



# Immanuel United Methodist Church

Sunday, December 28, 2025

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day

## ENTER TO WORSHIP

*Enter the Sanctuary quietly and reverently, respecting the meditation of others, and opening to the presence of God.*

Prelude and Receiving the Light of Christ

(The entrance of the Light into worship represents the Light of Christ among us)

Greeting

Ministry Updates

Children's Missions Collection & Children's Time

## WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship: Go, Tell It on the Mountain

\*Hymn: While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks (vs. 1, 2, 6) #236

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

\*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed #881

\*Gloria Patri #70

## WE CONVERSE WITH GOD

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

## WE GIVE TO GOD

God's Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #95

Anthem: *Special Music by Ron Lawson*

Scripture: Isaiah 63:7-9 pew bible pg. 605

Sermon: *"The God Who Refuses to Stay Distant"*

\*Hymn: Joy to the World (vs. 1, 4) #246

## SENDING FORTH

\*Benediction

(The Light of Christ goes out into the world)

POSTLUDE

## DEPART TO SERVE

\*denotes standing as you are able



## MINISTRY UPDATES



## WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!

We hope that you receive a blessing from the service and that you will join us again soon. If you are visiting, please fill out a Visitor's Card and place it in the offering plate.



## OUR RECORD OF STEWARDSHIP 12/7/2025:

Sunday School Attendance: 8

Worship Service Attendance: 21

Offering Last Sunday: \$660.00

\*needed per week: \$1,427.35

"Freely you have received, freely give."

Matthew 10:8

**Thank you for your continued support to your church!**

(Family Life Center Building Fund to date: \$26,235.67)



## Question of the Day:

*"Where in your life right now do you need to trust that God is closer than you feel?"*



REMINDER to pick up your cards from the Christmas card Exchange mail slots in the Narthex!

Choir Practice is on Mondays at 6pm. Please see Phyllis Lawson if you'd be interested in joining!



## GATHER & GROW!

Tyger River Charge, please join us at Duncan UMC on Wednesday nights at 5:30pm for a free community meal and fellowship, followed at 6:15pm by small groups for children, youth, & adults!

Visit us on the web at [immanuelumc.com](http://immanuelumc.com)!

Immanuel UMC's mission statement:

"By God's GRACE and the

**GUIDANCE** of the Holy Spirit

**we PURSUE** Christ to become and make disciples for the transformation of the world."

*grace guidance pursue*

**United Women in Faith** currently has discounted prices on their sale items: only \$1 for pens & \$2 for cookbooks! They make great gifts and you can't beat the price! Please see **Debra Watson**.



United Women in Faith

## WAM

(Wellford Academy Ministries): If you have been assigned a Prayer Partner, be reminded to pray for them daily. Please see Anna Reese if you have any questions!

**Ministry Opportunity:** **Story Time!** Please see



Pastor Mike if you'd like to record a video of you reading a favorite children's story to share with our church families' children!

Mary Alston  
 Ruby Bailey  
 Alison Bennett  
 Amanda Bevis  
 Pat Brown  
 Ann Burnett  
 David Collins  
 Scott & Bridget Diaz  
 Alan Dickson  
 Margaret Dixon  
 Rhonda Egert  
 Monty Ennis  
 Kelly Everett  
 Joyce Ann Ford

Jase Fortenberry  
 Linda Fuller  
 Lois Gergen  
 Teresa Greene  
 Corey Gwinn  
 Whitey Gene Hall  
 Cathy Hedrick  
 Don Henson  
 Carol Hooks  
 Mabel Howard  
 Jonathan Ingram  
 Jeff Keeling  
 George Laden  
 Allen Lawson

Marsha Lawson  
 Ron Lawson  
 Jessica Owens  
 Melvin Pittman  
 Richard Pittman  
 Melinda Rittenhouse  
 Helen Sizemore  
 Staci Sizemore & Family  
 Jimmy Sullivan  
 Mrs. Sumerel  
 Liz Welsh  
 Christy Wheeler  
 Sharon Wilborn



Sunday School 10:30am  
 Sunday Worship Service 11:30am

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## A New Year's Blessing

May God make your year a happy one!  
 Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,  
 But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;  
 Not by making your path easy,  
 But by making you sturdy to travel any path;  
 Not by taking hardships from you,  
 But by taking fear from your heart;  
 Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,  
 But by keeping your face bright,  
 even in the shadows;  
 Not by making your life always pleasant,  
 But by showing you when people  
 and their causes need you most,  
 and by making you anxious to be there to help.  
 GOD'S LOVE, PEACE, HOPE & JOY  
 To you for the year ahead.

Happy New Year!