

# SERVE

at  **WESLEY MEMORIAL**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

If you're looking for a way to do more than just attend on Sundays—this is your invitation. As we look ahead to 2026, we're building ministry teams and are looking for volunteers and team leaders who are ready to serve, grow, and make a difference.

There's a place for everyone to use their gifts, including:

- Children's Ministry
- Pack-A-Sack Ministry
- Homeless Ministry
- Missions & Outreach
- Ambassadors
- Hospitality
- Worship Assistance
- Liturgy
- Acolytes
- Choir
- Sound & Media Support

Whether you can serve weekly, monthly, or occasionally, your presence matters and your gifts are needed.

Interested? Email [office@wesleytampa.org](mailto:office@wesleytampa.org)

## COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES MEETING

Join us on Sunday, January 11, 2026, for our next Council of Ministries meeting.

This will be an extended meeting focused on planning for the entire 2026 year, and your participation is vital as we set our direction and priorities together.

## WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Craft Ladies	Tues., 2pm - 5pm	Craft Room
Choir Rehearsal	Tues., 7pm - 8pm	Choir Room
Promiseland Children	Weds., 6pm-7:30pm	Promiseland Room
Needles Group	Thurs., 9am - 12pm	Craft Room
Men's Breakfast	Sat., 7am - 9am	FLC Fellowship Hall

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Gina Schmidt	12/01	Marilyn Harrigan	12/06
Marlys Templeton	12/02	Cheryl Lawson	12/19
Jackson Mack	12/04	Jolene Luke	12/26

# WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDIES GROWING IN FAITH

WITH **PASTOR ANTONIO**  
**JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> - FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
6:30 PM-7:30 PM - LIBRARY ROOM

# GENESIS

WITH **CHARLIE DITTMAR**  
**JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> - FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
6:30 PM-7:30 PM - CONFERENCE ROOM

Sign-up sheets available in the Overflow.

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3. In Person: Drop in offering plate or bring to church office
4. Mail: Mail donation to:  
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Rooted in Love. Growing in Faith. Serving with Joy.

*Epiphany:*

# WHEN HEAVEN MEETS HOME

JOHN 1: 10-18, JEREMIAH 31:7-14



**SUNDAY JANUARY 4, 2026**

**9:00 AM | 11:00 AM**

Rev. Antonio Christie, Senior Pastor  
6100 Memorial Hwy, Tampa, FL 33615

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
ORDER OF WORSHIP  
JANUARY 4, 2025 | 9:00 AM

\*THANK YOU FOR SILENCING YOUR PHONE

**GATHERING MUSIC** Fum! Fum! Fum! Jean Rowe

**INTROIT** Angel From The Realms of Glory Chancel Choir

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENT**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Arise, people of God—the light has come.

**People: The Word has taken flesh and dwells among us.**

Leader: From places of exile and weariness, God is gathering us home.

**People: With joy and hope, we come to worship.**

Leader: The light shines in the darkness—

**People: And the darkness has not overcome it.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who meets us right where we are.

**People: We come to behold Christ, full of grace and truth. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of light and life, you gather your people from near and far from places of joy and places of pain, from moments of hope and seasons of waiting. As we worship, open our eyes to your presence among us. Open our hearts to receive your grace. Open our lives to reflect your light. May we encounter Christ anew the Word made flesh, who brings us home, restores our joy, and reveals your love to the world. We offer you our worship with gratitude and expectation. Amen.

**\*OPENING HYMN** We Three Kings #254

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, you came to dwell among us, yet we confess that we often fail to recognize you. We look for you in power and certainty, while you come in humility and grace. We cling to familiar ways, even when your light invites us into something new. Forgive us for the times we have chosen comfort over compassion, fear over trust, and distraction over devotion. Shine your light into the places we try to hide. Gather us

back to you, restore our joy, and make us new. In the name of Jesus, the light of the world, we pray. Amen.

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the good news: The Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth. God does not abandon the brokenhearted or turn away the weary. God gathers, restores, and rejoices over God's people. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, made new, and welcomed home. **In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.** Thanks be to God. Amen.

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** Once in Royal David's City #250

**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES, AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Living God, as your Word is read and proclaimed, shine your light upon us. By your Spirit, open our minds to understand, our hearts to receive, and our lives to respond. May your Word take flesh in us today, that we may live as children of light, bearing grace, truth, and joy into the world. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Jeremiah 31:7-14 Christy Davis

**\*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** John 1: 10-18

**SERMON** Epiphany: When Heaven Meets Home Rev. Antonio Christie

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**BREAKING THE BREAD/GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

**HYMN OF INVITATION** O God, Our Help In Ages Past #117

**\*BENEDICTION** Rev. Antonio Christie

**CLOSING**

MODERN WORSHIP  
JANUARY 4, 2025 | 11:00 AM

**OPENING SONG**

Joy Faniel Pradel

**OPENING PRAYER**

**SINGING OUR PRAISE**

God With Us  
All Hail King Jesus

**OFFERING**

All Glory Be To Christ

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Rochelle Mock

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

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**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**CLOSING HYMN**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

We invite you to share your prayer needs or join us in praying for others. Please scan the QR code to submit your prayer requests or visit

[wesleytampa.org/prayer-request](https://wesleytampa.org/prayer-request)



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