



December 3, 2023

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 (6 wks through 4 yrs) in the nursery at the right of the front of the sanctuary. Children in Grades K through 5 are invited to worship until after the Children's Moment and then can go to Sunday School in the Care & Share Room.
- A restroom is in the Care & Share Room to the right of the front of the Sanctuary. There are additional restrooms outside in the courtyard.
- Prayer Cards are available in the pew in front of 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 CALL TO WORSHIP WELCOME *WORSHIP MUSIC

O Come All Ye Faithful (UMH #234)

WE PROCLAIM LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Sondra Ames & Arlene Tibbetts

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be To The Father (UMH #71)

INVITATION, CONFESSION & PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *WORSHIP MUSIC

I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light (UMH #206)

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MESSAGE

Our Shocking Hope

WE RESPOND SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION OFFERING *DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow (UMH #95)

WE GO OUT *WORSHIP MUSIC

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (UMH#196)

*BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER GUIDE

Sunday • Dec 3	Victims of Israel and Hamas War	
Monday • Dec 4	Victims of War in Ukraine	
Tuesday • Dec 5	Victims (African Ethnic Groups) in Darfur Region of Sudan	
Wednesday • Dec 6	Victims of Somalia Flood	
Thursday • Dec 7	American Military in Harm's Way	
Friday • Dec 8	Victims of Earthquake in Nepal	
Saturday • Dec 9	Victims of Mass Shootings in the U.S. (619+ in 2023)	

New December 3rd: Wendy Cooper-having kidney mass biopsy, prayers for benign results (coworker-C. Gilbert); Galen Ober-deployed with USS Gerald Ford, prayers for a safe tour of duty (C. Berg); Kristen Owens-continued issues with back surgery, prayers for healing and comfort (C. Berg); Pete-Parkinson's disease-prayers for Pete and his partner/caregiver Jennifer as he battles this disease, praying for comfort and peace (friends of J. Goude); Theresa Wieboldt-cancer, prayers for recovery and comfort (sister-in-law S. Ames).

New November 26th: Chris Benware-recent foot surgery, prayers for recovery and healing (daughter-in-law of G. Benware); Tosha Mohr-continuing prayers for her battle with breast cancer (C. Ewen); Susan Williams-broken hand and hospitalized after subsequent fall, prayers for healing (mother-V. Quale).

Ongoing: Crystal Anderson, Jack Bagwell, Eileen Bennett, Elaine Billings, Cassie Brown, Les Burrage, Jean Daddis, Harry Davis, Tim Deacon, Michael Ebinger, Robert Eldred, Codee Gilbert & Teaching Team, Bill & Lois Godfrey, Brian Goude, Phyllis Greenwood, Eric Hinkle, Ruth & Wen Hockersmith, Rycky Hollimon, Elizabeth Holmes, Carolyn McGovern, Bertis & Don McMillan, Sandy Morneault, Emily South & Family, Tracy Sullivan, Victoria VanHoose, Lynda Waite, Phyllis Zwick, 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.

My body and my heart fail, but God is my heart's rock and my share forever.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CLEARVIEW?

Christmas Toy Drive for the Florida Dream Center

Over 400 children are blessed through the Florida Dream Center's annual toy drive. Clearview has been asked again to support this fantastic mission partner by focusing our efforts on gifts for teenagers, as they often get overlooked during this season. Please see the lists near the gift box for gift ideas for teenagers. Gift cards and cash are also accepted if this works better for you. Gifts are due to church by Friday, Dec 8.

Advent Study Groups Forming

Join us for one of the Zoe Empowers Advent Study Groups.

Sundays • 10:45 am • Care & Share Room • Led by Pastor Erick **Wednesdays** • 6:30 pm • Care & Share Room • Led by Judy Tenison

Dedications & Desserts

You're invited to join us for Dedications & Desserts **TODAY**, at 4 pm. For over a year, renovations have taken place to upgrade and transform our Fellowship Hall and Kitchen to offer Community Dinners/Dinner Church and other Fresh Expressions. The Pastor's House (aka Fish House) will also be open to walk through. We are so thankful for all the church has done to create a beautiful home for the pastor's family...come, see, and celebrate!

Blue Christmas Worship

Are you grieving the death of a loved one; facing life after divorce, separation, or the loss of a meaningful relationship; coping with the loss of a job; living with cancer or some other disease that puts a question mark over the future; or saddened by the violence and wars happening around our world? You are not alone. Our Blue Christmas worship service is designed to give you hope in the pain and bleakness. We invite you to join us for a time filled with promises of God's hope and healing. We hope to see you on Tuesday, Dec 5 at 7 pm.

Make a Christmas Card Class

Join us on Sunday, Dec 10, from 3:00 to 4:30 in the Care & Share Room for a Christmas card-making class. Come out and make a hand-stamped Christmas card and gift tag. All skill levels are welcome. It's fun and easy. All materials are provided, and it's FREE! Sign up in the East Wing or online at clearviewumc.org/signups. We are looking at adding a second date on Dec 17 if needed. The deadline to sign up is TODAY.

Help Add Beauty To The Sanctuary on Christmas Eve

See the insert to purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone special. After Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship, you can take it home to decorate or share it with

someone you know. Cost is \$12 each. Complete the order form and place it in the offering plate or purchase online at **clearviewumc.org/signups**.

Adopt-A-Claus Festival Volunteers Needed

Once again, Clearview will host the Florida Dream Center's Adopt-A-Claus Festival on Saturday, Dec 16, 10 am-3 pm. We need volunteers like YOU to make this great! Contact Dawn to sign up. (dawn@floridadreamcenter.org or 727-851-9074)

Here are two opportunities for you to help in a MAJOR way!

- Help Parents Wrap Christmas Gifts the week of the festival.
- Volunteer at the festival on Dec 16.

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, DEC 3

- Worship, 9:30 am Sanctuary & Online
- Zoe Empowers Advent Bible Study, 10:45 am Care & Share Room
- **Dedications & Desserts,** 4-5:30 pm Fellowship Hall & Fish House

MONDAY, DEC 4

- Adler School, 8 am-3 pm
- **Boy Scout Troop #334**, 6 pm Scout House & Pavilion
- BS (BIBLE STUDY), 6:45 pm Care & Share Room
- Alcoholics Anonymous (Gratitude), 8 pm Fellowship Hall & Room 11

TUESDAY, DEC 5

- Adler School, 8 am-3 pm
- Blue Christmas Worship, 7 pm Sanctuary & Online
- Alcoholics Anonymous (Fe y Esperanza), 8 pm Module #31
- Alcoholics Anonymous (Recovery Begins), 8 pm Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, DEC 6

- Adler School, 8 am-3 pm
- Zoe Empowers Advent Bible Study, 6:30 pm Care & Share Room

THURSDAY, DEC 7

- Adler School, 8 am-3 pm
- 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 8

- Adler School, 8 am-3 pm
- Alcoholics Anonymous (Common Solution), 7 pm Module #32
- Alcoholics Anonymous (Fe y Esperanza), 8 pm Module #31

SATURDAY, DEC 9

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

SUNDAY, DEC 10

- Worship, 9:30 am Sanctuary & Online
- **Zoe Empowers Advent Bible Study**, 10:45 am Care & Share Room
- Make A Christmas Card Class, 3-4:30 pm Care & Share Room

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dec 3	1 st Sunday of Advent Worship	9:30 am
Dec 3	Dedications & Desserts (Fellowship Hall & Pastor's House)	
Dec 5	Blue Christmas Worship	7 pm
Dec 10	2 nd Sunday of Advent Worship	9:30 am
Dec 10	Make A Christmas Card Class with Barbara Finnical	3-4:30 pm
Dec 16	Adopt-A-Claus Event with Florida Dream Center	10 am-3 pm
Dec 17	3 rd Sunday of Advent Worship	9:30 am
Dec 17	Make A Christmas Card Class (if needed)	3-4:30 pm
Dec 24	4 th Sunday of Advent Worship	9:30 am
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship	6:30 pm
Dec 31	Wesleyan Covenant Service	9:30 am

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