

+ + + + + **The 11:00 AM Order of Worship** + + + + +
December 30, 2018

GATHERING THE FAMILY OF GOD “All the believers were gathered together in one place” Acts 2:1

Piano Selections **Sylvia Spencer**
Welcome & Announcements
Joys & Concerns of the Church
Greeting of Guests & Church Family

OUR PRAISE TO GOD “They were praying and singing hymns to God” Acts 16:25

Prelude “Gloria in Excelsis” (Antonia Vivaldi) **Sylvia Spencer, Piano**
Lighting of the Altar Candles **Acolyte**

Introit “O How He Loves You and Me”

Call to Worship: UMH # 821 **Psalm 100:1-5**

***Hymn: # 224** “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

Invocation

Special Music “Someday” **Deborah Brister**

Children’s Time

Children are welcome to join Mrs. Gattie for Sunday school in the children’s worship room

Gathering of Tithes & Offerings - FL UM Children’s Home Special Offering

Offertory Prayer
Offertory Music “Jesus, Name Above All Names” **Sylvia Spencer**

***Doxology**

Reception of New Members

***Hymn Sing**

GOD’S WORD TO US “He started from scripture and told the good news about Jesus” Acts 8:35

Scripture: **Luke 2:36-40 (NIV)**

There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸ Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

Sermon: “On the Road to an Epiphany” **Pastor Armando Rodriguez, Jr.**

SENDING FORTH THE FAMILY OF GOD “And now I commend you to the care of God” Acts 20:32

***Hymn: # 246** “Joy to the World”

***Benediction** **Pastor Rodriguez**

***Postlude** “Amen” (arr. Hayes) **Sylvia Spencer, Piano**

+ + + + + **Finance Report** + + + + +

Our church is trying to pay 100% of our conference liabilities this year. Every week we will post a report of our progress here. We appreciate your contributions.
Weekly amount needed: \$697.00.
Amount received last week: \$5,172.30

A full financial report will be included in the newsletter.

*** = Those who are able are invited to stand**

*Please remember these in your prayers, visits
and other expressions of Christian love.*

Not at home: Mary Grose (Savannah Court, Lake Wales)

At home with medical issues: Ed Etheredge, Judy Gay, Marjorie Gay,
Pastor Jim Hatch, Walt Heidel, Brandon Hess, Marianne McMillin, Sylvia Mears,
Ann O’Berry, Ruth O’Berry, Sara Odom, Bill Poe, Carolyn Presnell, Holly Sutherland,
Lee & Louise Taylor, Ed & Eldora Thorn, Shirley Waller, Roger Waters,
Chuck & Barbara Weaver, Greg & Kathy Wood, Pat Wright

In military: Chris Brooks, Victor Orem

Needing prayers: Pastor & Staff, District Supt. Candace Lewis,
Bishop Ken Carter, Christian, Dawn & Joshua Williams, Pioneer Missions, Indonesia
Cuba Covenant Sister Church: Iglesia Metodista de Santa Cruz del Sur, Camagüey, Cuba

Opportunities for Ministry

Sunday, December 30

College Student Sunday

9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service
9:30 am Disciple & Joy Adult Sunday school classes
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service

Thursday, January 3

6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting (Library)

Saturday, January 5

4:30 – 7:00 pm Soup Buffet at Asbury UMC (\$7)
Soup, salad, roll, dessert, beverage. (863-333-2030 tickets)

Sunday, January 6

9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service + Communion
9:30 – 10:30 am Disciple & Joy Sunday school classes
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service + Communion
Children’s Church

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