

Weekly Schedule

Today, December 7

4 p.m. - JOY Choir presents
Beautiful Star in the Fellowship Hall
(reception to follow)
6 p.m. - Perry Ministerial
Association hosts Christmas at the
Crossroads

Monday, December 8

12 p.m. - Methodist Women
Christmas Luncheon (prior
registration required)

Tuesday, December 9

7 a.m. - Men's Prayer Fellowship
11 a.m. - JOY Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 10

12 p.m. - Staff Christmas Party
(Office closed until 2 p.m.)
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir
Rehearsal

Thursday, December 11

2 p.m. - Walking in the FLC

Saturday, December 13

10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary Choir
Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
12:30 p.m. - Music Ministry
Seafood Luncheon in the FLC

Blue Christmas

A Service of the Longest Night
Sunday, December 21, 2025
6 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Refreshments to follow in the
Fellowship Hall

What is often referred to as
"The Most Wonderful Time of the Year"
can be especially hard if you are struggling,
experiencing a loss, or just feeling blah.

Join us for this meaningful worship
experience where we will honor our pain
and allow space for God to work even when
it's hard. Invite a friend, all are welcome.



Christmas Eve Motel Outreach

We will deliver
meals and
goodies to our neighbors living in
motels on Christmas Eve. If you
would like to help with the
delivery, email Katie at
katie.pumc@gmail.com.

We are also collecting financial
donations to make food bags for
each family. Mark your donation
"Food bags" and put it in the
offering plate.

We are also collecting new
stuffed animals, blankets, board
games, and puzzles for the
families we will serve. All items
can be dropped off in the church
office.

**Children's
"3 More Sleeps Til
Christmas"
Monday,
December 22
1 p.m. - 4 p.m. in
the Fellowship Hall**



We will decorate Christmas
cookies, make crafts, play
games, and more.

Sign up at [perrymethodist.com/
ministries/childrens](http://perrymethodist.com/ministries/childrens)



Blue Christmas Reception

We need donations
of finger foods or
desserts for the
reception after our Blue Christmas
service. If you are willing to
donate a dish, please call the
church office or sign up at
[perrymethodist.com/
upcoming-events](http://perrymethodist.com/upcoming-events).



Last Sunday we looked at the
big story of Scripture — a God
who keeps making covenants
because He desires a real rela-
tionship with His people. From
Abraham to Moses to Isaiah,
God calls His people to be a
kingdom of priests, reflecting His
light so the world is drawn to
Him.

Isaiah 2 gave us a vision of
God's dream for the world:
nations streaming toward the
light, weapons transformed into
tools for peace, people seeking
God's ways. We prayed togeth-
er, **"Come, Thou Long-Expected
Jesus... be born in us today."**

Today we move to **Isaiah 11**,
where hope grows from unlikely

places — **a shoot from the stump of Jesse.**

Christ comes to bring new life out of what feels cut down, used
up, or beyond repair. God does not only shine light on us; **He
plants Christ in us.**

And when Christ takes root, everything changes.
This morning is also a **special service of worship** as our Handbell
Choir helps lead us. Their music echoes Isaiah's promise — a
sound of hope ringing out for all who long for Christ to be real in
their lives today.

Welcome to worship. May Christ be born in us, and rooted in us,
today.

Worship and Praise Gathering

2nd Sunday of Advent
December 7, 2024

Liturgical Color: White
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Tom Carruth

Please register your attendance on the pads found in each pew.

Prelude *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* arr. Linda Scholes
The Sanctuary Bells

Dr. Anita Williams, Eunice Andrews, Dr. Amy Muse, Michael O'Neill,
Carla Hillis, Caron Williams, Allen Mason, Bob Studley, Jill Massee

***Hymn of Praise** 203 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Lighting of the Advent Candle 9:00 - The Hulbert Family
11:00 - The Wallace Family

Pastoral Prayer and Lords Prayer Rob Ray

***Hymn of Preparation** 204 *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Music *Oh, How Joyfully* (German Carol)
arr. John Behnke
"O, how joyfully, O how merrily,
Christmas comes with its grace divine".
The Sanctuary Bells

***Doxology** 94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Scripture Isaiah 11:1-10

Sermon Be Rooted in Us Today

Holy Communion (gluten free rice crackers given upon request)

Music During Communion

Communion Meditation Douglas Wagner
Let Us Break Bread Together
Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness
Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel arr. Linda Scholes
The Sanctuary Bells

***Hymn of Commitment** 213 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

*Sending Forth with Blessing

***Postlude** *An English Christmas* arr. Michael Helman
Good King Wenceslas and God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
The Sanctuary Bells

*Stand as able

Acolyte: Beckett Story 11:00
Crucifer: Anna Reese Mason 11:00

Special Announcements

- A pre-school nursery is provided for children 6 weeks to 4 years old. Children's Church is provided at 11 a.m. for children 4 years of age through their completing first grade. An usher will be happy to assist you in finding these locations in the Education building.

Perry Methodist Church Staff:

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