



Clearview
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



December 22, 2024

9:30 am Worship • Sanctuary & Online

WORSHIP GUIDE

WELCOME

Welcome to Clearview United Methodist Church. Each and every week we look forward to this time to gather as a community. We are glad YOU are here today with us!

You can use this worship guide to help lead through worship and throughout the week. We truly hope you enjoy your time here this morning and hope you return soon.

Some logistics you may find helpful:

- Masks are **OPTIONAL** on campus.
- Worship runs about an hour and fifteen minutes, sometimes a bit shorter & sometimes a bit longer.
- Grab a nametag from the table in the East Wing. If you are a guest, our Hospitality Team will happily make one for you.
- Childcare is available for non-school-aged children (infants through 4 years) in Room #10. Children in Grades K through 5 are invited to worship until after the Children's Moment and then can go to Sunday School in Room 11.
 - Help us create the best learning environment we can by leaving toys at home. Snacks for younger children are ok, but should not be brought for elementary aged children.
 - Please encourage your child(ren) to use the restroom before church starts.
- Busy bags are available for children (or adults) who would like to keep their hands busy during the worship service.
- A restroom is in the Care & Share Room to the right of the front of the Sanctuary. Additional restrooms are outside in the courtyard.
- Prayer Cards are available in the pew before you and at all entrances. Please place your prayer card in the offering plate or a prayer box. It is our joy and privilege to be praying with and for you.
- We have several ways you can give financially to support the mission of Clearview.
 1. Place cash/check in the offering plate/boxes or mail to the church.
 2. Text any amount to (727) 513-5557.
 3. Visit clearviewumc.org/give.
 4. Use your bank's bill payer system.
- For more information, visit our website (clearviewumc.org).

OUR MISSION

This is the reason we exist as a church:

Living an embodied faith, sharing God's love for all.

OUR VALUES

These concepts define who we are, what we are committed to, and how we participate in community together: We are...

Caring and Compassionate

Serving-focused

Community-focused

Kingdom-minded

Open-minded

Team-based

Innovative

OUR RHYTHM OF LIFE & TRANSFORMATION

This rhythm moves us toward individual and communal transformation:

Look Up to God • **Look In** to Ourselves • **Look Out** to our community

OUR VISION

How we see God's preferred future lived out:

God's love reaches Saint Petersburg and beyond.

HOW IT ALL WORKS TOGETHER

As we are *living an embodied faith, sharing God's love for all*,

being guided by our *values*,

and becoming people who *Look Up, Look In and Look Out*,

the Holy Spirit will fulfill the vision where,

God's love reaches Saint Petersburg and beyond.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal • TFWS: The Faith We Sing • *please stand as you are able*

WE GATHER

WELCOME & *CALL TO WORSHIP

***WORSHIP MUSIC**

God With Us (Emmanuel)

O Little Town of Bethlehem – UMH #230

WE PROCLAIM

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Children's Sunday School Team

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel – UMH #211

PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer – UMH #895

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***WORSHIP MUSIC**

Lo, How A Rose E're Blooming – UMH #216

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:6-7 CEB

MESSAGE

Peace

WE RESPOND

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Let There Be Peace On Earth – UMH #431

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow – UMH #95

WE GO OUT

SPECIAL MUSIC

***BENEDICTION**

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER GUIDE

Sunday • Dec 22	Humanitarian Crises: Middle East, Haiti & Africa
Monday • Dec 23	Victims of the War in Ukraine
Tuesday • Dec 24	Victims of Israel, Lebanon, Iran and Syria Conflicts
Wednesday • Dec 25	Victims of Another School Shooting - Madison, Wisconsin
Thursday • Dec 26	Victims of Cyclone Chido
Friday • Dec 27	Victims of Flooding, Wildfires & Landslides Worldwide
Saturday • Dec 28	Victims of 2-day Bombardments in Sudan

New Dec 22nd: John Holl, recent health episode-prayers for good diagnosis, treatment and healing (K. Burdewick); Baby Aaron & Violet Kuhn and their mom, Codee, all ill with the flu-prayers for comfort and a very speedy recovery (C. Gilbert); Sarah and Dave-prayers for their marriage (K. Burdewick); Theresa, prayers for what would have been son, Henry's birthday on 12/15 (very good friend-E. Pierce).

New Dec 15th: Amy (18 yo), being treated for cancer-prayers for recovery and comfort (extended family-E. Holmes); Ruth Hockersmith, prayers for recovery from recent illness; Wen Hockersmith, prayers for his recovery from recent fall, he is still in Gulf Shore Rehab in Pinellas Park; Elizabeth Holmes-prayers for upcoming tests to be negative; Robison Family, have lost several close family members recently-prayers for peace and comfort (E. Pierce); George Roth, hospitalized due to AFib-prayers for medications and procedures prescribed to return his health (J. Goude); Lucy Roth, fell on ice face first and has loose teeth-prayers for healing (granddaughter-J. Goude); Wysocki Family, condolences and prayers for comfort and peace after the passing of Baby Blaire (E. Pierce).

Ongoing: Sue & Virginia Atkins, Barb Bartlet, Eileen Bennett, Roberta "Bert" Bent Family, Chris Benware, Michael Benware, Elaine Billings, Billy, Mason Burdewick, Jean Daddis, Harry Davis, Tim Deacon, Deb & Ray, Genevieve DeHoog, Harry & Kevin Delauter, Ethel Disney, Robert Eldred, Michael Ewen, Beverly Fraser Family; Patricia Gagnon, Phyllis Greenwood, Brian Hamilton, Brenda Harris, Eric Hinkle, Rycky Hollimon, Kay Judd, Kourtney, Mike, Carolyn McGovern, Sandy Morneault, Almalina Newman, Rosemary Norton, Kirsten Owens, James Persinger, Ray Phalen, Karen Klotzbach-Piper, Nancy Plato, Tammi Radcliff, Matt Strid, Kimberly Torre, Matthew Torre, Lynda Waite, All School Teachers, Staff and Students, Pastor Erick Ashley & Family, Clearview UMC & Leadership, our country and leaders.

Our Mission Partners: Our sister church in Cuba: Iglesia Metodista de Guareiras – Matanzas Cuba District; FL Dream Center; Florida United Methodist Children's Home, Zoe Empowers Abishyizehamwe "Togetherness" Group in Rwanda.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CLEARVIEW?

Community Dinner, TODAY!

Join us on TODAY, from 5 to 6:30 pm, for a delicious holiday meal featuring ham and all the holiday fixins! This is a time to gather, enjoy great food, and celebrate the season with all our neighbors and friends. All are welcome—bring your family and friends! We can't wait to share this special meal with you.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service

You are warmly invited to our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship** on Tuesday evening, Dec 24 at 7 pm, as we celebrate the birth of Christ with the beloved Christmas story and timeless carols. This sacred evening will be filled with **scripture readings, music, and the gentle glow of candlelight**, reminding us of the hope and light Christ brings into the world.

Come and share in this **beautiful tradition** as we sing familiar carols, hear the story of Jesus' birth, and reflect on the meaning of Christmas. Bring your family, friends, and hearts ready for worship as we welcome the light of Christ into our lives and homes.

Annual Toy Drive: Bring Joy This Christmas!

Join us in making the season brighter for children in the Lealman area! We are collecting *new, unwrapped toys* for our annual toy drive in partnership with The Florida Dream Center, Police Athletic League (PAL) Pinellas, and the Lealman Fire District. See the flyer for detailed gift suggestions.

Donations can be received through **Sunday, December 22**. Let's share God's love and hope with our community this Christmas. Thank you for your generosity! And remember, cash donations are always welcome.

St. Augustine Pilgrimage: Jan 24-25

We moved the dates to Friday and Saturday because of the Community Dinner on Jan 26. Join leaders Revs. David Williamson and Laverne March, members from Clearview and Gulfport, and Pastors Tracie and Erick for a two-day pilgrimage to historic St. Augustine, exploring antiracism as a vital part of Christian discipleship. Through scripture, group learning, and reflection, we'll address exclusion and build strategies for change in ourselves, our church, and our community. We will also enjoy the St. Augustine Night of Lights. Please sign up if you are interested in learning more. Details and pricing coming soon!

Monday Night BS Group

The Monday Night BS Group will take a break for the holidays on Dec 23 & 30. The group will meet again on Monday, Jan 6, at 6:45 pm.

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, DEC 22 – *Christmas at the Movies with It's a Wonderful Life*

- **Worship**, 9:30 am – Sanctuary & Online
- **Nursery (Infants-PK4)**, 9:30 am – Room 10
- **Children's Sunday School (Grades K-5)**, 10 am – Room 11
- **Coffee & Conversation**, 10:45ish am – Care & Share Room
- **FREE Holiday Themed Community Dinner**, 5-6:30 pm – Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, DEC 23

- **Boy Scout Troop #334**, 6 pm – Scout House & Pavilion
- **CANCELED FOR HOLIDAYS - Monday Night BS**, 6:45 pm – Care & Share Room
- **Alcoholics Anonymous (Gratitude)**, 8 pm – Fellowship Hall & Room 11

TUESDAY, DEC 24

- **OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS**
- **Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship**, 7 pm – Sanctuary & Online
- **Alcoholics Anonymous (Fe y Esperanza)**, 8 pm – Module #31
- **Alcoholics Anonymous (Recovery Begins)**, 8 pm – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, DEC 25

- **OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS**

THURSDAY, DEC 26

- **OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS**
- **Alcoholics Anonymous (Serenity, Back to the 40s)**, 11 am – Module #31
- **Alcoholics Anonymous (A Clear View to the Big Book)**, 7:30 pm – Module #32

FRIDAY, DEC 27

- **Alcoholics Anonymous (Fe y Esperanza)**, 8 pm – Module #31

SATURDAY, DEC 28

- **Adopt-A-Block Food Distribution**, 9 am – Pavilion & Field

SUNDAY, DEC 29 – *Wesleyan Covenant Renewal Worship Service*

- **Worship**, 9:30 am – Sanctuary & Online
- **Nursery (Infants-PK4)**, 9:30 am – Room 10
- **Children's Sunday School (Grades K-5)**, 10 am – Room 11
- **CANCELLED - Coffee & Conversation**, 10:45ish am – Care & Share Room

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Dec 22	Community Dinner	5-6:30 pm
Dec 24-29	Church Office Closed for the Holidays	--
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Service	7 pm
Jan 1	Church Office Closed for New Year's Day	--
Jan 5	New Series in the Gospel of Luke Begins	9:30 am
Jan 7	Church Leadership Team Meeting (first meeting for new leaders)	6:30 pm
Jan 12	Celebration of Baptism & Remembering Our Baptisms	9:30 am
Jan 20	Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday – OFFICE CLOSED	--
Jan 24-25	St. Augustine Pilgrimage (sign-up today!)	--

STEWARDSHIP OF PRESENCE & GIFTS

December 15, 2024

Worship	68
Online Worship	10
Giving Received this week	\$1,781.50
Giving Needed each week	\$1,731.00

2024 Year-To-Date

Worship (average weekly)	59
Online (average weekly)	13
Giving Received	\$79,814.04
Giving Needed	\$90,000.00

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