



# The Messenger

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## Todd's Take

Welcome to Worship.

Good morning and welcome! We're so glad to be together as a church family today. If you're visiting with us, thank you for being here—we'd love to get to know you.

This morning in the sermon time we will explore another timeless Christmas hymn, *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*. Much of Christmas music is joyful and upbeat—songs like "Joy to the World" and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" burst with celebration. But "O Come O Come Emmanuel" is different. It carries an ache, a longing, almost a sadness.

Why do we sing a song of yearning at Christmas?

Today, we'll explore how this ancient 7th-century hymn captures something essential about the Christian life. It takes us into the hearts of Old Testament believers who waited centuries for the Messiah, feeling the weight of a world gone wrong. It celebrates the incredible moment when God finally broke His silence and came to us in Christ. And it reminds us that even though Jesus has come, we still live with an ache—waiting for the day when He returns and makes all things new.

Glad you are here today!

### Schedule

#### Sunday Adult Bible Classes

Truth Rising—9AM in the Ark  
Sonshine Hour for 4 yrs old to 6th grade in the gym. Under 4 yrs old in the nursery of main building.

#### Sunday Worship

10:00 AM

#### Children Dismissed to Classes at

10:45-11:30AM

0 - 3 Year Olds—Nursery Area  
Pre K-6th Grade—Family Life Center

#### Sunday Youth Group Activities

5:00-7:30PM

#### Wednesday Discipleship Making Communities (DMCs)

Wednesday at 6:30 for all ages. Other DMCs meet at various times and locations throughout the week. Go to [pacoc.net/groups](http://pacoc.net/groups)

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### LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026

#### Sunday, January 4: Covenant Sunday—Be the Light

As is our annual tradition, we will kick off the year with our special Covenant Sunday service, challenging all of us to recommit ourselves to personal holiness and service through the Lord's church. This year's theme will be *Be the Light*, taken from Jesus' challenge in Matthew 5:14. Make plans to join us on this special day.

#### January 18–February 1: Elder Nomination Window

Every three years as a church, we go through the process of reaffirming those elders who will continue to serve and installing any new elders who will join our leadership team. We've been blessed through the decades with great leadership and pray that God will continue to raise up men to shepherd this church. Be in prayer about who you think could serve in that capacity as we will be taking nominations from the church.

#### Sundays, January 6–May 3: Re|engage

Another session of re|engage will kick off. Re|engage is discipleship-based enrichment for every marriage—the healthy, the struggling, and the broken. This ministry provides a safe place to move toward oneness through small groups, teaching, and stories of hope.

#### January 23-25: Marriage Retreat

Invest in your marriage together by committing to the Marriage Getaway this January 23-25! This will be a great chance to relax, reflect, and reconnect with one another. The retreat will be held at the beautiful Chickasaw Retreat and Conference Center in Sulphur, OK. Register now at [pacoc.net/marriagegetaway](http://pacoc.net/marriagegetaway)

### MINISTERS

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# NEWS & NOTES

## Yellow Roses

The yellow roses at the front of the Worship Center are presented by **Mark & Evelyn Ewig** in honor of their daughter, **Katherine Ewig**. Feel free to take a rose to bless someone today.

## Thank You's

I want to thank Todd and Basil and the congregation for all the birthday wishes last month. I also want to thank everyone who came out last Sunday evening to sing Christmas carols with their precious children. It meant a lot and it was a pleasure for me to meet some of the new members also. Thank you so much to everyone. Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year! With love, **Daisy Miller**

Thank you so much for your prayers, food, & kindness shown to our family during the loss of our beloved mother and grandmother, Sonia Heironimus. Thank you for the beautiful plant. Love, **Sharla & Shannon**

## Thank You-Christmas Wrapping

A big thank you to the ladies' ministry who provided a Christmas wrapping service this past week. Our wrappers were Linda Chapman, Becky Russell, Shelly Calvert, Devry Smith, Jo Shelton, Celia Thomas, Barbara Hardy, Mary Crabtree, Melesa Stewart, Kimberly Helm, Kathy & Chris Reinsch.

## The Light Has Come

This **Wednesday, Dec. 17**, our Children's Ministry will host an activity for **all ages** from 6:30-7:30. This is an **interactive** celebration of the birth of Jesus told in story and songs. **Please register online** at [pacoc.net/thelighthascome](http://pacoc.net/thelighthascome) so we can **assign seating** around tables to connect kids and their families with individuals, to create an intergenerational setting.

## Blue Christmas

Waples United Methodist Church is again offering a **service of hope for the holidays** this Christmas this **Tuesday, December 16 at 6:00 PM**. This is a quiet reflective service for those who have lost a loved one.

### Prayer List

*Matt Hogan, Max Williams, Dorothy Bankston, Howard Veasley, Linda Chapman, Linda Henry, Bob Corley, Kyle McAlister, Tom Coble, Patrick Mullins, Kathy Reinsch, Chris Reinsch, Peggy Porter, Elizabeth Phillips, Waymon Hinson, Floyd Clark, Lisa Cobble, Brian Karguth, Margaret Atnip*

**Homebound**—Joyce Martin, Daisy Miller, Bobby & Peggy Slaughter, Arlene Joines, Tommy Todd, Larry Watson

**Expectant Mothers**—Allie Dollar

**Missions**—Hammer & Dela Afakule (Togo), Mario "Pepe" Torre (Monterrey, Mexico), Jimenez family (Cartagena, Colombia), Cristian & Ana Corrales (Bucaramanga, Colombia), Adrian & Gabriela Galvan (Paraiso, Monterrey), Rio Branco (Brazil)

**Friends of Park Avenue**—Rebekah Taylor, (great niece of the Russell's), Becky Sanchez (wife of Gil Sanchez, former Director of orphanage in Mexico), Grady Cobble (father of Mickey Cobble), John Tillias (father in law of David Thomas), Steve Walters (brother of Donna Harrelson), Oliver Bush (father of Amyee McAlister & Ashley Tharp)

Please notify the church office at [office@parkavenuechurch.com](mailto:office@parkavenuechurch.com) for updates.



## Wednesday Nights in December

Our PAWS meal and DMC's will take a break and will resume again on January 7. See Holiday Schedule opposite for more details.

## Candlelight Service

Make plans to join us on **Christmas Eve** for our traditional candlelight service at **6:00 PM**. This is a special service for many here at PACOC and we hope you will join us!

## Sunday AM Class

Sunday morning adult class will continue at 9 AM in the Ark this Sunday and next. We will take a break Sunday, December 28. Sonshine hour will follow the same schedule.

## Family Ministry

- **New Year Celebration, Dec. 31** from 6:00-9:00 PM in the Ark! Bring a snack food to share and games to play!
- **Marriage Retreat, Jan. 23-25th**. Register at [pacoc.net/family](http://pacoc.net/family) by no later than **January 4th**.

## Youth Ministry

- **Sunday, Dec. 14:** Christmas Party at Sam & Maddie's house from 5-8 PM.
- **Monday, Dec. 15:** Word Up at 7:00-8:30 PM at Sam & Maddie's house.



## For The Record—December 7, 2025

Worship	445 in person/104 online
Offering Goal	\$21,444
Received	\$25,223

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