



Haddonfield
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025

Sunday, December 28, 2025 at 9 AM
Modern Worship Service, Fellowship Hall

Worship Song

Go Tell It On The Mountain

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Chris Heckert

Worship Songs

*Angels We Have Heard On High
Away In A Manger (Forever Amen)*

Prayer

Matt Peace

Scripture

Matthew 2:13–23

Jeffrey Taylor

Sermon

God Found in Impossible Places
See page 6 for Sermon Notes.

Rev. Yeeun Kim

Invitation for Offering

Mary Louise Lavery

See page 8 for ways to give.

Closing Song

Praise The Lord Forever

Closing

Rev. Yeeun Kim



Sunday, December 28, 2025
Traditional Worship Service
5pm (Saturday) Brown Chapel & 10:30am Sanctuary

Prelude

The First Noel
Traditional English Carol arranged by Joel Raney
Jackie Williams, pianist

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Chris Heckert

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Dr. Chris Heckert

L: Come, let us turn our hearts to the Holy, not only in moments of celebration, but in the quiet days after the song has faded.

P: We come to worship God, our Creator, who is present not only in holy moments, but in ordinary and unexpected places.

L: Come, bring your hopes and your fears, your gratitude from Christmas, and the weariness you carry into this new week.

P: We come to praise the Prince of Peace, who walks with us beyond the manger, into the realities of our lives.

L: Come as your whole selves, with joy and uncertainty, with faith and questions.

P: We come as our whole selves, body, mind, and soul, trusting that God meets us where we are.

L: Come, and open your eyes to the God who is found even in unexpected places.

A: God, as we attend to you today, open our hearts and fill us with your peace. Amen.



***Hymn of Praise**

The First Noel
Verses 1, 2, and 5.

UMH No. 245

Sacrament of Baptism (5:00)

Nolan Alexander Comfort

UMH pg. 39

Ministry of Music (10:30)

Were You There on that Christmas Night?
words and music by Natalie Sleeth
Kym Weiler, soloist; Jackie Williams, pianist

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Diane Gilbert

***Hymn**

Angels We Have Heard on High
Verses 1, 3, and 4.

UMH No. 238

Scripture

Matthew 2:13–23
(NT pg. 2)

Bonnie Ford (10:30)

Sermon

God Found in Impossible Places
See page 6 for Sermon Notes.

Rev. Yeeun Kim

Invitation for Offering

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Mary Louise Lavery

Offertory (10:30)

Gesù Bambino
music by Pietro Yon, text by Frederick H. Martens
Laelia Watt, soloist; Jackie Williams, pianist



***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Mary Louise Lavery

***Hymn**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

UMH No. 251

***Benediction**

Rev. Yeeun Kim

Postlude

Go Tell It On the Mountain
Traditional Spiritual arranged by Douglas Wagner
Jackie Williams, pianist

*Please stand if able.

*The Congregation is dismissed after the Benediction Response.
Feel free to stay and quietly enjoy the postlude.*

*Hearing-assistance devices are available in the Narthex.
Please see an usher for assistance.*

*The center altar flower arrangement is given "in loving memory of
Skeet Hartman from his family."*

Saturday night pianist: Jackie Williams





GOD FOUND IN IMPOSSIBLE PLACES

Sermon Notes for Sunday, December 28, 2025. Based on Rev. Yeeun Kim's sermon.

There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazarene." (Matthew 2:23)

1. God is present not only on Christmas Day, but also in the days that _____.
2. In Matthew 2:13, Joseph is told to get up and _____.
3. Sometimes faith begins not with clarity, but with _____.
4. The infant Jesus is connected to three places: Bethlehem, _____, and Nazareth.
5. Egypt, once a place of bondage, becomes a place of _____.
6. The coming of Christ includes not only joy, but also _____.
7. Nazareth was small, ordinary, and _____.
8. This week, notice one place where you least _____ God to be at work.

Reflection Questions

1. What is one place in your life right now where you least expect God to be at work?
 2. Which part of Matthew 2:13–23 connects most closely with your current season Bethlehem, Egypt, or Nazareth and why?
 3. How might God be inviting you to respond with faith and movement this week, even if you do not yet have clarity?
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Weekly Prayer Focus - December 28, 2025

December Focus: God With Us

Lord, remind us that You are with us in every part of life. In celebrations and in quiet moments of worry, grief, or loneliness, steady our hearts. May we hold both joy and struggle with honesty, finding hope and strength in Emmanuel, God with us.

Prayer Focus Areas

- Healing and hope for those in need
- Comfort for the grieving and lonely
- Strength for those who care for others
- Our pastors, staff, and ministry leaders
- Blessing on our community and world
- Peace for those in war and conflict

This Week's Prayer Focus — New List

Lord, we lift them to You in prayer. May Your healing touch bring strength and peace and may they feel surrounded by love, hope, and the care of this community.

Carlos Lucerno Maddy Lucerno Judy Baker Michelle Larry T Parr

This Month's Prayer Focus — Listed for 4 weeks unless renewed

Lord, we lift them before You in prayer. May Your healing touch bring strength and peace and may they feel surrounded by love, hope, and the care of this community.

Wayne Richmond	Van Mosiondz	Ronnie Schmidt	Residents of
Harriet Richmond	Gail Nixon	Janet	Haddonfield Commons
Thomas Wojtylak	Andy Potts	Halitios-Casale Family	Family of Becca
Bob Clark	Debbie Anthony	Floto/Ma Family	Charney
Sherry Schlagle		Jennifer Richardson	Family of Elaine Noll
		Livia Hawkins	John Black
		Jillian Dunyak Petri	Job Seeker Group
		Kayla Petri	

Long Term Prayer Focus — We pray through our prayer chain!

Lord, we hold in prayer those with ongoing needs within our church family. Surround them with Your healing presence and fill them with peace and hope. For the name list, scan the QR code or visit the Welcome Center.



Submit a Prayer Request — We're here to support you!

Submit your prayer or pastoral care request at haddonfieldumc.org/prayer, scan the QR code, or email office@haddonfieldumc.org.



Those requesting prayer are included in our pastoral care and prayer chain.



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Scan QR codes with your smartphone for more information!

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW FOR DRAMA MINISTRY'S PERFORMANCE OF FROZEN JR.



Step into a winter wonderland with our Drama Ministry presentation of Disney's *Frozen JR*, brought to life by talented young performers! Follow Anna, Elsa, and friends on a heartwarming journey of courage, friendship, and the true meaning of love. Sing along with beloved songs like "Let It Go" and "Do You Want to Build a Snowman?" and discover new

Broadway numbers that add sparkle to this unforgettable adventure. Performances: Friday, January 9 at 7pm; Saturday, January 10 at 2pm & 7pm; and Sunday, January 11 at 2pm. Proceeds from tickets support the mission work of HUMC, and program ad sales help sustain our Drama Ministry. Purchase tickets and ads of support at haddonfieldumc.org/drama-ministry.

CALLED TO JOURNEY, CALLED TO WELCOME: JANUARY 2026 STUDY



Did you know that Jesus begins his life as a refugee, fleeing violence with his family? Throughout the Bible, stories of migration, displacement, and welcome are woven into the story of faith.

Join us for "Called to Journey, Called to Welcome: A Biblical Perspective on Immigration," a three-week study exploring immigration through Scripture and the lens of our faith as part of the United Methodist Church. Rooted in our Social Principles and created by the General Board of Church and Society, this study invites thoughtful, prayerful conversation grounded in compassion and justice. Facilitated by Pastor Cricket and Ben White, chair of our Church & Society Team, this study will help participants recognize the call to hospitality, understand God's blessing beyond borders, and navigate faithful risk and sacred welcome.

Ways to Give

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smartphone



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NJ 08033



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The class will meet on Wednesdays, January 14, 21, and 28 at 7pm in the Theater Room (Rm 302) and on Zoom. Registration is required. Visit haddonfieldumc.org/classes or the "Study" section of the Haddonfield UMC mobile app to sign up.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DAY OF SERVICE – JANUARY 19, 2026

Honor Dr. King's legacy by serving our community on Monday, January 19, engaging in hands-on projects that promote justice and dignity.

Day of Service Schedule:

- 8:30am: Check-in, instructions, and reflection at the church.
- 9am–12pm: Service at one of three community partner sites.
- 12:30pm: Return to the church for lunch and a short film on Dr. King's legacy.

For more information and to register, visit: <https://bit.ly/humc-mlk> or haddonfieldumc.org/serve.

FIRST SATURDAY PRAYER IN THE CHAPEL

Start the new year on solid ground. Beginning January 3, 2026, we'll gather in the chapel on the first Saturday of every month from 8am-9am for a quiet hour of prayer. Whether you're eager to pray or simply carrying something that needs to be lifted up, you're welcome. No pressure, no spotlight—just a peaceful space and good company. For more information, see Lou or Jan Schopfer.

NEW STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINING CLASS TO BEGIN IN JANUARY

God calls us to care for one another. Answer the call—join Stephen Ministry Training this January 2026. You have seen the ministry of the **stephen MINISTRY**. Stephen Ministers here at HUMC. Have you thought that perhaps you would like to participate in this ministry? The next Stephen Minister training class will begin in January 2026. If you would like to participate in this training and in this ministry, please register at haddonfieldumc.org/sm-training, scan the QR code for the form, or talk to Rev. Yeeun Kim (ykim@haddonfieldumc.org) or any Stephen Minister to learn more.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 21

There will be no Wednesday Night Dinner on December 24 & 31, January 7 & 14. Dinners will resume on January 21. Have a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!

NEURODIVERSITY CONFERENCE—SATURDAY, JANUARY 31



On Saturday, January 31, we will host our Neurodiversity Conference, designed to equip and expand understanding. The day begins with a Resource Fair and Breakfast at 9am, followed at 10am by keynote speaker Michael Hannon, PhD, LPC, BC-TMH, NCC. Dr. Hannon specializes in culturally relevant and affirming care, with an emphasis on serving Black boys and men and fathers of autistic people.



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Throughout the conference, you'll hear from experts and advocates, explore practical tools, and join breakout groups. Lunch is included, and the conference wraps at 1pm. Register for the conference at haddonfieldumc.org/neurodiversity!

REVIVE US AGAIN WEEKEND—SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7—SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8



Join us for our “Revive Us Again” Weekend on Saturday, February 7, and Sunday, February 8, dedicated to spiritual renewal and inspiration. This weekend is proudly presented as part of the Harold Paul Sloan Speaker Series. Our speaker and guest preacher is the renowned Rev. Matt Rawle. A graduate of LSU and Duke Divinity School, and the Lead Pastor of Asbury UMC in Bossier City, Rev. Rawle is an international speaker celebrated for his ability to tell an old story in a new way, especially connecting pop culture and the church. He is also the author of numerous books, including The Pop in Culture Series. The weekend begins with our Service of Revival on Saturday, February 7, at 7pm in Fellowship Hall. The renewal continues with Rev. Rawle preaching at all worship services on Sunday, February 8. Don’t miss this opportunity to be inspired!

CARRY ON THE FLAME: AN INVITATION TO GENEROSITY AND FAITHFUL GIVING

Your pledge keeps the light of Haddonfield UMC's ministries burning brightly. If you haven't yet, please prayerfully consider and submit your 2026 commitment. Your generosity nurtures our youth and grows our mission.



Pledge Now: Cards are in the building, online at haddonfieldumc.org/give, and under the Give tab of the App. You can also scan the QR code to access the form online.

NEW MAKE LOVE THE GOAL MERCHANDISE



Sometimes we need a physical reminder of what matters most. Pastor Chris reminded us that while the Christian life is simple, it isn't always easy—and these new “Make Love The Goal” shirts, hats, hoodies, and more can help keep us focused. Order yours today through the Haddonfield UMC Merch Store; find the link at



haddonfieldumc.org/now or scan the QR code. Proceeds support the ministries of our church.

FEEL SAFER WITH HUMC CHECK-IN MINISTRY

Check-in ministry continues at HUMC. If you live alone or with someone who is unable to call for help in an emergency, please consider signing up for our check-in ministry. You will call or text Bonnie Ford every morning; if she doesn't hear from you, she will try to reach you, if she hasn't heard back from you within an hour, she will reach out to the person you have designated as your emergency contact to let them know that you have failed to check in. Feel safer with this simple step. Check-in forms can be found in the Welcome Center. Fill out the form online by scanning the QR code or visiting: <https://bit.ly/3vw7F1m>.



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THE CHERRY HILL FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION-UPDATED NEEDS

The Cherry Hill Food Pantry served a record number of families in October—952 families (including 2,310 adults, 315 of which were senior citizens, and 1,344 children). The pantry is low on all items except for bread, with the most pressing needs being: **nonperishable food items, canned corn, canned green beans, stuffing mix, laundry detergent, pasta, pasta sauce, soup of any kind (especially cream of mushroom and chicken but no tomato soup, please), brownie mix, napkins, coffee, and bar soap.** Items continue to be collected in the bin located in the breezeway of the church, next to the parking lot. In addition, the Food Pantry has an Amazon Wish List where you can purchase items to be sent directly to the pantry. Find the link at haddonfieldumc.org/serve.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC COLLECTION

Want to contribute to February's Dominican Republic mission without traveling anywhere? Simply donate to our wish list by bringing in some of these items or ordering from our Amazon Wish List from January 4-25. Items will be delivered during our mission trip in February 2026.



We need: unsharpened #2 pencils, cap erasers or wedge erasers, pencil sharpeners, crayons or markers, individually wrapped toothbrushes, small toothpastes (3 oz. or less), antibiotic bandages. You can find our Amazon Wish List at haddonfieldumc.org/serve or scan the QR code.

EXCITING UPDATE TO OUR PRAYER LIST!

We're making some improvements to the Prayer List in our Sunday bulletin to make it easier for everyone to lift up our church family in prayer. Don't worry—all of your loved ones and ongoing concerns are still being faithfully prayed for! We're also adding a new section for Praise Reports — so we can celebrate answered prayers and God's blessings together!

Our Haddonfield UMC Prayer Team continues to meet regularly, and many of our small groups also spend time in prayer each week. Thank you for being a community that cares deeply, prays continually, and rejoices together!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed on Thursday, January 1, 2025.

WITH GRATITUDE

Our Nativity scene is complete this year thanks to the talents of Eric Johnston who built the stable located in the sanctuary. We are grateful for his gift of time and skill in helping us prepare for the birth of Christ.

Visit **haddonfieldumc.org/now** for more information on events, digital connect card, digital bulletin, and sermon notes! Scan the QR code on your smartphone to access it any time.



WORSHIP SERVICES

In-person Worship

- **5pm Saturday** - Casual Communion Service in Brown Chapel
- **8am Sunday** - Traditional Worship in Brown Chapel
- **9am Sunday** - Modern Worship in Fellowship Hall
- **10:30am Sunday** - Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

Virtual Worship - worship with us anytime at haddonfieldumc.org, YouTube, or Facebook

- **9am Sunday** - live-stream of Modern Worship
- **10:30am Sunday** - live-stream of Traditional Worship

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group is an active and inclusive group for students in grades 6-12 to have fun and grow in faith together. Our youth group meets Sundays from 6-8pm on the 3rd floor in the Youth Room. A wide variety of snacks is provided along with gluten-free and vegan options. A sensory-friendly room is attached to the Youth Room for those who may need a sensory break.

STARBUCKS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Students in grades 6-12 are invited to meet in the Welcome Center at 10:30am and walk to Starbucks with their teachers each Sunday for Starbucks Sunday School. Students can purchase snacks or drinks if they wish, but it is not required.

HUMC KIDS

- **Child Care** (under 3 years of age) - 9-11:30am
- **Children's Sunday School** - 9-10am
- **Children's Worship** - 10:30-11:30am

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Chris Heckert	Senior Pastor
Rev. Yeeun Kim	Assoc. Pastor for Caring Ministries
Rev. Cricket Denton	Pastor of Student & Mission Ministries
Jessica Thomas	Director of Modern Worship
Matthew Smith	Organist & Choirmaster
Julie Robertson	Director of HUMC Kids
Jennifer Douglas	Director of HUMECC
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- **Audio only live-streams** are available by calling: 856-213-2015.
- **Our Weekly Sermon Podcast** is available any time on our app (available on Amazon Apple Appstore, and Google Play) or on your favorite podcasting platform (search Haddonfield United Methodist Church).
- **Daily Reflections** are available on our app or online at haddonfieldumc.org/daily-reflections.

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