

Need to Know

POINSETTIAS AT CHRISTMAS

Order your 'In Honor Of'/'In Memory Of' *Poinsettias at Christmas* plants by filling out the form in today's bulletin. Return orders to the church by Monday, December 8. The cost is \$10 per plant. If you prefer to order online, go to www.SRQgives.com and click on the poinsettia picture.

HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Your help is needed on Tuesday, December 2 at 9:00am in the Narthex. For more information, contact Debby Grosse at dwgbreck@aol.com or 970-485-5542.

SERVE AT BOOKER ELEMENTARY

Spread cheer by serving at Holiday House as students shop for family members. Set-up on Friday, December 5 from 9:00am-12:00pm or two-hour shopping shifts on December 8-10. Scan QR code to register.



SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS NEEDED

Ringers are needed in the church Narthex/Lobby before and after each worship service on December 7 and 14. Text Mary Unfricht at 203-802-7515 with your availability. If you'd like to be a ringer in the community, you can choose the day, time and site. To schedule please go to www.registertoring.com.



THE SALVATION ARMY RED KETTLE

December 7 and 14 in Narthex.

All donations (change to checks) stay local. Thank you for caring for others!

EARLY CARE CENTER CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Thursday, December 11
4:00pm - Sanctuary

Support our ECC families with your presence at the 20-minute performance of "Sing We Now of Christmas".

Following the program, a birthday celebration for Jesus will take place in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.



SHARE YOUR COOKIE RECIPES

Bake and share your favorite (and famous?) cookies at *Cookies & Carols in the Courtyard* on Sunday, December 14 at noon. Email Joy VanDeMortel (joy@firstSRQ.com) to let her know what you will be bringing. We will also be compiling recipes of the cookies made to share.

If you are willing to share your recipe, please email it to joy@firstSRQ.com or bring it by the church office so we can make a copy.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

The Florida Conference is offering a daily devotional guide for United Methodists for the upcoming seasons of Advent and Epiphany. The devotional is available in two formats: electronic PDF (free) or book (\$8). Email Pastor Brett at brett@firstSRQ.com for your copy.



Celebrations

Club 456 and the Youth spent a "snowy" Saturday at Snowcat Ridge! From tubing, ice skating, and throwing snowballs, everyone had an amazing time. We can't wait for next year! Thank you to all the adults who helped make this trip happen.



HAPPY
WORK
ANNIVERSARY

This week, we celebrate two staff work anniversaries:

Julie Miller (Finance)
3 years

Tammy Ralston (Communications)
2 years

Sunday, December 21 - 7:00pm



Church Calendar

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

Womens Spiritual Growth Group - Room 104/Zoom

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Choir Practice, Choir Room

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

ECC SongSquad Gators & Bunnies - Fellowship Hall

ECC SongSquad Shining Stars - Fellowship Hall

SongSquad - Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

Communion Worship - Chapel

Faith Café - Room 104/Zoom

Kids Sunday School Sign-In Narthex/Lobby

Communion Worship - Sanctuary

2:30pm

6:30pm

9:30am

10:00am

5:30pm

8:30am

9:40am

11:00am

11:00am

First United Methodist SARASOTA

November 30, 2025



104 South Pineapple Avenue
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This service is being live-streamed and recorded so others can worship with us online.

First United Methodist Church of Sarasota

First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025

PRELUDE (11:00am)
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
(in the setting of Chopin’s *Fantasie Impromptu*)
Rowland H. Prichard
arr. Carolyne M. Taylor
Angela Steiner, *pianist*

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER
Rev. Brett DeHart

HYMN SING/PASSING THE PEACE (8:30am)

ADVENT CANDLE (8:30am)

*HYMN
God Almighty, We Are Waiting
W&S 3047

BAPTISM (8:30am)
Lucas Carpenter

ADVENT CANDLE (11:00am)

GLORIA PATRI
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

SPECIAL MUSIC (11:00am)
Every Valley
John Ness Beck
Laura McKenna, *soloist*
Every Valley shall be exalted, and every mountain made low; and the crooked made straight, and the rough places plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Amen

*PASSING THE PEACE / KIDS LEAVE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

*ADVENT DOXOLOGY (11:00am)
Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, Ever three and everyone; one in might and one in glory, while unending ages run.

PRAYER
Joyce Johnson
Pastoral Care/Faith Community Nurse

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00am)
Harold Darke
What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man, I would do my part. What I can I give him; give Him my heart.

OFFERING AND PRAYER
Tithes and offerings can be placed in one of the baskets/boxes located at the back of the room, or give online at SRQgives.com. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (8:30am)
Advent Meditation
Michael Stuart

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:00am)
O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Julian Wachner
Chancel Choir
Alan Pennington, *bass*

SERMON
“Don’t Waste The Wait”
Isaiah 9:6-7, Matthew 1:18-25, Isaiah 40:28b-31

*HYMN OF RESPONSE
Star Child
TFWS 2095

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us; we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide in us, our Lord Emmanuel.

POSTLUDE (11:00am)
Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella
(In the setting of Sinding’s *Rustles of Spring*)
17th Century French Air
arr. Carolyne M. Taylor
Angela Steiner, *pianist*

**Please stand as you are comfortable.*



We are glad that you are here and hope that you’re blessed by the experience. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here at First United Methodist.

Please fill out the enclosed **Guest Connection Card** or text the word **WELCOME to 941-352-1050** to connect with us further. Pastor Brett would love to meet you following the service.

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AN INVITATION TO KNOW MORE ABOUT JESUS
Jesus loves you. Jesus offers you new and abundant life. Jesus desires to be in relationship with you.

AN INVITATION TO FOLLOW JESUS
A disciple is a follower of Jesus who is...
Inwardly Becoming More Like Jesus by cultivating the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control) and Outwardly Living More Like Jesus by practicing holy love.

To discuss either invitation, please contact Rev. Brett DeHart at brett@firstSRQ.com or 941-955-0935.