

REACH OUT IN CHRIST  
3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 17th, 2023

10:00am

Prelude “Excerpts from the Cantata”

Lighting of Advent Candles Cindy Lucas, UWIF  
“And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.” (Isaiah 35:10)

Leader: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy. May the joyful promise of your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation.

**People: O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Welcome

Introit Choir

Hymn “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” #240

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather to worship the God who calls us to do justice.

**People: God, here we are! All glory belongs to you.**

L: We gather to worship the God who calls us to cherish kindness.

**P: God, here we are! From you all good things come.**

L: We gather to worship the God who calls us to journey humbly side-by-side with Them.

**P: God, here we are! Give us all that we need to follow where you guide us.**

Children’s Message

Pastor Lee

Receiving of Offering

*(You may use this QR code to make online offerings)*



Doxology

#95

A Time of Prayer

Pastor Lee

*(Also share your concerns through YouTube Live comments.)*

**Response: “Hear our prayer, O God”**

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Cantata

“The Christmas Story”

Choir

The Awaited One

Rejoice and Be Merry

O Holy Night

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

A Midnight Clear

Rocking Carol

A Spanish Carol Suite

Wexford Carol

Sing We Now of Christmas

Benediction

Alleluia

Postlude

“Excerpts from the Cantata”

---

**CIRCLE OF PRAYER**—Sandra Buck, Charlie Monroe, Brenda and Mike Smeby, Lettie Witt, Rod and Michelle Bailey, Rita Harned, Starla Knox, Tom Miller, Ramona Vaughn, Susan (Kay Cooper's friend), Ainsworth Brown, Joann & Tony Bolt, June Cain, Pat McDowell, Joan Klingensmith, Kathi Belcher, George Kranz.

---

### **WEEKLY REPORT**

\*Worship attendance December 10, 2023: 105 people.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\***CHRISTMAS CANTATA & LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP**—12/17(Sun) at 10am. Come and join us for Christmas hymns, carols, and a bountiful luncheon fellowship. If you can, please bring a dish. Vegetables=last name A-H, salad= last name I-R, dessert=last name S-Z. Meat/beverages will be provided.

\***CHRISTMAS OFFERING**—Special envelopes are provided for your convenience. Please use them 12/24.

\***WORSHIP SCHEDULE 12/24(Sun)**—Regular worship service at 10am. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7pm.

\***POINSETTIA ORDERS**—Last day to order/dedicate is 12/20(Wed). Please fill out a form in the Narthex or call the office. One plant is \$16.

\***PLEDGE CARDS**—For your 2024 Giving are still available to pick up in the Narthex and give during Offering.

\***ALTAR FLOWERS**—New signup chart in the Narthex. Please choose a date if you would like to dedicate the altar flowers for Sunday worship to someone. They are \$30. Please mark your envelope/check "flowers". Contact the office to let us know in whose memory/honor they are.

## **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEW PORT RICHEY, FL**



*Making Disciples of Jesus Christ  
And Transforming the World*



Pastor—Inhong Lee

Pastor's phone: 813-474-6320

Pastor's email: rleefumcnpr@gmail.com

Music Director—Ruthie Nelson

Accompanist—Faye Monroe

Liturgist—Rick Vaughn

Tech Team—Ray Calvert, Gary Sawyer

5901 Indiana Avenue, New Port Richey, Florida, 34652

Office Phone: 727-842-7674

Office email: officefumcnpr@gmail.com

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00am-12:00pm

www.fumcnpr.com

Scan the QR code to  
access our church's

