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ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WELCOME

We are honored that you chose to worship with us today!

Allendale United Methodist Church is a *Reconciling Congregation*. We affirm the sacred worth of all people and strive to practice Christ's example of unconditional love without exclusion. All are welcome to participate fully in the life and ministries of this congregation. Whatever your race, ethnicity, economic situation, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, background or belief, age or condition of ableness, whether single or partnered, you are God's beloved and are welcome here. God calls us to acts of love, grace, and advocacy to promote healing and reconciliation. We are building a new Allendale: a place without barriers, a sanctuary for all.

Office Hours: Mon-Thu 9-4

If you have a special need, or you wish to visit with the pastor, please contact the office at (727) 527-6694 or office@allendaleumc.org.

Gender Pronouns: Asking and correctly using someone's preferred pronoun is one of the most basic ways to show your respect for their gender identity. When someone is referred to with the wrong pronoun, it can do harm.

Childcare/Nursery: Located in the courtyard, the first room to the right as you leave the sanctuary building. Children are welcomed and encouraged to stay in worship, even if they are noisy! The nursery is available beginning at 10 AM for children younger than kindergarten.

Children's activity sheets and fidget bags are available in the narthex.

Changing table is available in the Nursery.

Unisex/family restrooms are in the office hallway, accessible from the narthex, to the left as you exit the sanctuary.

The balcony is open for those wishing to have more social distancing.

Holy Communion is typically celebrated on the first Sunday of the month.

ASL Interpretation is available during worship to help make our service more inclusive and accessible. *ASL Version of our worship livestream:* www.allendaleumc.org/asl

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sun Nov 30 First Sunday of Advent - Our advent series is "*What Do You Fear?*"
- Fri Dec 5 Gay Men's Chorus of Tampa Bay Christmas Concert (Sanctuary) 8 PM
- Fri Dec 12 Christmas Drag Bingo (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Fri Dec 12 Still No Room in the Inn Caroling (100 Mirror Lake) 7 PM
- Sat Dec 13 Brunch with Santa (Sanctuary) 10 AM
- Sun Dec 14 Christmas Choir Singing in Worship (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
- Tue Dec 16 Social Justice Team Meeting (Community Center) 6 PM
- Wed Dec 17 Impromptu Children's Christmas Pageant (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Fri Dec 19 Annual Unhoused Memorial Service (100 Mirror Lake) 4:30 PM
- Sun Dec 21 Longest Night Solstice Service: *Keeping Vigil for Hope* (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Wed Dec 24 Christmas Eve Worship with Candlelight (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Sun Dec 28 Christmas Gospel Drag Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM

Get more information about our upcoming events by visiting: www.allendaleumc.org/events

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

REV. DAVID FRANKS (he/him/his) is Minister of Pastoral Support. A graduate of Pacific School of Religion/Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California, Rev. Franks held a number of pastorates in Northern California parishes before moving to St. Petersburg in 2003. He joined the Allendale UMC team after retiring from positions he held with Empath Partners in Care (EPIC), a subsidiary of Empath Health, providing supportive services to people living with HIV.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames
piano - Tru Mizzell/vocals - Shannon Tierney

Contact tru@allendaleumc.org to join our band or Christmas choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GAY MEN'S CHORUS CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

The Gay Men's Chorus of Tampa Bay is performing a Christmas Concert, "Holly, Jolly, and Gay!" at Allendale UMC on Friday, Dec 5 starting at 8 PM.

Get tickets at gmctb.org/st-pete-tickets.

CHRISTMAS DRAG BINGO EXTRAVAGANZA:

Join us in the Sanctuary on Friday, Dec 12 at 6 PM for Drag Bingo! \$10 for 10 games of bingo. Ugly Sweater contest, Christmas Cookies, and an appearance by Santa!

BRUNCH WITH SANTA:

Santa Claus is coming to town! Enjoy a brunch with Santa on Saturday, Dec 13 in the Sanctuary. This festive celebration is fun for all ages! *RSVP: allendaleumc.org/santa*

ANTI DEATH PENALTY VIGIL:

Join FADP & Allendale for a vigil opposing the execution of Mark Allen Geraldson Tue, Dec 9 from 4:30-5:30 PM at Ulmerton Road and 49th Street North. Signs provided.

Petition and details at fadp.org

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

BIRTHDAYS:

Edwin Hotaling	Dec 4
Jessica Moore	Dec 4
Michelle Taylor	Dec 7
Donna Vollmer	Dec 9
Steven Geis	Dec 10
Ed Lally	Dec 12
Philip Dinkins	Dec 15
Devin Neitzert	Dec 16
Sandy Geis	Dec 19
Liam Oliver	Dec 22
Julie Johnson	Dec 23

Birthday missing? Please contact the office

CONNECT WITH A PASTOR:

Rev. Andy Oliver, Pastor
Office hours: Tue - Fri *make an appointment at www.allendaleumc.org/andy*

Rev. David Franks, Minister of Pastoral Support
Office hours: Tue 11-2 | Thu 4-7

Rev. Franks will begin a three-month sabbatical on December 1, 2025, returning to us on March 1, 2026. *Make an appointment at www.allendaleumc.org/david if you'd like a visit before he is away.*

LICENSED THERAPISTS AND COUNSELORS:

available at Allendale's Counseling Center
Visit www.allendaleumc.org/counseling

PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 105 in-person, 488 online
Live stream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunities:
Sun Dec 14 at 10:30 AM
Sign-up at: www.allendaleumc.org/join

GIFTS

Give online: www.allendaleumc.org/give
Text-to-give: Text amount to 727-312-0808
Buy a shirt: www.allendaleumc.org/shirts



Give Online now by scanning this code with your phone's camera.

WITNESS

CANDLE OF PEACE HOPE AND JUSTICE:

During Advent, you'll find our Candle of Peace, Hope, and Justice in the narthex, paired with a weekly prayer that names the "barbed wire" policies squeezing our communities today. Each week's reflection compels us to look honestly at the harm being done to those on the margins, and to stay committed to healing and repair.

We join more than 50 Justice-Seeking congregations across the country in lighting this candle and sharing prayer every week.

On the eve of World AIDS Day, we light the Candle of Peace, Hope, and Justice for the 38 million people living with HIV and the 35 million who have died from HIV or AIDS related illnesses over the past four decades.

For all who know the weight of stigma and misunderstanding.

For all who have been rejected—at work, in school, or by those called to care for them.

For all whose health has been endangered by our government's sudden halt of foreign assistance this year—a decision that left thousands of people without the antiretrovirals their lives depend on.

O God, open the eyes of our nation's leaders to the peril faced by so many because we have clung to a myth of scarcity rather than remembering your abundance.

Let research funding flow to the labs seeking new treatments, to diagnostic centers where pregnant women and children seek life-saving answers, and to rural clinics whose supplies have vanished with no relief in sight.

Strengthen every effort to prevent the spread of this virus.

And make your church a refuge of care, welcome, and hope for all who have known what it is to be turned away.

We light this candle proclaiming the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. May Jesus strengthen us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

ORDER OF WORSHIP



IN THE TIME OF HEROD, WE LONG FOR GOD TO BREAK IN

Let us know you are here by going to www.allendaleumc.org/here or by filling out the attendance pad in your row.

PRELUDE Allendale Band

Show Up | Britt Kusserow |

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver

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SONG Allendale Band

Hope | Natasha Bedingfield |

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Rev. David Franks

TIME W/ CHILDREN & LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES Rev. Andy Oliver

Show Up | Britt Kusserow |

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF FORGIVENESS Rev. David Franks

OFFERING Congregation

I Dream of a Church | Mark A. Miller |
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Lynne Hensley

The Lord's Prayer | Mark A. Miller |

POEM Rose Cervantes

In the Time of Herod | Rev. Sarah A. Speed |

SONG Allendale Band

In the Time of Herod | Anna Strickland |

SCRIPTURE READING Rev. David Franks

Luke 1:5-13, Lamentations 3:55-57

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Allendale Band

Longing in the Time of Herod | Andy Oliver |

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Congregation

BENEDICTION Rev. David Franks

POSTLUDE Allendale Band

Hope | Natasha Bedingfield |



"Zechariah and the Angel" by Hannah Garrity

LUKE 1:5-13

The doves and stars show the angel's message reaching Zechariah with the same force that first startled him. I imagine him letting his guard drop, meeting her eyes, and allowing a spark of joy even as uncertainty remains.



"Depths" by Carmelle Beaugelin

LAMENTATIONS 3:55-57

When the fall ends, when the deepest depths have been reached, who hears us when we call? As we echo prayers from the depths of each of our lives, we can rest in the assurance that we are heard by a God who meets us at rock bottom.

*Liturgy by A Sanctified Art
(portions adapted by Allendale)*

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Campbell Horn, Dylan Dames | Youth Directors

Bill Lee | Organist

Maddie Johnson | Sign Language Interpreter

Michaela George, Erin Giblin, Courtney Ross, | Nursery Attendants

Dr. Kate Pravera | Theologian in Residence

All of us in the Congregation | Ministers of the Gospel

THIS WEEK

Sun Nov 30

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)
9 AM Adult Sunday School Class (Hybrid)
10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Mon Dec 1

9 AM Tai Chi (Community Center)

Tue Dec 2

2 PM Pilates (Bill W/Nursery)

Wed Dec 3

6 PM Evening Tai Chi (Community Center)

Thu Dec 4

Fri Dec 5

8 PM GMCTB Christmas Concert (Sanctuary)

Sat Dec 6

Sun Dec 7

9 AM Adult Sunday School Class (Hybrid)
10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
5:30 PM Youth Group

Recovery and Support Groups meet often at Allendale and are now listed on their own calendar: www.allendaleumc.org/recovery.

CLASSES & COMMUNITY

Grief Support Group - 11/30 & 12/14 at 9 AM
This group meets every other Sunday

"For Such a Time As This - An Emergency Devotional" by Amy-Jill Levine

In-Person Adult Sunday School Class- Sun at 9 AM

Virtual Class via Zoom - Mon at 6 PM

Join via Zoom: allendaleumc.org/mondayclass

Young Adult Discord - Online Group

Join at www.allendaleumc.org/youngadults

Stand For Democracy -each Mon at 4 PM
NW corner of 22nd Ave N and 34th St N

Social Justice Team - 12/16 at 6 PM

United Women in Faith - 1st Mon at 6:30 PM

United Methodist Men/Non-Binary - 3rd Thu at 6 PM

Wednesday Night Dinner & Classes are on break for the remainder of the year. Meals and classes will continue in January 2026.