



Blue Christmas

A Service of Healing and Hope
 DECEMBER 15TH | 7:00PM
 Led by Pastor Debbie

UPCOMING EVENTS



HERALDS OF HARMONY
TOAST TAMPA

Sounds of the Season

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



Sights & Sounds of Christmas

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



IT'S CHRISTMAS

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

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

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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



Songs of Advent

Mary's Song

Scripture: Luke 1:46-55

December 15th, 2024

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)

AFFIRMATION 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

DOXLOGY

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 Joy: 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

WELCOME
THANK YOU FOR JOINING US

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!

Christmas Eve CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

TUESDAY
DECEMBER
24

CONTEMPORARY
SERVICES
4:00PM & 7:00PM

TRADITIONAL
SERVICE
5:30PM

COMMUNION
SERVICE
8:30PM

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 QR 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

*Holy Communion offered at the conclusion of each service.

ImpACT Stewardship & Budget Update

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%

