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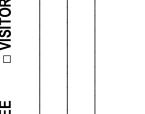
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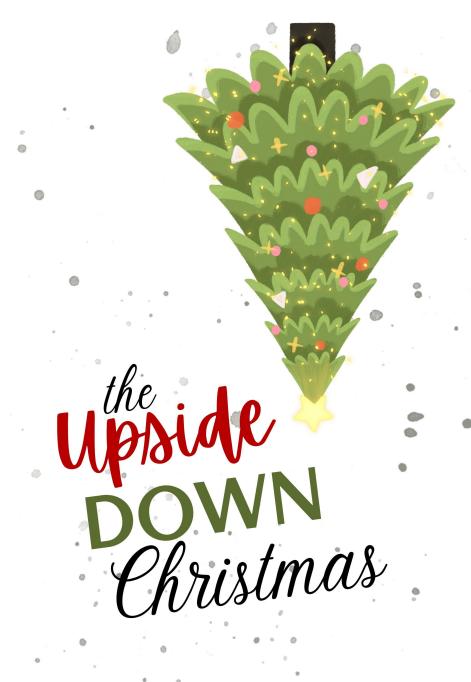
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Church Wide Christmas Celebration TODAY | 5PM UNREHEARSED PAGEANT WITH CHRISTMAS CAROLS **EVERYONE PARTICIPATES** Our children are invited to play a part in the pageant; the audience will join in for singing PIZZA & FELLOWSHIP Stay after for dinner and fellowship.







FIRST METHODIST CHURCH CLOVIS December 14, 2025 | 3rd Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE Alison Brown, piano

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

Johann Schop/harmony by J.S. Bach/arr. Cindy Berry

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jeb Archey

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Emmanuel, Emmanuel (2x)

Howalt Family UMH #204

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mindy Sena

Leader: We come to share together to celebrate the God who is

present amongst us.

People: The Lord our God is our strength and song,

and is even now our salvation.

Leader: We come to share together to celebrate with all the world,

that the Lord is God.

People: With joy we gather around God's fountain of grace to

be refreshed and renewed.

Leader: We come to share together to celebrate with songs of praise

and joy for the Lord our God's eternal presence is forever

amongst and with us, and all peoples.

People: We sing with joy: Thank the Lord, our Mighty God!

Praise God's holy name! Amen.

*HYMN Hail to the Lord's Anointed UMH #203

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Mindy Sena

I believe in the spirit of Christmas, for it is the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose birth it celebrates;

I believe in the light of Christmas, for they remind me of Him who is the Light of the world;

I believe in the greenery of Christmas, for it symbolizes the eternal life of those in Christ;

I believe in giving gifts at Christmas, for it is in keeping with the greatest gift the world has ever known;

I believe in being childlike at Christmas, for Jesus said we must become as children to enter the Kingdom of Heaven;

And I believe in the angels' song about peace on earth among persons of good will, for when my will is good, as it is at Christmas, I feel a peace and joy in my heart that is unlike anything else in all the world. It has to be the peace and joy of God! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI UMH #70

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME Cindy Osburn

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Jeb Archey

*HYMN Away In a Manger UMH #218

***SCRIPTURE** Luke 2:8-20 Rev. Jeb Archey

The Word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Advent Echo Carol Chancel Choir

Words and Music by Mary Kay Beall

SERMON The Upside Down Christmas Rev. Jeb Archey

Rejecting Joy

TITHES AND OFFERINGS Rev. Jeb Archey

OFFERTORY Alison Brown, piano

The Coventry Carol with Away in a Manger Traditional English Carol | James R. Murray/arr. Cindy Berry

*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

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!

*HYMN Good Christian Friends, Rejoice UMH #224

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Jeb Archey

POSTLUDE Alison Brown, piano

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Old German Carol | arr. Eugenie R. Rocherolle

*you are invited to stand as able



WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:

Liturgist: Mindy Sena **Pianist:** Alison Brown

Children's Time: Cindy Osburn

Ushers/Greeters: Youth Acolytes: Jackson, Jace

Sound/Media: MaryNell Urban, Greg Jennings, Calvin DeWitt,

Noah Edwards

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45—11:30AM AGES 4—ADULT

NURSERY CARE

The nursery is open Sunday mornings for children birth to preschool. Our nursery is located in the north/education wing.

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