

Christmas Eve Offering

Sharing Hope with Our Community

All offerings support
Longview Community Ministries & local needs

(Unless otherwise designated)

2025 CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION

To claim a tax deduction for contributions to the church in 2025, the following must be observed.

Please contact Cheryl in the church office with any questions at finance@lvfumc.org.

ONLINE GIVING - longviewfumc.org/giving

Contributions entered before midnight on Wednesday, 12/31/25, are considered 2025 contributions.

MAIL

Must be postmarked no later than Wednesday, 12/31/25.

IN OFFICE

Must be brought to the church office by 5 PM on Tuesday, 12/30/25.

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Offerings received in worship service on Sunday, 12/28/25, will be included on your 2025 record.

The date on your check has no bearing on how your contribution is applied. It must be physically received or postmarked by 12/31/25 to be a 2025 contribution.

FUMC Longview Holiday Office Hours

DECEMBER 25
CLOSED

DECEMBER 31 & JANUARY 1
CLOSED

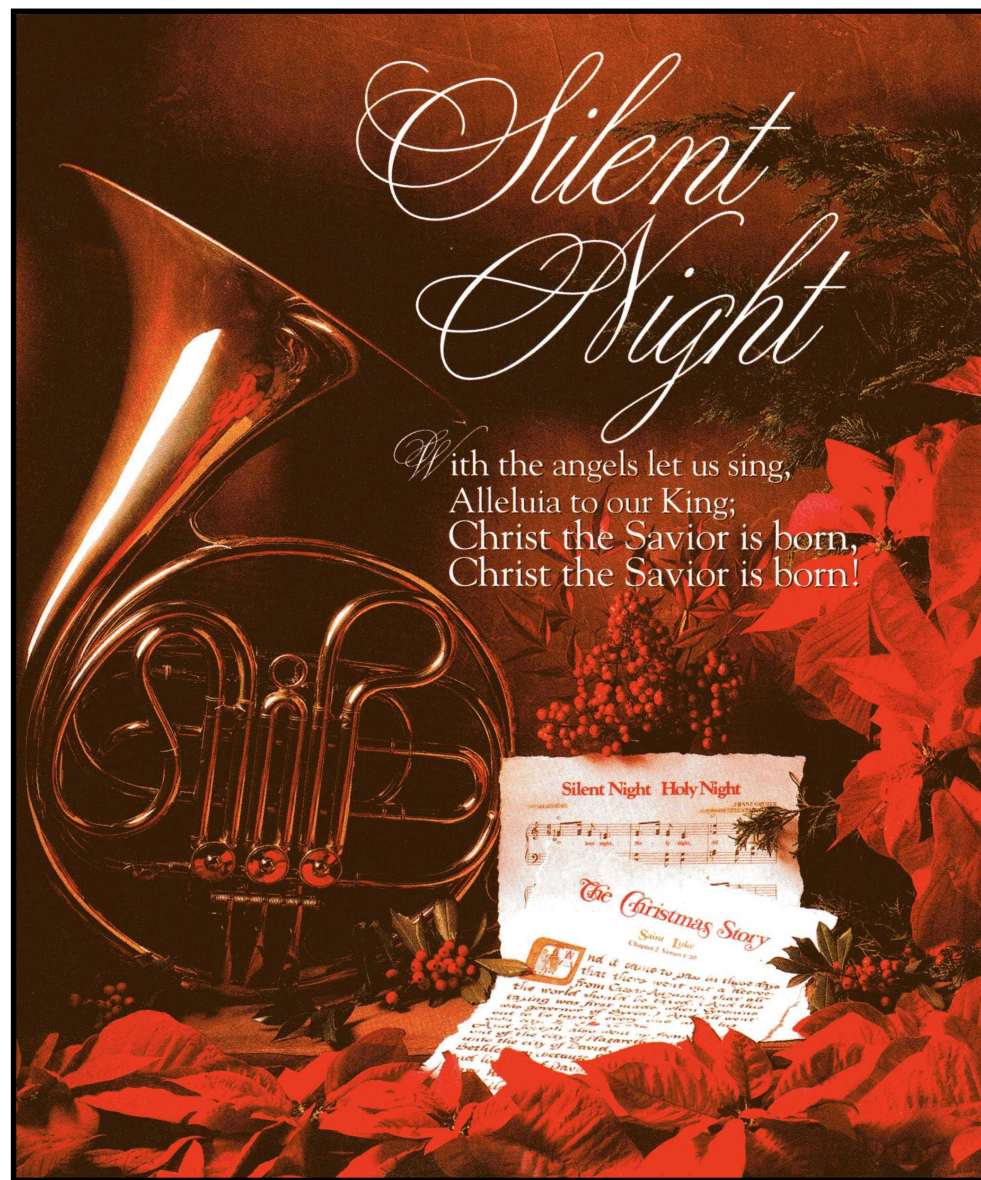
The Nicholson Project

Praising God • Tending the Soul • Changing the World

A new 5-week small group for those
not currently in a group.

Sundays at 9:45 AM | Nicholson Chapel
Beginning January 11

Info: Ricky Ricks
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*First United Methodist Church
of Longview
Candlelight & Communion
December 24, 2025*



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

7:00 pm | December 24, 2025

Christmas Eve

The Birth of Christ

Prelude O Holy Night Adolphe Adam

Deborah Parrott

Welcome Jay Jackson

Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Advent Lighting The McHaney Family

Reader: This Advent, we awaken. We awaken to Light – the Christ light that shines into the world’s darkness, a light that cannot be overcome. This light awakens vision, courage, and life itself. We awaken light by living as witnesses to God’s presence, carrying hope, joy, love, and peace into every corner of our homes, our neighborhoods, and our world.

All: This Advent, we awaken as the people of God, as the church of Christ, as neighbors, friends, and family being remade in love. We awaken to the God who has come, who is coming still, who stirs the world awake with joy, love, peace, hope and light, until all creation is made new.

***Carol** O Come All Ye Faithful (st. 1, 2, 3 & 6) UMH 234

***Scripture Readings** Luke 2:1-20 Kaiti Lammert
Matthew 7:7-12

Homily “Awakening to a New Hope” Jay Jackson

***Carol** It Came upon a Midnight Clear UMH 218

Offertory Prayer Ricky Ricks

Offertory Mary, Did You Know Mark Lowry
Brent Haas

The Great Thanksgiving

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Communion Music On Christmas Night All Christians Sing Patty Drennan
Chancel Choir

Bringing Forth the Light

As silent night is sung the light will be passed though the church and those next to you. The Candle will come down the aisle to your pew from an attendant. Pass the light carefully. Remember that the lit candle remains upright and the unlit candle is tipped to the lighted one.

***Carol** Silent Night, Holy Night Stille Nacht

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

***Sending Forth** Jay Jackson

***Carol** Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.