

Redland Community United Methodist Church  
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**DECEMBER 22, 2024**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*December 22, 2024*

**OUR VISION STATEMENT:**

*We will be Christ's presence in our community,  
 building relationships*

**OUR BIBLICAL PURPOSE:**

*"To be a faithful community of devoted servants who will share Christ's love  
 and example."*

**MUSIC:** Felicia Fina;  
**LAY LEADER:** Phil Formel  
**GREETERS:** Charles Alderson, Santiago Garcia  
**LITURGISTS:** Jan Burlison, Tom Settle, Yanira Bonilla  
**USHERS:** Charles Alderson, Robert Kelly, Tom Settle,  
 Jim Rumohr  
**ACOLYTES:** Chloe Junco, Jim Rumohr

Bishop: Rev. Tom Berlin  
 District Superintendent: Rev. Dr. Simon Osunlana  
 Pastor: Nelson Bonilla

**For emergency pastoral care or needs please contact:** *if you would like prayer, a visit, to receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion or baptism, information on joining the church or other needs.*

**Pastor Nelson Bonilla – Phone: 386-631-6193 email: nelson.bonilla@flumc.org**  
 Regular Office Hours – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9am-1pm or by appointment or the following members: **Santiago Garcia, Administrative Council Chair, 305-608-1184**

**BUDGET AND OPERATING COSTS:**

<b>2024 Annual Church Budget:</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Weekly Operating Expenses/ Funds Needed:</b>	<b>\$1,786.00</b>
<b>Last Week's Offerings:</b>	<b>\$</b>



**REDLAND COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**December 22, 2024**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT/ SUNDAY OF LOVE**  
**Liturgist: Jan Burlison**

**WELCOME GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES)**

**PRELUDE** *(acolyte brings light into the gathering place)*

**Felicia Fina, Pianist**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: All through this season of Advent, we have encountered Hope, Peace and Joy.

**P: Today Belief and Love are the theme.**

L: Today we will hear the story of surprising commitment.

**P: We will learn of Mary and God's wonderful love.**

L: Today we will be challenged to believe in all that God can do.

**P: Open our hearts, Lord, that we may be ready for your love. AMEN.**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

**Reader:** "In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David" (Luke 2:1,3-4)

Today we remember Joseph, worn-out traveler and worried husband, doing what was necessary for the sake of his family, the burden of poverty stifling his hope in the promise of God. There was no room for him, yet he knew to whom he belonged.

**People: Today, we give thanks for the Josephs among us, migrating far from home where there is no choice, fiercely devoted to the ones they love, unwavering in their belief that there is room for all in the kingdom of God.**

Reader: On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of Joseph, who knocks at the door, ready to take his place among royalty.

*(Light two purple candle, the pink candle, and the last purple candle)*

**\* HYMN OF PRAISE**

***"O Little Town of Bethlehem"* #230 (UMH)**

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The world Methodist Social Affirmation 1:15-20* #886 (UMH)**

**GREETING ONE ANOTHER :**

**#557(UMH)**

*As the body of Christ in the world, let us share his love and peace with one another.*

**JOYS AND CONCERNS** *(We lift up concerns & thanksgivings)*

**PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*The Lord's Prayer*

**\* HYMN OF PREPARATION**

***"Away in a Manger"***

**#217(UMH)**

**HEARING THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**LUKE 1:46-55**

**(N.T)**

*Leader: The word of God for the people of God.*

***People: Thanks be to God.***

**SERMON**

***"WHAT A GREAT LOVE."***

**Pastor Nelson Bonilla**

**HYMN OF INVITATION**

***"The First Noel"***

**#245(UMH)**

**OFFERTORY**

*Special Music (Offering plate in center aisle)*

**PIANIST**

**\* OFFERTORY PRAISE:**

*(Doxology)*

**#95 (UMH)**

**\* HYMN OF SENDING**

***"God Be With You, Till We Meet Again"***

**#672 (UMH)**

*(First Verse)*

**\* BENEDICTION**

**SUNG RESPONSE**

***"A-men, a-men, a - men."***

**#898 (UMH)**

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**Please remember the Joys and Concerns in your daily prayer.**

**JOYS:** All the laity of our church and how much they do in serving God and others. Thanks to God for answered Prayers. Our many blessings. Good doctors. Health Care Specialists. Caregivers. God's goodness. Church friends as helpers. Time with friends and family. Gift of life. The blessing of children. Grateful for our Church leadership. Gift of the Holy Spirit. Families worship together. Each of our talents and gifts. Brenda's great-nephew celebrated his second birthday.

**CONCERNS:** Jo Ann McMillan's family. Lucy's mom, Gladys. Prayers for the people of Cuba. Prayers for the people of Gaza. Prayers for our country. For all missionaries around the world. Continue praying for people who are struggling with mental health. For the families of all those who have lost loved ones to breast cancer. All victims and their families of tragic violent shootings. Prayers for Lucy's son, Luis and his family. Prayers for our country, and our military service men/women. First responders. Immigrants seeking asylum. All victims of terrorism and natural disasters. Prayers for our denomination, local churches, pastors, and leaders. Those in Hospice Care, and those suffering from cancer. Prayers for single moms. Prayers for the people of Palestine and Israel. All who are grieving the loss of a loved one. For World leaders to make good decisions that lead to peace.

**Healing prayers for:** Jina May, recovering from surgery. Francis Mora is having a surgery on Monday, Dec30th. Oscar Castro recovering from surgery. Harriet Morris. Phil's brothers Mike and Shaun. May's brother David needs healing prayers for a broken hip. Jim's brother, sister and brother-in-law (Terry Rumohr, Sharon, Mike). Rob's mom, Judy. Gus's sister, Theresa. Jose Fernandez. Mike, who is healing from shoulder surgery. Valentina, needing a bone marrow transplant. Santiago's health issues, and ongoing cancer treatment. Dottie. Lucy's friend Bryan. Jan's friend Andrea was diagnosed with cancer. Carol Horeb. Jan's mom. Ed & Karen's friend Pastor Greg, who is awaiting a liver transplant. Sandi Settle, continued healing

**NOTE: Pastor Nelson can be reached at (386) 631-6193**

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS –**  
**Sunday, December 22, 2024**

Sunday: 9:00 am -Worship Service  
**Fellowship Coffee after service**  
Tuesday: 10:00 am -Prayer and Share in the multi-purpose room.  
Friday: 11:00 am - Bible Study  
**5:00pm- Fellowship Dinner: First Sunday of every month**

**(BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES)**  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL BORN IN DECEMBER!**

**FELLOWSHIP COFFEE AFTER THE SERVICE**

**CANDLELIGHT SERVICE/CHRISTMAS EVE:** This year we will have a bilingual Candlelight Service on Tuesday, Dec 24th at 400pm. Everyone is invited to attend. Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

**CHURCH APPORTIONMENTS AND FINANCES-** Adopt an apportionment to help us meet our 2024 giving goal.

**NEXT FELLOWSHIP DINNER AND BONFIRE:** Sunday, January 5, 2025. Come and enjoy hot dogs, smores and fellowship around a bonfire.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:** Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 4:00pm

**BIBLE STUDY:** Friday at 11:00 am.

**UPPER ROOM:** Daily devotional now available in the Narthex.

Prayers for healing of the World- Join us daily at 12:00pm.

“Tree of Life” – Leaves and other features are available to dedicate or memorialize special individuals in your life. Flyers are available in the narthex.



**Luke 1:46b-55**

**My spirit rejoices in God**

1:46b "My soul magnifies the Lord,

1:47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

1:48 for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed,

1:49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name;

1:50 indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

1:51 He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

1:52 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly;

1:53 he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

1:54 He has come to the aid of his child Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

1:55 according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

**THE WORLD METHODIST SOCIAL AFFIRMATION (The United Methodist Hymnal, #886)**

We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people;

And in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us, who died and rose again;

And in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.

We believe; God, help our unbelief.

We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom:

In the upholding of human dignity and community;

In every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation;

In each act of self-giving on behalf of others;

In the abundance of God's gifts entrusted to us that all may have enough;

In all responsible use of the earth's resources.

Glory be to God on high; and on earth, peace.

We confess our sin, individual and collective, by silence or action:

Through the violation of human dignity based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith;

Through the exploitation of people because of greed and indifference;

Through the misuse of power in personal, communal, national, and international life;

Through the search for security by those military and economic forces that threaten human existence;

Through the abuse of technology which endangers the earth and all life upon it.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

We commit ourselves individually and as a community to the way of Christ:

To take up the cross;

To seek abundant life for all humanity;

To struggle for peace with justice and freedom;

To risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love, praying that God's kingdom may come.

Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen. the firstborn of all creation,

the firstborn from the dead,

in whom all things hold together,

in whom the fullness of God

was pleased to dwell

by the power of the Spirit.

Christ is the head of the body, the church,

and by the blood of the cross

reconciles all things to God. Amen.

