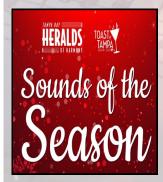
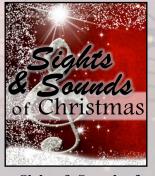


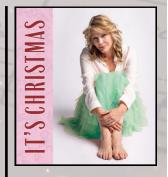
# **UPCOMING EVENTS**



Toast of Tampa & Heralds of Harmony
TODAY
3:00PM
\$25 Advance Tickets



Sights & Sounds of Christmas Wed. Dec. 18th 6:30PM FREE



Vickie Truitt It's Christmas Concert Fri. Dec. 20th 7:00PM \$15Tickets

# **Sunday Morning Schedule**

Traditional Services: 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM Contemporary Service: 9:45 AM

Elementary Sunday School: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM in Children's Ministry Room Under the Cross Youth Sunday School: 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM in Creason

CLASSES: 9:45AM - Disciples Class in Room 30 10:45 AM - Unity: (Young Adults) in the LEC 11:00 AM - Oasis in Room 11

The United Methodist Church of Sun City Center 1971 Haverford Ave. SCC. FL 33573

Dr. Cynthia Weems, Senior Pastor Travis Taylor, Associate Pastor

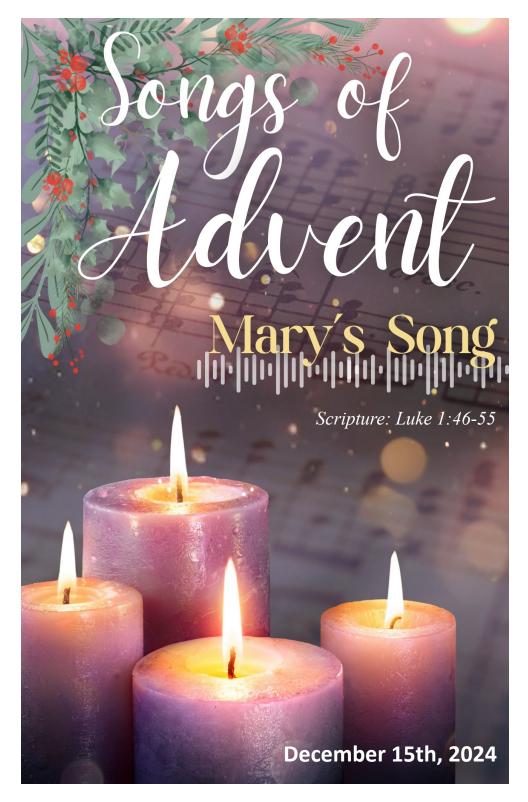
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#### **Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Sunday: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

### Pages of Life Bookstore

Monday - Thursday: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Sunday: 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM



# Sunday Worship

**Series: Songs of Advent** Week 3: A Song of Joy: Mary's Song Pastor Cynthia Weems, preaching Mission of the Month: Anchor House

TRADITIONAL SERVICES - 8:30 & 11:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The Coventry Carol - by Gaylen Hatten

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

OPENING HYMN

#237 Sing We Now of Christmas (verses 1, 2, 3)

AFFERMATION OF FAITH & GLORIA PATRI

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ANTHEM

And the Glory of the Lord - G.F. Handel

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

CALL TO OFFERING & OFFERTORY

Carol of the Bells - arr. Thomas Graf, clarinet trio

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**SERMON:** A Song of Joy: Mary's Song

**CLOSING HYMN** 

#218 It Came upon the Midnight Clear (verses 1, 3, 4) **BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE** 

Angels We Have Heard on High - arr. Wallace and Head Gerry Bell, trumpet

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE - 9:45 AM

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING **OPENING SONGS** 

> I've Got Joy - CeCe Winans Light of the World - WTK

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

**CALL TO OFFERING & OFFERTORY** 

Miraculum - Brewster, Garrett Franzen, guitar

**SERMON:** A Song of Jov: Mary's Song

CLOSING SONG

Joy to the World - Maverick City

BENEDICTION

That's My King - CeCe Winans

Looking Ahead: Sunday, Dec. 22nd Fourth Sunday of Advent: Simeon's Song As a way to help prepare for next week's sermon, please read Luke 2:25-32



We are thrilled to have you join us this morning! As a thank you for being our guest make sure you stop at our welcome desk for a free gift. At SCCUMC we strive to give back to our community and spread the Good News of Christ to our neighbors. See you next week!



# Thank you for your Financial Gifts



Thank you for your generous gifts to our church. Please give during the time of offering, online at www.sccumc.com/giving or us this OR code.

Thank you to those who pledged to the 2025 operating budget on Consecration Sunday, Nov. 24. Please see the bulletin insert for updates and consider making a pledge today at www.sccumc.com/pledge

**Total Receipt November Mission of the Month - Miracle Ministries (India** Sister Church): \$3806.00

## **Attendance Last Week:**

Saturday Cantata: 183

8:30 AM - 236

9:45 AM - 230

11:00 AM - 393

<sup>\*</sup>Holy Communion offered at the conclusion of each service.



## Stewardship campaign by the numbers:

The results of our November stewardship campaign are incredibly positive. Thank you to all who have pledged!

- Total pledges to date: 275 households
- Amount pledged: \$1,100,000
- New giving households = 42
- Anticipated giving from unpledged households = \$520,000
- Income from other sources = \$324,000 (facility use, concerts, etc.)

## **Budget update:**

Our Finance committee presented a balanced budget of \$1,944,000 to the Administrative Council on December 10. This represents an 18% decrease from 2024 expenses. Please review the following to see how we accomplished this task.

- Staffing reductions = 26% (as follows)
  - Pastoral reduced 33% (7/1/24) moving from 3 pastors to 2
  - Program reduced 50% with elimination of nursery coordinator and paid kitchen staff
  - Administrative reduced 18% by outsourcing a portion of the accounting responsibilities
- Facilities and Grounds reductions = 10%
- Office and Admin reductions = 18%

