



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

# Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 9 AM Modern Worship Service, Fellowship Hall

Worship Song Praise

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Cricket Denton

**Stewardship Moment Video** 

**Worship Songs**Promises
Hallelujah In The Hard Things

Prayer Rev. Yeeun Kim

**Scripture** Matthew 25:14-30 Ryan Toff

**Sermon Series Trailer Video** 

**Sermon** Feed The Flame Rev. Dr. Chris Heckert

See page 6 for Sermon Notes.

**Invitation for Offering** Rev. Cricket Denton

See page 9 for ways to give.

Closing Song Calling On Fire

Closing Rev. Dr. Chris Heckert

#### Sunday, November 16, 2025

### Traditional Worship Service

5pm (Saturday) Brown Chapel, 8am Brown Chapel, & 10:30am Sanctuary

**Prelude** 

Prelude in C Major, BWV 545/1

J. S. Bach

Matt Smith, organist

Welcome Rev. Yeeun Kim

\*Call to Worship (Adaptation of Psalm 72:1-4, 17-19)

Rev. Yeeun Kim

L: Give the land your justice, O God, and your righteousness to all people!

# P: May the Lord judge with righteousness, and grant justice for the poor!

L: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills righteousness.

P: May God defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and freedom from oppression!

L: In his days may righteousness flourish, and peace abound, until the moon is no more!

P: May his name endure forever; may his name increase as long as the sun shines!

L: May people be blessed through him; may all nations call him blessed.

# P: Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Abraham, who alone does wondrous things!

L: Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory!

A: Amen, and Amen! Let us worship the Lord!



\*Hymn of Praise

In Thanksgiving, Let Us Praise Him See page 7 for music.

CH No. 796

**Ministry of Music** 

(8:00) Panis Angelicus words and music by César Franck Robin Bristow, soloist; Matt Smith, pianist

(10:30) Let Us Serve Him

music by Don Besig, words by Don Besig and Nancy Price Chancel Choir; Jackie Williams, pianist

**Pastoral Prayer** 

Rev. Yeeun Kim

\*Hymn

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee Verses 1, 3, and 4.

**UMH** No. 430

**Scripture** 

Matthew 25:14-30 (NT pg. 28)

Kathy Overholt (8:00) Richard Edwards (10:30)

Sermon

Feed The Flame See page 6 for Sermon Notes.

Rev. Dr. Chris Heckert

**Invitation for Offering** 

Rev. Yeeun Kim

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**Offertory** (10:30)

All That I Am

words and music by William Himes Patty Fisher, soloist; Matt Smith, organist

\*Doxology

No. 94

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Yeeun Kim

\*Hymn

Take My Life, and Let It Be

**UMH No. 399** 

\*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Chris Heckert

\*Benediction Response (10:30)

Benediction Marin R. T. Jacobson Chancel Choir; Jackie Williams, pianist

**Postlude** 

Fugue in A Major, BWV 536/2

J. S. Bach Matt Smith, organist

\*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 Betty Seltzer Meyer's November 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday from her family, Merrie, Phil, Todd, Tracie, Jack & Tessa Bender and Amy, David & Ethan Costigan."

Acolyte: Charlie Brennan Saturday pianist: Susan Boyd



#### FEED THE FLAME

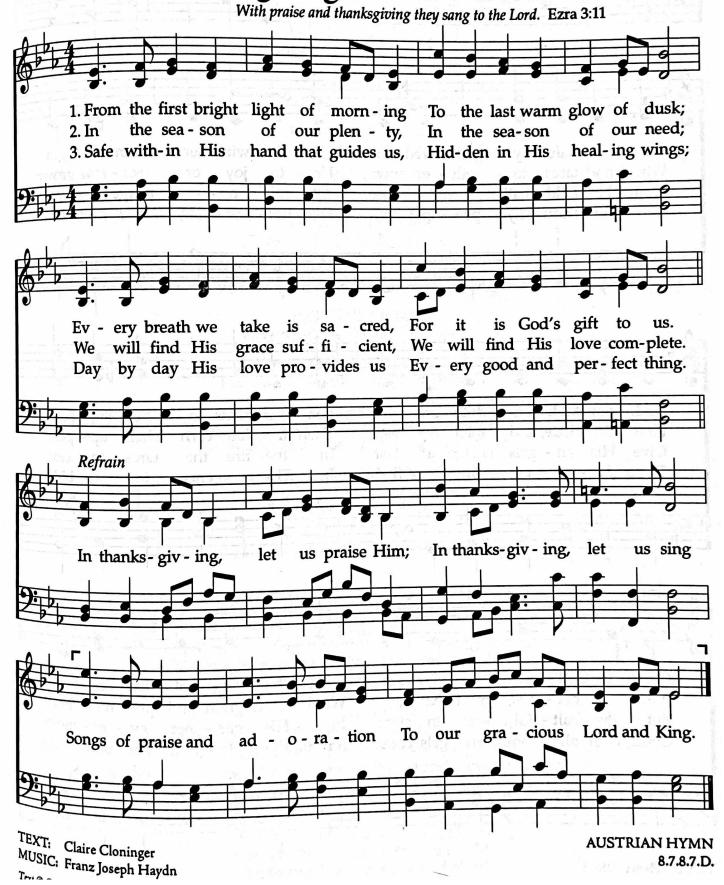
appreciation over time?

Sermon Notes for Sunday, November 16, 2025. Based on Rev. Dr. Chris Heckert's sermon.

For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.-Matthew 25:29 (NRSV) 1. The four elements required for fire to continue burning are heat, fuel, air, and in Jesus' day was a very large sum of raw materials, worth about today. 3. The master returned after a , indicating that investment takes time to yield a return. 4. The person with one talent experienced because he let the blessing stagnate. 5. Spiritual depreciation creates ingratitude, and ingratitude leads to 6. Richard Rohr suggests the first half of life is spent building the one's life. 7. Elders are those who are not in \_\_\_\_\_ with emerging generations. 8. cannot keep us warm; we must constantly feed the fire with new wood. Reflection Questions 1. Do you feel more like the servant with the five talents (confident in investing) or the servant with the one talent (afraid to lose what you have)? How does that feeling impact your generosity with your time or money? 2. Where are you still focusing too much energy on protecting the "container" of your own life? 3. What is one small, consistent investment (of time, energy, or money) you can commit to this

month to nurture a "spark" in the church or the community, trusting in spiritual

## In Thanksgiving, Let Us Praise Him 796



### Weekly Prayer Focus - November 16, 2025

#### November Focus: Carry on the Flame

Lord, help us to carry the flame of faith with courage and love, not clinging to what was but sharing Your light that gives hope and life for generations to come.

#### **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.

Tom Quigley

**Snediker Family** 

#### 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.

Michelle Murphy Ryan Paul Mario Milano Lisa Tidabock Family of Peter Lewis Family of Ruth Hess Ruth Dickey Patrick Hoffman Gerald Porch & Family Barbara Semple Pupillo Family Cathy Woodring Michael Minotula Jackie MacDonald Linda Sydell

Rev. Bob Smith
Joan Bleidorn
• For federal

• For federal government employees impacted by the government shutdown

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.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**Scan QR codes with your smartphone for more information!

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

"Tradition is not the worship of the ashes but the preservation of fire," wrote composer Gustav Mahler—a reminder that our call is to keep the light of faith burning brightly. As we carry on the flame at Haddonfield UMC, your generosity helps nurture the next generation, grow our ministries, and share God's love in our community. We invite you to prayerfully consider your 2026 pledge to help this light continue to shine. Pledge cards are available around the building, at haddonfieldumc.org/give, and under the Give tab of the Haddonfield UMC app.

#### **NEW MEMBERS CLASS-TODAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16**



If you are interested in becoming a member at Haddonfield UMC, join us at our New Members class! Class members will explore the ministry and vision of Haddonfield UMC, the history and theology of The United Methodist Church, and how they can live out their membership in the life

of the church. The next session is: today, Sunday, November 16, from 1-3pm in Sayre Pavilion. New members will be received in worship on Sunday, November 23. If you are unable to attend worship on November 23, Pastor Chris will receive you into membership on another Sunday during worship. You do not need to register in order to attend.

#### **ECUMENICAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE-SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23**



The Haddonfield Council of Churches will hold its ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 23, at 7pm at Christ the King Catholic Church, Windsor Ave., Haddonfield. Join us as we give thanks to God as a community!

#### Ways to Give

**Text** 

Text GIVE to 856-499-5566

Online

Visit our giving website & select your fund haddonfieldumc.org/give Scan

the QR code with your smartphone

**Checks/Envelopes** 

Mail/Deliver to 29 Warwick Rd., Haddonfield, NJ 08033





#### JOB SEEKERS SUPPORT GROUP SPEED NETWORKING NIGHT



Do you have career experience, business insight, or just a heart to help others? Join us on Tuesday, November 18, from 7-9pm for a Speed Networking Night to support people in job transition. We're inviting professionals, mentors, and retirees to come share your wisdom and encouragement. It's a simple, fun way

to make a big difference—just by showing up and having a few meaningful conversations! Fill out the form at haddonfieldumc.org/now or scan the QR code.

#### NJ MASTERCHORALE PRESENTS "IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER"-TICKETS AVAILABLE!



Led by Artistic Director, Dr. Jason Vodicka, the NJ
MasterChorale will present its annual Christmas concert, In the
Bleak Midwinter, on Sunday, December 14, in the HUMC
Sanctuary at 7pm.



Featuring Bach's Cantata No. 62, Pergolesi's Magnifcat, and seasonal selections celebrating the beauty of winter, this concert is a joyous and celebratory

proclamation of God's goodness. The MasterChorale will be joined by members of the Philadelphia Orchestra and Friends, as well as soloists: Robin Massie, soprano; Kristin Titus DiAmore, mezzo soprano; Aaron Cafaro, tenor; and Cumhur Görgün, bass.

The concert is free, but tickets are required. Reserve them online today at haddonfieldumc.org/nj-masterchorale.

#### THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE COLLECTION-ENDS NOVEMBER 23



As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, let's come together to bless our neighbors in need! We are collecting non-perishable food items for our Thanksgiving Food Drive to help make the holiday special for local families. Suggested items for purchase: frozen turkey, fresh produce (carrots, potatoes, fruit, etc.), stuffing (box or

bag), canned soup, pasta and sauce, cereal, coffee and tea, baking items, tuna, spices, bread, peanut butter and jelly, canned pumpkin. Shopping lists are available in the Welcome Center. **Bring your food donations to the church by Sunday, November 23**.

- •FOOD SORTING Join us on Sunday, November 23, at 12pm in Fellowship Hall to sort the donated food—everyone is welcome to help!
- •POP-UP GROCERY STORE We're also recruiting volunteers to serve at The Neighborhood Center in Camden on Tuesday, November 25, for their pop-up

Thanksgiving grocery store, a wonderful opportunity to share the spirit of giving. Sign up to volunteer for the sorting or the pop-up store at haddonfieldumc.org/serve or in the "Serve" tab of the Haddonfield UMC mobile app.

#### 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.

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT THANKSGIVING DINNER-NOVEMBER 19



You are invited to Wednesday Night Dinner on November 19 at 5:30pm in Propert Café. The menu includes: roast turkey breast with gravy, stuffing, roasted sweet potatoes, french beans, spring salad and pumpkin pie. The kid's menu is the same. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4-12, children 3 and under are free.

Contact Leslie Robinson at dinner@haddonfieldumc.org or 856-261-2798 by Sunday, November 16 to make your reservation. There is no Wednesday Night Dinner on November 26. Find more information and make online payments at haddonfieldumc.org/wednesday.

#### SENSORY-FRIENDLY CHRISTMAS MOVIE-SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22



Join the Diversabilities Team for a cozy afternoon of holiday magic! On Saturday, November 22, from 1–3pm in the Theater Room (Room 302), enjoy a sensory-friendly showing of *The Polar Express*, complete with snacks! There will be low lighting, soft volume, and guests are welcome to move around,

make noise as they need, or take a break in the next room to do crafts. Register by filling out the form: https://forms.gle/x8tjdyfdFbUM9kyn7.

#### HANGING OF THE GREENS-HELP FLORAL ARTS GUILD DECORATE FOR ADVENT

Help "deck the halls" of HUMC with festive greenery on Saturday, November 29, from 9am-12:30pm. New decorators welcome! Children are invited to participate with a parent. For more information or to register call/text Robert Nolan at 732-579-2645.

#### ADVENT BOOK STUDY-BEGINS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3



Prepare your heart for the deeper meaning of Christmas by joining Pastor Yeeun for a three-week study on Adam Hamilton's Incarnation. Reflect on the names the prophets and angels used for the Christ Child—Savior, Emmanuel, and Word Made Flesh—and explore the significance of his birth today. We'll meet Wednesdays, December 3,

10, and 17 at 7pm in the Theater Room (302) and online via Zoom. Register at haddonfieldumc.org/classes.

#### **HUMC KIDS ADVENT WORKSHOP-SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7**

Celebrate the joy of the season with crafts, food, and festive fun at the HUMC Kids Advent Workshop on Sunday, December 7, from 5–7pm in Fellowship Hall! This free, family-friendly event is a wonderful way to gather with loved ones, enjoy sugar cookie decorating, sip hot chocolate, and share a light dinner together. In the spirit of giving, we will also collect brandnew teddy bears or plushies for Operation Bear Hug(see haddonfieldumc.org/christmas), bringing comfort and cheer to patients in local hospitals. Bring your creativity, your family, and your holiday spirit for an evening full of joy, laughter, and togetherness! For more information or to volunteer, contact Julie Robertson at jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org.

The Diversabilities Team will host a modified, sensory-friendly experience from 4:30-5pm. Registration is required-fill out the form at https://forms.gle/ 5VEizQssu3pF6W288 or scan the QR code to access it.



#### **NEW SMALL GROUPS FORMING NOW**



New small groups are forming now! We offer a variety of ways to connect through Connect Groups, Grace Groups, Support Groups, and Spiritual Practices groups. If you are interested in being connected to a small group, please fill out the form at haddonfieldumc.org/small-groups, scan the QR code for the form, or



visit the "Study" section of the Haddonfield UMC mobile app, and we'll get you connected.

#### 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.



#### LECTIO DIVINA-SPIRITUAL PRACTICE GROUP RESUMING

Lectio Divina, meaning "divine reading" or "sacred reading," is an ancient spiritual practice of praying the Holy Scripture. Rev. Diane Gilbert will lead a virtual Lectio Divina session to listen to the sacred text with hearts open to God's voice through reading, reflection, and contemplation. The class meets on Tuesdays from 8-9am via Zoom. To register or express interest, fill out the form at https://bit.ly/humc-lectio-divina or in the Study section of the HUMC mobile app.

#### EXPERIENCING A DIFFICULT TIME? STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE READY TO HELP

New school year, new challenges—Stephen Ministers can help. To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, talk with our Pastor of Caring Ministries, Rev. Yeeun Kim at ykim@haddonfieldumc.org, or Stephen Ministry Leaders: Janice McNally or Lou Schopfer.

#### 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.

#### NEW STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINING CLASS TO BEGIN IN JANUARY

You have seen the ministry of the 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.

#### FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN-SUPPORT THE MOBILEPACK EVENT

The Haddonfield Council of Churches is excited to host its annual "Feed My Starving Children" food packing event on Friday, November 21, and Saturday, November 22, 2025, at Haddonfield Middle School. This meaningful, hands-on service opportunity invites volunteers ages 5

and up to come together as a community to pack life-saving meals for children and families facing starvation and malnutrition around the world.

If you are unable to attend but would still like to support the effort, monetary donations may be made at haddonfieldumc.org/give (select "Mission: Feed My Starving Children"). Each meal costs less than 30 cents, and the Haddonfield Council of Churches has a \$45,000 goal to fund this event.

#### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE-THROUGH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

The season of giving is almost here—and together, we have the chance to make Christmas brighter for children and families in our community! Haddonfield United Methodist Church is once again partnering with Acenda Integrated Health, The Neighborhood Center, and UrbanPromise for our Annual Christmas Toy Drive. Through Sunday, December 14, we'll be collecting new, unwrapped toys for children of all ages. These gifts will bring hope and holiday cheer to local families who might otherwise go without this season. You can drop off donations in the marked collection bin located in the Welcome Center. Every toy, game, or stuffed animal helps remind a child that they are seen, loved, and valued. Whether you give a little or a lot, your generosity will make a real difference. Together, we can help ensure that every child experiences the joy and wonder of Christmas morning.

#### SECRET SANTA-STOP BY WELCOME CENTER TABLE

Now in its third year, our Secret Santa outreach is becoming a special way to share Christmas joy with children in need. Through our partnership with Neighborhood Collaborative Community Gardens, we help provide gifts for children living in Camden and Nicaragua. Stop by the table in the Welcome Center to pick up a Secret Santa letter. Each letter includes a child's wish list, with an estimated cost of around \$50 per child. Please return unwrapped gifts by Sunday, December 14, so they can be sorted and delivered in time for the celebrations.

#### HELP US COLLECT 1,000 STUFFED BEARS FOR OPERATION BEAR HUG

This Christmas Eve, we'll once again deliver Operation Bear Hug—a mission of love and comfort for patients spending the holiday in local hospitals. Each year, our congregation collects **new teddy bears and plushies** ("cuddle hugs") to remind people they're not alone and that they are deeply loved. Our goal this year is to collect **1,000 bears or plushies** by December 24! Every donation helps us bring warmth, encouragement, and a little Christmas joy to someone who needs it most. Visit haddonfieldumc.org/serve or the "Serve" tab in the Haddonfield UMC app to find our Amazon Wish List, sign up for delivery times, or to donate.

#### UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH COAT COLLECTION-ENDS DECEMBER 4

The United Women in Faith will be collecting all sizes, new or gently used men's and women's winter coats, along with hats, gloves, scarves, and blankets, through December 4 for those in

need. Also, children's coats for Little Hands/Little Feet will be collected. You can drop off coats in marked collection boxes in the breezeway outside the main entrance of the church or in Welcome Center.

#### HOSTS NEEDED FOR MEET AND GREETS WITH PASTOR YEEUN!

When our church welcomes a new pastor, we usually have opportunities for them to meet members of the church in a relaxed setting. If you are interested in hosting a Meet and Greet in your home or at the church, or if you have not been invited and would like to attend one, please contact Mary Louise Lavery at wlavery1@comcast.net.

#### **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!

#### **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Want to include something in the worship bulletin? Please email your complete, written announcement (no more than four sentences, please!) to Jaime Charlton at jcharlton@haddonfieldumc.org at least two weeks before the weekend you'd like it to appear. Please include the title, date, time, location, and contact information. Space is limited—announcements are first-come, first-served and may be gently edited for clarity or length.

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

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