



INVITES TO A NIGHT OF

Candlelights Poetry & Jazz

WITH
**KADINE
CHRISTIE**

New York Times Modern Love Author



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026 | 7:00PM

6100 Memorial Highway, Tampa FL 33615

FEATURING



**ISAIAH
SURIEL**
Saxophonist



**JEAN
ROWE**
Pianist

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CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

For the month of January we are collecting **face cloths**. Please place your donations in cabinet in the conference room.

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Alyssa Brown	01/02	Alice Noble	01/20
Christine Chansley	01/02	Zuri Christie	01/24
George Weiland	01/03	Amaryssa Hall	01/26
Janis Small	01/04	Italia Justiniano	01/27
Steve Hibbens	01/07	Linda Weber	01/31
Gloria Rocci	01/09		

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

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1. Online- wesleytampa.org/give/
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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.

Rooted and growing

*Growing By
Staying Close*

JOHN 1:29-42

SUNDAY JANUARY 18, 2025

9:00 AM | 11:00 AM

Rev. Antonio Christie, Senior Pastor
6100 Memorial Highway, Tampa FL 33615
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**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
ORDER OF WORSHIP
JANUARY 18, 2026**

THANK YOU FOR SILENCING YOUR PHONE.
*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

GATHERING MUSIC It Is Well With My Soul Jean Rowe

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENT Sue Hibbens

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, all who are hungry for something real.

People: We come seeking a life that is rooted in God's love.

Leader: John points and says, "Here is the Lamb of God."

People: We turn our hearts toward Jesus and listen.

Leader: The first disciples asked, "Where are you staying?"

People: We come to stay close—because that's how we grow.

Leader: God calls us even when we feel unseen or unsure.

People: We trust the One who formed us and sends us.

Leader: Wait for the Holy One, and the Holy One will lift you up.

People: We will sing a new song—hope in our mouths, praise in our lives.

Leader: Come and see. Come and stay. Come and follow.

People: We come to abide with Christ, and to grow in grace. Amen.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Loving God, we come to You as we are—tired, hopeful, distracted, grateful, and in need. Plant us again in Your love. When the world is loud, tune our hearts to Your voice. When we feel unworthy or unsure, remind us that You call us by name. When we're tempted to rush past You, teach us to linger—to stay close to Christ, to abide, to listen, to follow. As we worship today, turn our attention toward Jesus. Give us eyes to see the Lamb of God in our midst, ears to hear Your invitation, and courage to take the next faithful step. Grow us, not by pressure, but by presence—so our lives become a song of praise, and our church becomes a living witness to Your steady, faithful, transforming love. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above UMH 126

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we don't always wait for You—we rush ahead. We don't always listen—we fill the silence with our own voices. We don't always recognize Jesus as Your gift—we look for other answers. Like the first disciples, we ask questions, but we hesitate to follow. We want to "come and see," yet we keep our distance.

Forgive us, draw us near, and teach us to stay close to Christ—the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Put a new song in our mouths and a steadier love in our lives. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: The One who listens to our cry lifts us up and sets our feet on a rock.

In Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, we are forgiven, made new, and called again.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** Open My Eyes, That I May See UMH 454

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

***GLORIA PATRI**

OFFERTORY What A Friend We Have in Jesus Jean Rowe

***PRESENTATION OF TITHES, AND OFFERINGS**

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Faithful God,
as Your Word is read and proclaimed, open our ears to hear and our hearts to receive.
Point us to Jesus, and give us courage to follow— so we may come and see, and in staying close, grow in grace. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 40:1-11 Kathy Newland

ANTHEM Arise, Oh God, And Shine Chancel Choir

***NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** John 1:29-42

SERMON Growing by Staying Close Rev. Antonio Christie

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

For those wishing to become members in this congregation of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church either by profession of faith or transfer of church membership, please come forward indicating your desire during the first stanza of our hymn of invitation.

***CLOSING HYMN** Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling UMH 348

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Antonio Christie

CLOSING Festive Postlude Jean Rowe

**MODERN WORSHIP
JANUARY 18, 2026 | 11:00 AM**

OPENING SONG

Glorious Day

Faniel Pradel

OPENING PRAYER

***SINGING OUR PRAISE**

10,000 Reasons

OFFERING

Give Me Faith

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rochelle Mock

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 40:1-11

***SONG OF INVITATION**

Make Room

***NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

John 1:29-42

SERMON Growing by Staying Close Rev. Antonio Christie

CLOSING SONG

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



Mary Lynne Fyda
Terri O'Neal
Curt & Sharon Hadrava
Christine & Jaymi
Jane and Jan
Rose Harper
Sherry
Linda and George Weiland
Karen Marotz
Joe and Gloria Rocci
Marjorie Schramm

Christy and Steve
Madeline
Grant
Kitty
Sandra Dettori
Nancy Klein
Jasmine James
Tom & Jane Cross
Faith Scheirer
Mariyah Muckle