

Welcome...

Christmas Eve



Worship. Study. Serve.

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Christmas Eve

December 24, 2017 • 4:00 p.m.

Family Worship Service

Welcome to Spanish Fort United Methodist Church!

We pray that the Holy Spirit moves through you as it moves through this service of worship.

Prelude

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Wanda Cooper and Andy Cloninger, Duet

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Hymn

“O Come All Ye Faithful” ~ No. 234

Welcome

Music

“Mary’s Little Lamb / Twinkle, Twinkle Shining Star”

Preschool Choir

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Alex & Nicole Hart

Leader: Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again. Let us pray that the Christmas season may fill us with peace and joy as we strive to follow the example of Jesus.

All: Come, Lord Jesus

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Loving God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.

Leader: A reading from Luke, chapter 2, verse 10:

Do not be afraid; for see-I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

Leader: We light this Christ candle as a symbol of Christ, divine Lord, born into human form, God incarnate, the Word made flesh. May the tiny babe lying in the manger remind us of the great power of God to reclaim, recreate and renew each and every one of his precious children.

All: Welcome, Emmanuel, welcome!

The center white Christ candle is lit.

Music

“Joy To The World”

Children’s Choir

1st Reading

Luke 2:1-14

Music

“Angels We Have Heard”

Children’s Choir

2nd Reading

Luke 2:15-20

Hymn

“Away In A Manger” ~ No. 217

Pastoral Prayer

Children’s Moment

Jennifer Robertson

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

“O Holy Night”

Children’s Bell Choir

**Offering will be given to the United Methodist Children’s Home unless otherwise designated.*

Meditation

“Do You Hear What I Hear?”

Rev. Rebecca Rutherford

Service of Communion

We will participate in communion by the practice of intinction. Let the communion server place the bread in your hand. Then take the bread and dip it into the cup. After receiving the sacrament, you are welcome to spend some time in prayer at the altar. Please let the server know if you would like gluten free bread. Gifts left at the altar will be designated for the pastor’s discretionary fund.

Closing Carol

Silent Night, Holy Night” ~ No. 239

**Children may activate their light sticks during Silent Night.*

*Benediction

Postlude

“Joy To The World”

Andy Cloninger

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- If you need to step out of the service with your child, the Mother’s Room is available in the Sanctuary foyer.
 - Please register your attendance in the gray binder distributed by the ushers during the announcements.
 - If you need assistance during the service, please let one of the ushers know.

Thank you for joining us this evening.
We pray that your Christmas is filled with the light of Christ and we hope that you will join us again.
Below are opportunities in each area of our mission.
Please call the church office for more information, 251-626-1334 or go to our website at
www.spanishfortumc.org.

Worship

Sundays

Traditional Worship • 8:45am • Sanctuary • Main Campus

Contemporary Worship • 11:00am • Sanctuary • Main Campus

***Please join us Sunday, December 31, for one combined worship service at 10:00 a.m.
(No Sunday School or evening activities.)***

Study

ADULTS

Sundays

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

West & Main Campuses

Wednesdays

Mid-Week,

beginning January 10, 2018

Bible Studies & Small Groups

West & Main Campus

Weekdays

Bible Studies & Small Groups

West & Main Campuses

YOUTH

Sundays

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Small Groups (6th-12th grades)

West Campus

and

6:00 p.m. Remedy Youth

(9th-12th grades)

West Campus

Wednesdays

6:00 p.m. Catapult

(6th - 8th grades)

West Campus

CHILDREN

Sundays

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Age 3 yrs-5th grade,

West Campus

Infant-age 36 months,

Lower Fellowship Hall

Main Campus

Wednesdays

Age 3 yrs - 5th grade

6:00 p.m. West Campus

Infant-age 36 months,

West Campus

Service

Join one of our 2018 Mission Teams:

Red Bird Mission: April 15-21 • Costa Rica: June 9-16 or June 16-23 • Ecuador: July 14-23

Join us for Vacation Bible School:

June 11-15, 2018