

Pine Island United Methodist Church

December 28, 2025

First Sunday after Christmas

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*Love, Hope, A Place to Belong*

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\* - You are invited to stand at these times.

Hymns numbered 2000 are from "The Faith We Sing" (black), hymns numbered 3000 are from "Worship and Song" (green)

Hymns marked "MVPC" are from the Mil Voces Para Celebrar hymnal

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Centering

Centering Song

"Jesus Entered Egypt"

Adam Tice

\* Call to Worship

from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2025*, alt

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: How can we sing Christ's praise in an imperfect world?

**People: By remembering that we are lifted, carried, and redeemed by God's perfect love.**

Leader: During all their distress, God also was distressed,  
so a messenger who served God saved them.

**People: In love and mercy God redeemed them,  
lifting and carrying them throughout earlier times.**

\* Hymn

"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"

# 179

\* Opening Prayer (in unison)

from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2025*, alt.

**Loving God, we come into your presence with joy in this holiday season. But we also come with sorrow for a world struggling in pain. Help us resist the forces of evil and cruelty that kill our hope and destroy our souls.**

**Bring hope to our weary world. Bring love to our hearts. Bring joy to our lives. And help us overflow with grace as we bring hope, love, and joy to the world. Help us as we follow your Son, Christ Jesus. Amen.**

For All of God's Children

"Where Children Belong"

# 2233

Scripture Reading

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:13-23

Jody Krause

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Message

"Good News... Bad News"

Response Hymn

"Coventry Carol"

Christmas Carol Sing

*United Methodist Hymnal – Hymns 217 to 251*

*The Faith We Sing – Hymns 2092 to 2100*

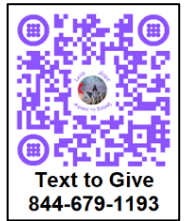
*Worship and Song – Hymns 3051 to 3067*

Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer

Giving of Ourselves, Our Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

- \* Doxology "In the Bleak Midwinter" (verse 4) # 221  
\* Offertory Prayer  
\* The Lord's Prayer # 895



**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.**

Opportunities for Growth and Service

\* Breakthrough Prayer

**Holy Spirit, break through to renew and revive our church, unleashing new life. Empower us to proclaim the Good News of Jesus' resurrection and the promise of abundant, eternal life.**

**Transform and boldly use us, without limits, delays, or excuses, to reach new people, to make new disciples of Jesus Christ, and to transform the world. Amen.**

- \* Closing Hymn "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" # 224  
\* Dismissal with Blessing from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2025*, alt.

Leader: May the work of Christmas begin with us.

**People: May the work of discipleship guide our lives.**

Leader: May the gifts of mercy and grace flow through us.

**People: May praise and joy strengthen our journey.**

Leader: May Christ light our way!

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\* Postlude

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If you are with us for the first time, we are delighted you are here! Here are some things that might be helpful to know...

- A **Children's Area** with coloring books, activity bags and a rocking chair is in the rear of the Sanctuary.
- **Restrooms** are in the Office and Education Wing, and an **accessible restroom** with a **changing table** is next to the Fellowship Hall Kitchen in the basement beneath the Sanctuary.
- **Sermon texts** are available on the table in back if you would like to follow along or if you get distracted during the service.
- All are invited by Jesus and welcomed when we have **Holy Communion**. **Gluten Free** wafers are available if needed. It is the tradition of the United Methodist Church to use grape juice.
- Please join us for **Coffee Fellowship** this morning. You are also welcome and invited to be a part of all our **church activities**. A weekly schedule is included in this worship bulletin.
- **Any Questions?** Please ask someone sitting near you or an usher.

**Thanks for being here today!**

### **Matthew 2:13-23 (CEB)**

<sup>13</sup> When the magi had departed, an angel from the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up. Take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod will soon search for the child in order to kill him." <sup>14</sup> Joseph got up and, during the night, took the child and his mother to Egypt. <sup>15</sup> He stayed there until Herod died. This fulfilled what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: *I have called my son out of Egypt.*

<sup>16</sup> When Herod knew the magi had fooled him, he grew very angry. He sent soldiers to kill all the male children in Bethlehem and in all the surrounding territory who were two years old and younger, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. <sup>17</sup> This fulfilled the word spoken through Jeremiah the prophet:

<sup>18</sup> *A voice was heard in Ramah,  
weeping and much grieving.  
Rachel weeping for her children,  
and she did not want to be comforted,  
because they were no more.*

<sup>19</sup> After King Herod died, an angel from the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt. <sup>20</sup> "Get up," the angel said, "and take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel. Those who were trying to kill the child are dead." <sup>21</sup> Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus ruled over Judea in place of his father Herod, Joseph was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he went to the area of Galilee. <sup>23</sup> He settled in a city called Nazareth so that what was spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled: He will be called a Nazarene.

### **Prayer Joys & Concerns for December 28, 2025**

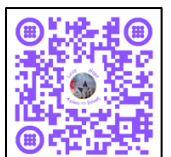
- Michala Sinning, Stewartville High School, Brown University, and MIT students and staff, Susan Moffitt, Hilde, Edwin Shanahan, Tyler Anderson, Chaplain Pat Olafson, Jo Canniff, Bruce Robinson, Jayson Scherin, Michael Mancilman, Penny Sievers, Lois and LaMoyne Bruce, Alicemay Clark
- The families who have an empty chair at Christmas celebrations
- All those with cancer
- Families who are going through difficult times and emotional turmoil
- Victims of violence and warfare, and wisdom for those in leadership
- President Donald Trump, those who advise him, and our governmental leaders
- Our worldwide United Methodist Church in our new era of ministry to all whom Jesus loves
- Peace for the people of Ukraine, the Middle East, and Sudan
- For new people who will hear about us and connect with our congregation
- Baiwalla UMC & school in Sierra Leone
- Thanks to God for all our blessings

### **Did You Forget Your Checkbook Today?**

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If you wish to use your bank's **electronic funds transfer option**, contact our Church Treasurer, Jodie Shannahan at [jodie@piumc.org](mailto:jodie@piumc.org).



## Church Calendar for the week of December 28, 2025

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	<b>Sunday Worship</b> (Live stream at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/piumc">www.facebook.com/piumc</a> )
	10:00 am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00 am	Sunday School
<b>Monday</b>	6:00 pm	International Fellowship of Chaplains Grief Group
	1:00 pm	Pine Haven Small Group
	5:15 pm	TOPS
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>New Year's Day – office closed</b>
<b>Friday</b>	6:30 am	Speaker's 101 Club
	10:00 am	Pine Island Small Group
	7:00 pm	Al-Alon
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	6:00 pm	International Fellowship of Chaplains Grief Group



December 21, 2025, Attendance information: In person **39**; Online views **218**

December 24, 2025, Attendance information: In person 4 pm: **78**; 11 pm **23**; Online views **144**

### **"Jesus Entered Egypt"**

1. Jesus entered Egypt, fleeing Herod's hand,  
Living as an alien in a foreign land.  
Far from home and country with his family,  
Was there room and welcome for this  
refugee?
2. Jesus was a migrant, living as a guest  
with the friends and strangers who could offer  
rest.  
Do we hold wealth lightly so that we can share  
Shelter with the homeless, and abundant  
care?
3. Jesus crosses borders with the wand'ring poor,  
searching for a refuge, for an open door,  
do our worlds and actions answer Jesus' pleas,  
"Give the lowly welcome, and you welcome  
me"?

### **"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem" # 179**

1. sing a song of Bethlehem,  
of shepherds watching there,  
and of the news that came to them  
from angels in the air.  
The light that shone on Bethlehem  
fills all the world today;  
of Jesus' birth and peace on earth  
the angels sing alway.
2. sing a song of Nazareth,  
of sunny days of joy;  
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath,  
and of the sinless Boy.  
For now the flowers of Nazareth  
in every heart may grow;  
now spreads the fame of his dear name  
on all the winds that blow.
3. sing a song of Galilee,  
of lake and woods and hill,  
of him who walked upon the sea  
and bade the waves be still.  
For though like waves on Galilee,  
dark seas of trouble roll,  
when faith has heard the Master's work,  
falls peace upon the soul.
4. sing a song of Calvary,  
its glory and dismay,  
of him who hung upon the tree,  
and took our sins away.  
For he who died on Calvary  
is risen from the grave,  
and Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored,  
is mighty now to save.

### **"Coventry Carol"**

1. O little town of Bethlehem.  
how still we see thee lie;  
above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by.  
Yet in they dark street shineth  
the ever-lasting light;  
hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.
2. Lullay, Thou little tiny child,  
bye bye lully, lullay.  
Lully, Thou little tiny child,  
Bye, Bye lully, lullay.  
Herod the King in his raging,  
charged he hath this day,  
his men of might, in his own sight,  
all children young to slay.
3. For Christ is born of Mary,  
and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels  
keep their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars together,  
proclaim the holy birth  
and praises sing to God the King,  
and peace to all on earth.
4. How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is given;  
so God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming,  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him,  
still the dear Christ enters in.
5. O holy child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in,  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel!  
Bye, bye lully, lullay.

### **"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" #224**

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today.  
Ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born to day!  
Christ is born today!
2. Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven's door,  
and we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born for this!
3. Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave:  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
to gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save!  
Christ was born to save!

Score

# Jesus Entered Egypt

King's Weston

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Moderato ♩ = 80

Soprano

Bass

Je - sus en - tered E - gypt flee - ing Her - od's hand,  
Je - sus was a mi - grant liv - ing as a guest  
Je - sus cross - es bor - ders with the wand - 'ring poor,

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liv - ing as an a - lien in a for - eign land,  
with the friends and stran - gers who could of - fer rest,  
search - ing for a re - fuge, for an o - pen door,

9

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Far from home and coun - try with his fam - i - ly,  
Do we hold wealth light - ly, so that we can share  
do our words and ac - tions an - swer Je - sus' plea,

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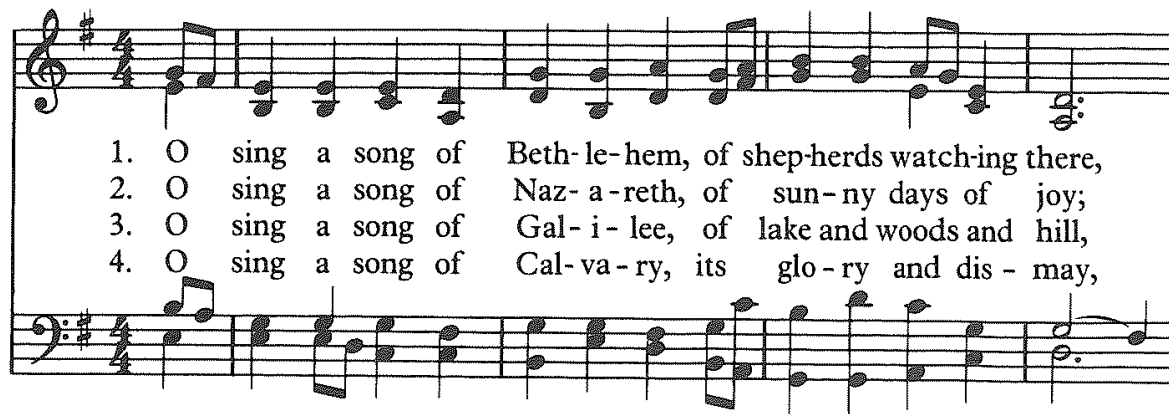
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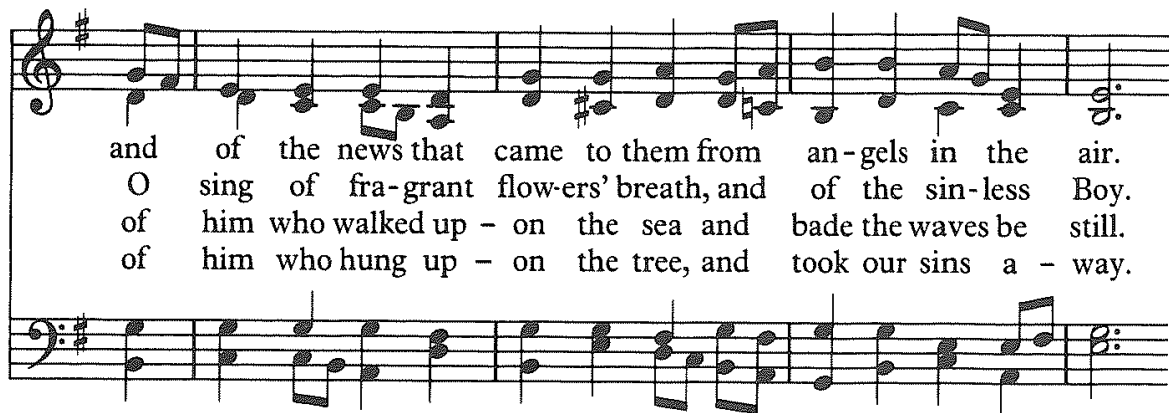
was there room and wel - come for this ref - u - gee?  
shel - ter with the home - less, and a - bun - dant care?  
"Give the low - ly wel - come, and you wel - come me"?

## O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

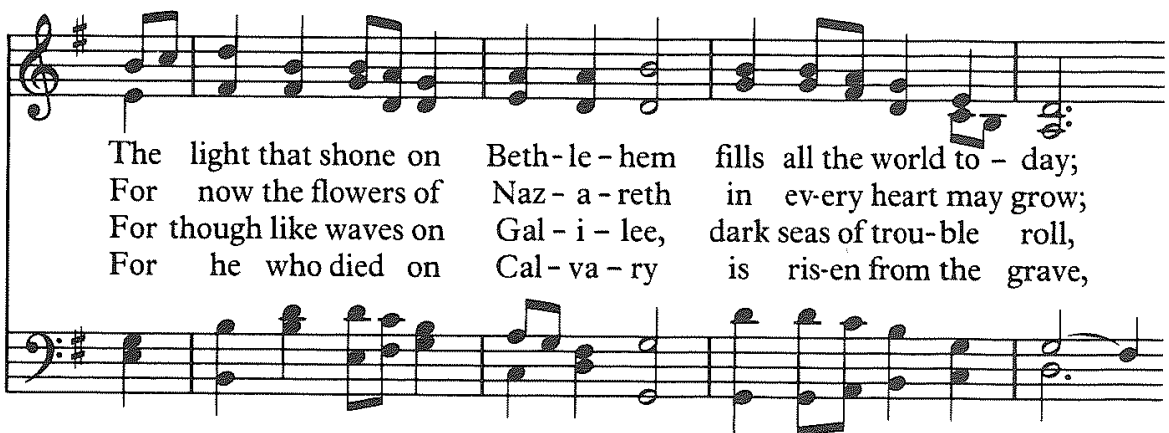
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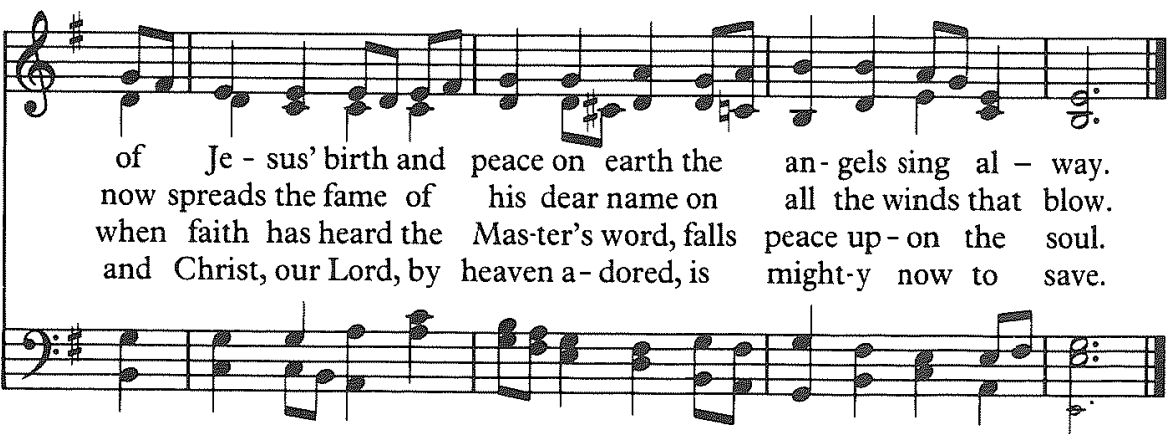
1. O sing a song of Beth-le-hem, of shep-herds watch-ing there,  
 2. O sing a song of Naz-a-reth, of sun-ny days of joy;  
 3. O sing a song of Gal-i-lee, of lake and woods and hill,  
 4. O sing a song of Cal-va-ry, its glo-ry and dis-may,



and of the news that came to them from an-gels in the air.  
 O sing of fra-grant flow-ers' breath, and of the sin-less Boy.  
 of him who walked up-on the sea and bade the waves be still.  
 of him who hung up-on the tree, and took our sins a-way.



The light that shone on Beth-le-hem fills all the world to-day;  
 For now the flowers of Naz-a-reth in ev-ery heart may grow;  
 For though like waves on Gal-i-lee, dark seas of trou-ble roll,  
 For he who died on Cal-va-ry is ris-en from the grave,



of Je-sus' birth and peace on earth the an-gels sing al-way.  
 now spreads the fame of his dear name on all the winds that blow.  
 when faith has heard the Mas-ter's word, falls peace up-on the soul.  
 and Christ, our Lord, by heaven a-dored, is might-y now to save.

WORDS: Louis F. Benson, 1889

MUSIC: English melody; arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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## Tenor 1

## Coventry Carol

## English Carol

O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we  
 Lul - lay, Thou lit - tle ti - ny child, bye - bye, lul -  
 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and gath - ered  
 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous

6  
 see thee lie; a - bove thy deep and  
 ly, lul - lay. Lul - ly, Thou lit - tle  
 all a bove, while mor - tals sleep, the  
 gift is given; so God im - parts to

11  
 dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by.  
 tin - y child, Bye, bye, lul - ly, lul - lay.  
 an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.  
 hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.

17  
 Yet in thy dark street shin - eth the ev - er  
 Her - od the King in his rag - ing, charged he  
 O morn - ing stars to - geth - er, pro - claim the  
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this

22  
 last - ing light; the hopes and fears of  
 hath this day, his men of might, in  
 ho - ly birth, and prais - es sing to  
 world of sin, where meek souls will re -

27  
 all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 his own sight, all chil - dren young to slay.  
 God the King, and peace to all on earth  
 ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.

1, 2, 3.

## Coventry Carol

33 4.  
O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to — us, we pray; cast

38  
out our sin and en - ter in, be born in — us to - day. We

42  
hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell; O

46  
come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

50  
Bye, bye, lul - ly, lul - - lay. —————

# Good Christian Friends, Rejoice 224

1., 2., 3. Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and

voice; give ye heed to what we say: News, news!  
 voice; now ye hear of end - less bliss: News, news!  
 voice; now ye need not fear the grave: News, news!

Je - sus Christ is born to - day! Ox and ass be -  
 Je - sus Christ was born for this! He hath o - pened  
 Je - sus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and

fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
 heav - en's door, and ye are blest for - ev - er - more.  
 calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day, Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!