



**WE HOPE
YOU AND
YOUR FAMILY HAVE
A VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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 7TH - FEBRUARY 11TH
6:30 PM-7:30 PM - LIBRARY ROOM

GENESIS

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

Sign-up sheets available in the Overflow.

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LIGHT Breaks In

CHRISTMAS  EVE
CANDLELIGHT
SERVICE

DECEMBER 24, 2025

7:00 PM

Rev. Antonio Christie, Senior Pastor

6100 Memorial Highway, Tampa FL 33615

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CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 24, 2025 | 9:00 AM

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PRELUDE Christmas Music Medley Jean Rowe

WELCOME Rev. Ontonio Christie

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On this holy night, when the world grows quiet,

People: We gather in the light of God's promise.

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

Leader: Not in power or spectacle, but in a manger,

People: God's glory breaks into the ordinary.

Leader: A child is born. Hope takes flesh.

People: Peace draws near, and light stays with us.

Leader: Tonight, we welcome Emmanuel—God with us.

People: Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace.

All: Come, let us worship the God who brings light into the darkness.

OPENING CAROL O Come All Ye Faithful #234

OPENING PRAYER

Loving and gracious God,
on this holy night, we pause and breathe in your presence.

Shine your light into our darkness.
Calm our hearts with your peace.
Fill us with wonder at the gift of your Son.

As heaven touches earth,
may your love dwell among us,
your hope rise within us,
and your light stay with us.
We welcome Jesus—Emmanuel, God with us.
Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR LITTLE DRUMMER BOY

ALL SING: Light One Candle for HOPE, PEACE, LOVE, JOY & LIGHT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH THE CHRIST CANDLE
Ontonio and Kadine Christie Family

Congregation (in unison):

Jesus, Light of the World, we celebrate Your birth with joy and gratitude. May Your light shine in our hearts and lead us to share Your hope, peace, joy, and love with all people. Amen.

ANTHEM: Were you There on That Christmas Night? Chancel Choir

READING Isaiah 9:2-7 Cathy Webb

CAROL "Angels We Have Heard on High" #238

READING Psalm 96 Sandra Patterson

Anthem: Fullness of Grace Chancel Choir
OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY O Holy Night Gail Parker

GOSPEL READING Luke 2:1-20 Debbie Cockburn

CAROL Away In A Manger #217

READING Titus 2:11-14 Danny Parker

CAROL Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #240

MESSAGE Light Breaks In Rev. Ontonio Christie

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him' who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

(Ambassadors come forward and light first person of each row. Precaution: **Do Not Tip a lit candle.** Person next to you **tips their unlit candle to your lit one.**)

CAROL Silent Night, Holy Night 239 (UMH)

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,

sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;

glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;
radiant beams from thy holy face
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

BENEDICTION

Please extinguish candles before leaving the pews. Candles will be collected at the exits for the next service.

POSTLUDE Joy to the World Jean Rowe

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Ontonio Christie, Pastor
Jean Rowe, Music Director
Christie Family
Readers:
Cathy Webb
Sandra Patterson
Debi Cockburn
Danny Parker
Gail Parker

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



Curt & Sharon Hadrava
Christine & Jaymi
Family of Jim Danielson
Jane and Jan
Van
Rose Harper
Sherry Salas
Linda and George Weiland
Karen Marotz
Michael Murphy
Joe and Gloria Rocci

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Christy and Steve
Madeline
Grant
Kitty
Sandra Dettori
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