



INVITES TO A NIGHT OF

# Candlelights Poetry & Jazz

WITH **KODINE CHRISTIE**  
*New York Times Modern Love Author*



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**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026 | 7:00PM**

6100 Memorial Highway, Tampa FL 33615

FEATURING



**ISAIAH SURIEL**  
*Saxophonist*



**JEAN ROWE**  
*Pianist*

## GAYANNA MOSS BAILEY SCHOLARSHIP

The Gayanna Moss Bailey Scholarship was established to assist worthy college students for whom Wesley United Methodist is their church home. Recipients must have financial need and attend an accredited college or university full-time. For more information visit [wesleytampa.org](http://wesleytampa.org).

## 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 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

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: HOMELESS MINISTRY

We're looking for volunteers to help serve breakfast to neighbors impacted by homelessness every Sunday morning from 6:00-8:00 AM. You can serve once a month or weekly—whatever fits your schedule. To volunteer, contact the church office at 813-769-9157 and let us know your availability.

## GIVE TO WESLEY MEMORIAL UMC



**THERE ARE MULTIPLE WAYS TO GIVE:**

1. Online- [wesleytampa.org/give/](http://wesleytampa.org/give/)
2. Text the word "donate" to 813-548-6100
3. In Person: Drop in offering plate
4. Mail: Mail donation to:

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Rooted in Love. Growing in Faith. Serving with Joy.

# Rooted and growing

*Growing By Following*

Matthew 4:12-23

**SUNDAY JANUARY 25, 2026**

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

Rev. Antonio Christie, Senior Pastor  
6100 Memorial Highway, Tampa FL 33615  
[www.wesleytampa.org](http://www.wesleytampa.org)

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
ORDER OF WORSHIP  
JANUARY 25, 2026

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

**GATHERING MUSIC** Morning Has Broken Jean Rowe

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENT** Kadine Christie

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: In the places shadowed by worry, grief, and fear—

**All: A great light has dawned.**

Leader: For those who feel stuck, tired, or unsure—

**All: Hope has a way of finding us.**

Leader: Jesus walks along ordinary shores and speaks an extraordinary invitation:

**All: "Follow me."**

Leader: Not after we have it all together, but right where we are.

**All: We will rise and follow.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God whose light breaks into darkness—

**All: and whose call turns our lives toward new life. Amen.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**God of light and new beginnings, you step into our shadows and you do not turn away. You meet us in the real places—where the news feels heavy, where grief lingers, where anxiety hums, where hope feels small. And yet you still speak: "Follow me."**

**So here we are. We bring our whole selves—our faith and our doubts, our courage and our fatigue, our joy and our ache. Shine your light on us again.**

**Turn our hearts toward you. Grow us by following—step by step, day by day—until your love shapes our living and your peace steadies our souls. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Light of the world. Amen.**

**\*OPENING SONG** Step by Step Words on screens

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, you have called us out of darkness and into your light, but we confess we often choose what is familiar over what is faithful. Jesus, you say, "Follow me," and we hesitate—because we like control. We cling to old nets: old habits, old fears, old grudges, old ways of protecting ourselves. You call us to turn around, but we keep turning back. You invite us into your kingdom, but we get distracted by lesser things—approval, comfort, busyness, and security.**

**Forgive us for the ways we have walked past your light. Forgive us for the ways we have ignored your call. Unhook our hearts from whatever holds us hostage. Teach us again how to follow—**

**with humility, with courage, and with love.  
Silent confession...  
Amen.**

**ASSURANCE AND PARDON**

Hear the good news:

The light of Christ shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

Jesus does not call the perfect—Jesus calls the willing.

In Christ, you are forgiven. You are restored.

You are invited again: "Follow me."

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise UMH 103

**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**OFFERTORY** We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder Jean Rowe, Piano

**\*PRESENTATION OF TITHES, AND OFFERINGS**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Spirit of the living God,  
as the Scriptures are read and proclaimed,  
shine your light into our understanding.

Where we are confused, bring clarity.

Where we are defensive, bring tenderness.

Where we are weary, bring strength.

Where we are afraid to follow, bring courage.

Open our ears to hear Jesus calling.

Open our hearts to trust the next step.

Open our lives to be shaped by your kingdom—

until our growth becomes visible in love, mercy, and joy.

We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Isaiah 9:1-4 Bruce Wright

**ANTHEM** Awake, My Heart Chancel Choir

**\*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Matthew 4:12-23

**SERMON** Growing by Following 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.

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION** Christ Is the World's Light UMH 188

**\*BENEDICTION** Rev. Antonio Christie

**CLOSING** This Little Light of Mine Jean Rowe

MODERN WORSHIP  
JANUARY 25, 2026 | 11:00 AM

**OPENING SONG**

God so Loved

Faniel Pradel

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*SINGING OUR PRAISE**

Christ is Enough

**OFFERING**

In Christ Alone

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Rochelle Mock

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Isaiah 9:1-4

**\*SONG OF INVITATION**

You have Called me Higher

**\*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

Matthew 4:12-23

**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](https://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