

DO YOU HEAR
WHAT I HEAR?

LOVE THAT INVITES US TO LISTEN

December 7, 2025

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9:00am Worship Service

Welcome and Opening Prayer

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Advent Wreath Lighting

“Love”

Peggy & Miranda Harrison

*Call to Worship

Leader: Today we light the second candle—the Candle of Love.

People: Love that moves toward us. Love that listens. Love that invites.

Leader: When Mary hurried to Elizabeth, love leaped—literally sprang to life—within Elizabeth’s womb. Joy began before words were spoken.

People: Love awakens life. Love stirs the heart before the mind understands.

Leader: “Do you hear what I hear?” the little lamb asked the shepherd boy. Love always invites another into the wonder.

People: We light this candle because love draws near and draws us in.

All: Come, Emmanuel of Love. Tune our hearts to Your song of grace. Amen.

*Opening Song & Entrance of the Light of Christ

“Love Came Down at Christmas”

#242

Praises, Prayers & Witness

Scripture Readings

Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Luke 1:39-45

Children’s Time

Sermon Song

“What Child Is This”

#219

Message

Pastor Heath Wilson

“Do You Hear What I Hear? Love That Invites Us to Listen”

Communion/Offering (*The offering plates are available to place your offerings in as you come forward to take Communion. All are invited and welcome to receive at the Lord’s Table.*)

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Closing Song

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

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Benediction

**Please Stand if Able*

Prayer Concerns

December 7 thru December 14

Donna Catterton - recovering from knee surgery
Adam Cole & Family - loss of his grandmother
Mike Emery - recovering from skin cancer surgery
Heidi & Allen Kammer - loss of Allen's sister, Sandy
Lexi Kilpatrick - battling with the effects of POTS
Nancy Lane - South River Healthcare Center, Edgewater
Sherry Lord - healing of infection in her foot
Christi Noell & Family - loss of her mother, Nancy Reinhard
Dan Noell - recovering from eye surgery

Our Extended Prayer Concerns – Family & Friends

Alexa - (Kammer's Granddaughter) - rheumatoid arthritis
Manny Balsley - esophageal cancer
Gary Canter - bone infection in his toe
Evie Clingerman (Brooks)- recovering from eye surgery
Maggi Davis (Dickerson) - treatments for brain cancer
Tom Dean (Bush) - lost 2 toes from an infection, now battling heart issues and pneumonia
Dean Hickman (Kilpatrick) --emergency surgery for internal bleeding. In ICU in Ohio.
Joy - Praise - eye infection is gone
Kerry - liver problems
Melissa Kilpatrick – continued strength
Gracie Malinofsy - 2 yr. old with colon cancer, surgery successful, in remission now
Morris Family (Seibel) - loss of Judy Morris
Ray - new cancer treatment starting
Thomas Rosnage - liver cancer

Announcements

2026 Offering Envelopes

The 2026 Offering Envelopes are here. They will be available on the table in the foyer by the card carousel. You will have the same number as last year. If you don't have envelopes and would like a set, please send Christi an email christi@mzumc.com and it will be on the table the next week.

Wednesday, December 17 - 12:00pm - Lunch Bunch

The December Lunch Bunch will be at 12:00pm on Wednesday, December 17. Come and enjoy a great meal and fellowship time. Pastor Heath always cooks something great for the main dish and if you would like, you can bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Wednesday, December 24 - 3:00pm & 5:00pm - Christmas Eve Service

We will now have 2 services for Christmas Eve. There will be a 3:00pm service that will be a little different than the 5:00pm. It will still be worship, songs and candlelight. So join us for one or both services to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

There will be a 7:00pm service at Wesley Chapel for those that would like a later service.

Sunday, December 28 - 9:00am - Carol Sing

For several years we have had a Carol Sing on the last Sunday of December. We will have a special Carol sing on December 28 and would like you to choose some of the songs we will sing. Charlie, Johnny, Heidi, and Sherry will help lead the congregation in worship that morning. If you want to send in 2 songs that you would like to sing, you can put it in the offering plate or give them to Charlie or send to his email cbtnseibel@msn.com by December 14. Thank You.

Participants

Greeter:

Today

Mandy Dickerson

Next Week

Birthday: 12/13 Kaylee Noell