



**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Christmas**

**January 4, 2026**

**10:15 am • Clearview Sanctuary & Online**

*A combined worship service  
of the South Pinellas Connection*

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal • TFWS: The Faith We Sing

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**WE GATHER**

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship\*

Worship Music\* | *Love Divine – O Come – Holy Forever*

**WE PROCLAIM**

Pastoral Prayer

Passing of the Peace\*

Worship Music\* | *Lord, I Need You*

Children's Moment

Prayer For Illumination

Scripture Reading | *John 1: 35-51* | CEB

Message | *Come & See: You Can Belong Before You Understand* | Pastoral Team

**WE RESPOND**

Renewal of the Wesleyan Covenant

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music | *How Great Is Our God – How Great Thou Art*

Doxology\* | *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* | UMH 95

Offertory Prayer\*

**WE GO OUT**

Worship Music\* | *Graves Into Gardens*

Benediction\*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

### SOUTH PINELLAS CONNECTION

**Awakened to Grace – Book Two Now Available!** The next *Awakened to Grace* devotional books are now available. These devotionals can be used for your individual devotional time and/or with a weekly small group. Pick up your copy today and join us as we continue growing together in grace.

#### **Wanna join a "Grace Group" to discuss the Awakened to Grace Devotionals?**

- **Mondays** – 6:45 pm at Clearview in the Care & Share Room
- **Tuesdays** – 10 am at Lakewood in the Narthex
- **Tuesdays** – 6:30 pm at St. Luke's in the Joy Room
- **Coming Soon** – Online Zoom Grace Group • Day and Time TBD

### CLEARVIEW

**Monday Night BS Update** – We wrapped up the year with a meaningful Advent study led by Pastors Erick & Tracie, who will continue leading the group in the new year. Join us starting Monday, Jan. 5, at 6:45 pm in the Care & Share Room. In 2025, the group raised \$629 for our Free Little Pantries—thank you, Monday Night BS! ~ Judy Tenison

**Church Leadership Team (CLT) Meeting** - The next CLT meeting will be held on Jan 6, at 6:30 pm in the Care & Share Room. All are welcome to attend.

**Thank You For Your Kindness** - I would like to extend a big thank-you to Will, Gene, Don, Eric, and Carolanne for coming and building the ramp for Mom to help her get out of the house again. Thank you to the whole church for making it possible. Mom said to give a huge thank you for allowing her to get to the Christmas Eve service!! We both love this church and all its people. ~ Kathy & Genevieve

**Children's Sunday School Help Needed** – Our dedicated team of children's leaders needs at least one more person to round out their team. You would serve once a month during the second half of the worship service. Contact Ericka Pierce for more information.

### LAKESWOOD

**Patsy's Retirement** - With grateful hearts, we share that Patsy Wedding has retired as of Dec 31. Her years of service were honored with a Love offering and a special meal at the Tiki Docks. Her encouragement and steady presence have been a true blessing to our church. We give thanks to God for her ministry and wish her many blessings in this next chapter.

**Miriam Circle Gathering** – The Miriam Circle will meet on Jan 12 at 12:30 pm at Kandy's house. We'll enjoy a Friendship Salad lunch and have fun together with a crazy swap game. Come ready for food, fellowship, and laughter!

### FIRST GULFPORT

**Come Eat With Us** - You're invited to join us for our monthly Potluck Dinner in the Fellowship Hall on Jan 7 at 6 pm. Bring a dish to share and enjoy good food, easy conversation, and time together as a church family. Come as you are – but come hungry. There's a place for everyone at the table.

**Leadership Board Meeting** - The next Leadership Board meeting will welcome new members and continue the church's ministry work. The meeting will be on Jan 8, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend.

**United Women in Faith Meeting** - All women are invited to our next meeting on Jan 21, at 12 pm in the Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be served, followed by our meeting. Come enjoy fellowship, food, and time together in faith.

### ST. LUKE'S

**Bob Lieber's Memorial Service** - A memorial service celebrating the life of Bob Lieber will be held on Jan 10, at 6:30 pm. We invite all who knew and loved Bob to join us as we give thanks for his life and offer comfort and support to his loved one during this difficult time.

**United Women in Faith Friendship Circle** - We will hold our next meeting on Jan 13, at 10 am in the Joy Room. All women are invited to join us for a time of friendship, conversation, and encouragement. Come connect and grow together in faith and fellowship.

### SOUTH PINELLAS CONNECTION OFFICE HOURS

**Clearview:** Tuesday & Thursday 1-5 pm

**First Gulfport:** Monday 9 am-1 pm & Wednesdays 1-5 pm

**Lakewood:** Wednesday 9 am-12:30 pm

**St. Luke's:** Tuesday & Thursday 9 am-12:30 pm

The pastors are available by appt

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