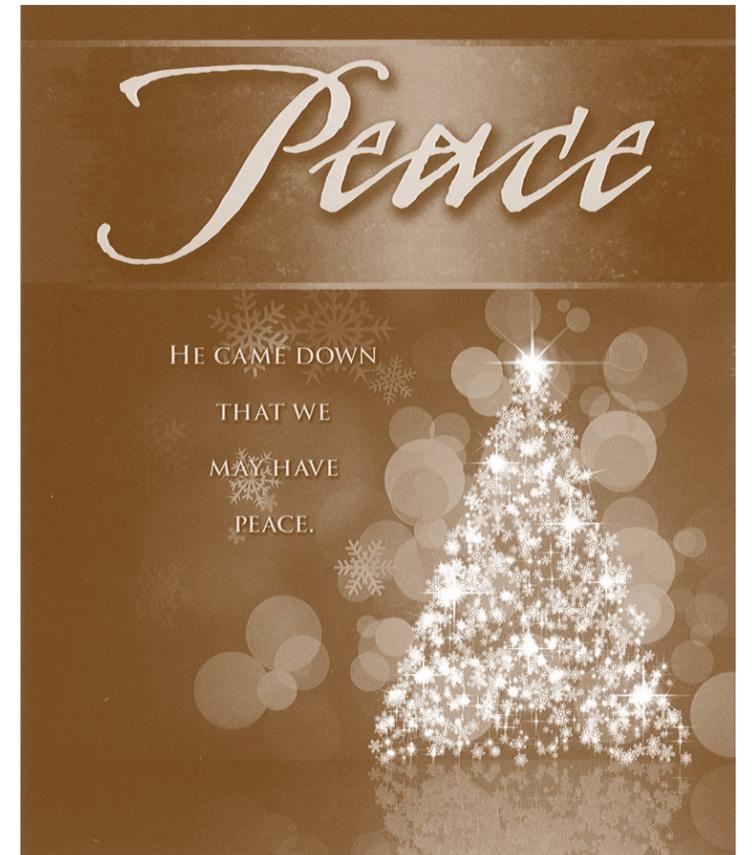
Ruth Kmiec (bulletins), JoBeth Smith (hospitality), Lisa Williams (membership),
 Scott Lybarger (facility), Martha Waldo (custodian), Ruth Nelson (nursery)

CONTACT INFO

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