

# Events & Announcements



## Charge Conference

Sunday, December 4th, Noon, Sanctuary

Each year, every United Methodist Church gathers for a Charge Conference to establish financial and leadership support for the ministries of the church. Members are welcome to join us Dec. 4th at noon.



## Youth & Parent Meeting

Sunday, December 4th, 7 pm, Talbert Building

Families with youth in grades 5–12 are invited to join Abby and Pastor Ric for a presentation of the youth ministry program in 2023, including confirmation and the summer mission trip!



## Pizza with the Pastor

Sunday, December 11th, Noon, Talbert Building

For anyone newer or interested in membership or baptism, join us for this informal “crash course” on membership, baptism, and what being a Methodist is all about. There will be pizza! Please RSVP at [hello@faithunited.org](mailto:hello@faithunited.org).



## Cocoa & Carols!

Sunday, December 18th, 6 pm, Sanctuary

It's pretty simple: come sing carols and drink hot cocoa! Bring any song requests and Christmas spirit, and we'll have a blast together!



## Christmas Eve at Faith Church

Invite a friend or neighbor to join us for one of our 3 Christmas Eve Services:

5:30 pm, featuring our Children's Pageant

7:30 pm, featuring Special Music

11:00 pm, featuring our Choir

Communion and Candle-lighting will be offered at all services (electronic candles at the 5:30 pm).



## December 4th, 2022

*To be a beacon of Christ's love, hope, and grace  
for the community.  
You are welcome here.*

## We Gather as Community

Prelude	Emily Cowgill
Welcome & Introduction	Pastor Ric Shewell
*Call to Worship from Psalm 72	Ted Gladhill
Advent Candle Lighting	
*Opening Prayer	Ted Gladhill
* Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates (UMH #213)	

Please join us in singing anytime the words are on the screens

Today's Music Team: Dan McLachlan, Greg Rolette,

Brian Bauman, and Emily Cowgill

\* Indicates to stand in body or spirit

## We Hear God's Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination	Pastor Ric Shewell
1st Reading, Isaiah 11:1-10 (NIV)	Edwin Campomanes
<i>Let There Be Peace on Earth (UMH# 431)</i>	Music Team
2nd Reading, Matthew 3:1-12 (NIV)	Edwin Campomanes
Children's Time (during 2nd service)	Abby Kleinknecht
<i>After Children's Time, children in 5th grade and younger invited to a lesson and activity with Abby in the choir room, returning at offering.</i>	
"A Voice for Outsiders"	Pastor Ric Shewell
<i>After the message, there will be a moment to reflect and pray.</i>	

## We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of the People	Pastor Ric Shewell
The Lord's Prayer	
Introduction to Offering	Ted Gladhill
<i>In the Bleak Midwinter (Rossetti/Holst)</i>	Emily Cowgill
*Doxology (UMH #94)	Music Team
*Prayer of Thanksgiving	Ted Gladhill
Invitation to Communion	Pastor Ric Shewell
The Great Thanksgiving Prayer	
Instructions for Sharing the Sacrament	Pastor Ric Shewell
<i>Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (Wesley)</i>	Music Team

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## We Bring the Word to Daily Life

Announcements	Pastor Ric Shewell
*Benediction	Pastor Ric Shewell
*Take to the World (Webb/Tate)	Music Team

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## Message Notes:

Edwin Campomanes heard his calling in the voices of outsiders.  
[tinyurl.com/adventmissionarystudy2022](http://tinyurl.com/adventmissionarystudy2022)

Religion is like the world largest ball of \_\_\_\_\_.

*Sometimes it takes an outsider's voice to peel back all the layers and get back to the center.*

*"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." -Matt. 3:2*

Repent = *metanoia* = change the way you process information, change everything, turn your hearts

The kingdom of heaven = God's love reigning in all things

John the Baptist welcomes all to the waters of \_\_\_\_\_ and warns against trusting titles, status, wealth, or genealogy.

Jesus joins John's ministry.

Continue the conversation:

- When have you experienced the Gospel in another language or culture? What did that reveal about the center of our religion?
- What does *turning your heart to God* look like for you this season?