

*Welcome...*



*Worship. Study. Serve.*

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# New Year's Eve

December 31, 2017 • 10:00 a.m.

Combined 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

**“Join the Triumph of the Skies” ~ Wagner**

*Wanda Cooper, Organ*

## Welcome/Greeting

### \*Call to Worship

**“Joy To The World” ~ No. 246**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King! Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

## Bringing in the Light of Christ

### \*Hymn

**“Go Tell It On The Mountain” ~ No. 251**

## Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

UM Scholarships - Blake Giles, Christina Spencer, Leah White

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.

## Prayer Response

**“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” ~ No. 229**

### \*Affirmation of Faith

**“The Apostles' Creed” ~ No. 881**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### \*Gloria Patri

**“Glory Be to the Father” ~ No. 71**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

## Children's Moment

Following Children's Time, the children ages 3 years (by September 1, 2017) through 2nd grade will be dismissed to the lower level Fellowship Hall, next to the Sanctuary, in MC106. Parents may pick up their children, after the worship service, in MC106.

## Offertory Prayer

### Offertory

**"Welcome To Our World" ~ Chris Rice**

*Solo: Rev. Rebecca Rutherford*

### \*Scripture Message

**Philippians 3:12-14 ~ Pew Bible New Testament, No. 175**

**"Forever Forward"**

*Rev. Bill Price*

## Holy Communion

We will participate in communion this morning by the practice of intinction. So that all may feel welcome at the table, the communion elements are grape juice and gluten-free bread. Gifts left at the altar will be designated for the pastor's discretionary fund.

### \*Hymn

**"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" ~ No. 224**

### \*Benediction

## Postlude

**"Glorious Is Thy Name"**

*Wanda Cooper, Organ*

\*Please stand as you are able.

- 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.

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## Sermon Notes:

# Weekly Bible Readings

Meet the challenge to read your entire Bible in one year by spending twelve and a half minutes each day. You can start any time. This week's suggested readings: Sunday, James 1-3; Monday, Deuteronomy 4-6; Tuesday, 2 Chronicles 25-28; Wednesday, Psalms 122-124; Thursday, Ecclesiastes 1-2; Friday, Habakkuk; ; Saturday, Acts 9-10

## *This Week ...*

### SUNDAY, December 31

10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Main Campus, Sanctuary)  
No Sunday School or Evening Activities

### MONDAY, January 1

Church Office Closed

### TUESDAY, January 2

Church Office Closed

### WEDNESDAY, January 3

5:30 a.m. Men's Group (Main Campus, Fellowship Hall)  
9:00 a.m. Wed. AM Bible Study - The Tender Warrior (West Campus, WD101)  
3:30 p.m. Bread of Life ChristCare (Main Campus, Resource Bldg.)  
6:00 p.m. Disciple IV Bible Study (West Campus, WD101)

### THURSDAY, January 4

11:00 a.m. Westminster Village - Holy Communion (WV, Chapel)  
1:00 p.m. Thirsty Thursday Bible Study (Main Campus, Parlor of FH)  
7:00 p.m. TLC ChristCare Group (Main Campus, Parlor of FH)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

01/07 - Agape Hands Puppets Practice Resumes  
01/07 - Confirmation Class  
01/07 - Parent's Session of Confirmation  
01/08 - Adult (Bill's) Bible Study Resumes  
01/08 - Trustees Meeting  
01/08 - Evangelism Team Meeting  
01/09 - New Lunch Bunch Study, "Ruth"  
01/09 - Westminster Village UM Luncheon  
01/10 - "Parenting Beyond Your Capacity" Study  
01/10 - Mid-Week Resumes  
01/11 - Sara Sheppard Circle  
01/12-14 - Remedy Winter Revive  
01-13 - UMM Breakfast  
01-15 - Finance Meeting  
01-18 - Westminster Village - Bible Study  
01-21 - Financial Peace University  
01-21 - Blood Drive  
01-22 - Church Council Meeting  
01-28 - Confirmation Class

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### CHILDREN

WINTER CAMP... "Joy" Winter Camp for 3rd-5th grades is **Feb. 2-5, 2018**. Go to [www.bluelakecamp.com](http://www.bluelakecamp.com) to register.

UMCOR...Our Children's Ministry continues to collect supply items for the UMCOR Relief Health Kits. The item we are collecting for **Jan.** is combs (min. of 6" of teeth, no pocket combs/picks). Please bring items to the drop off box in the Narthex of the Sanctuary or to the Kids' area on the West Campus.

### YOUTH

WINTER REVIVE CAMP...Winter Revive, "AMEN" for 7th-12th grades is **Jan. 12-14, 2018**. For more details and to register go to [www.spanishfortumc.org](http://www.spanishfortumc.org) and click on the Calendar & Events tab.

SUPERBOWL PARTY...Remedy Youth grades 9th-12th are invited to bring a friend and join us to watch the Super Bowl on Sunday, **February 4** in the Youth area. More details soon.

### ADULT

ADULT A NOTE FROM FINANCE...All 2017 contributions must be mailed (postmarked), delivered to the church office, or placed in the offering plate by **Dec. 31, 2017** (drop in the mail slot) in order to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2017.

RUTH STUDY - LUNCH BUNCH...The Women's Tuesday Lunch Bunch will be doing a Bible Study on the book of Ruth beginning **Jan. 9th** for 6 weeks. Study guides are \$15 and we will have them available on the first day of class. For more details and to register go to [www.spanishfortumc.org](http://www.spanishfortumc.org) and click on the Calendar & Events tab.

PARENTING BEYOND YOUR CAPACITY STUDY...Join us for this 8-week parenting study, starting with an orientation on Wednesday, **Jan. 10th** from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. on the West Campus. Cost is \$15 for class materials. For more details and to register go to [www.spanishfortumc.org](http://www.spanishfortumc.org) and click on the Calendar & Events tab.

MID-WEEK...Join us Wed. evenings beginning **Jan. 10, 2018** when our Mid-Week meal and activities will resume. Dinner is from 5:15-6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Following dinner, activities for all ages are available on both campuses.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY...Begins **Jan. 21st** and runs through Mar. 18th at 10 AM in WD102 on the West Campus. The cost for this course is \$109. For more details and to register go to [www.spanishfortumc.org](http://www.spanishfortumc.org) and click on the Calendar & Events tab.

MEN'S RETREAT...Men, mark your calendars for **Feb. 9-10, 2018** at Camp Baldwin. Cost is \$60.00. Register by calling the church office. Registration and monies due by **Feb. 1, 2018**.