

WELCOME!

We're so glad you're here in worship today! Whether this is your first time worshipping with us, or you're here every week, we want to help you take your next step in faith.

ON THE CALENDAR

Visit mdumc.org/events to find registration details and for a full list of all upcoming opportunities to connect!



MEMORIAL DRIVE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

I'M NEW HERE

STAY CONNECTED | JOIN OUR WEEKLY NEWS LIST

 mdumc.org

Stay up to date on important announcements and all that's happening in the life of the church. Visit mdumc.org to subscribe to our weekly e-mail news and have all the info delivered to your inbox every Friday, or text MDUMC to 71301 to receive our text alerts.

MDUMC KIDS

 mdumc.org/children  Allyson George | AllysonGeorge@mdumc.org

Children are welcome and celebrated in all worship services! Children are invited to Children's Time as a part of each worship service.

TAKING MY NEXT STEP

READY TO JOIN? | MEMBERSHIP & INVOLVEMENT

 | Kelly Cragg Vicente | KellyVicente@mdumc.org

Ready to call MDUMC home or ready to get involved? We're so glad to have you as part of the family. Stop by the Welcome Desk on Sunday or send an email throughout the week to learn more about how to join or how to volunteer.

BAPTISM AT MDUMC

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We believe baptism is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace marking us as the children of God. At MDUMC, we baptize adults through profession of faith and children as a sign of God's grace.

GIVING

 Text GIVE to 71301 or visit mdumc.org/give.

Disclaimer: Memorial Drive United Methodist Church is currently videotaping and broadcasting scenes at this location for possible inclusion in broadcast, promotional and archival programming during any and/or all of our services. By your presence in this area, you are granting Memorial Drive United Methodist Church your consent to videotape, record, and broadcast your picture, likeness, voice, and statements. CCLI#1714296

ESTIMATE OF GIVING 2026

At MDUMC, our mission is simple: Love God, and love neighbor; follow Jesus, and change the world. As we look ahead to 2026, we're asking every household to prayerfully consider how they'll support that mission. You should have received an estimate of giving during our All In campaign. You can return it in the offering plate anytime now through **December 31**, or pick up a new card at the Welcome Desk. If you prefer to fill it out online visit mdumc.org/allin for digital forms and resources.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL - SIGN UP TODAY BEGINS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Sign up for our Advent Devotional—launching next Sunday—to receive weekly Scripture, a pastor-written devotional, guided prayer, and simple reflection questions delivered straight to your inbox to help you stay grounded and connected to the heart of Christmas. Scan the QR code or visit mdumc.org/christmas to sign up.



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ADVENT WORKSHOP & CANDY CHURCHES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30 | 4 PM | MAIN CAMPUS - GYM

Join us for a joyful Advent workshop filled with holiday cheer, creativity, and community! Enjoy an afternoon of festive crafts, seasonal treats, and the sweet tradition of building your very own candy churches. Bring your friends and family for a heartwarming celebration that's sure to spark the spirit of the season. All are welcome! Visit mdumc.org/christmas to see a full list of events.

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

DONATIONS DUE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

Join us in making a difference for families in our community this Christmas by donating \$25 gift cards for local teachers at our partner schools, Hollibook & Thornwood Elementary; purchase new unwrapped toys for MAM's Christmas Share program; or adopt a family from RaiseUp Families and shop their wishlist. To learn more and shop the Amazon wishlist visit mdumc.org/christmasoutreach.

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thanksgiving

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025

9:30 & 11 AM



Scan the QR code
to check in!



Advent AT MDUMC

ADVENT WORKSHOP & CANDY CHURCHES

Sunday, November 30 | 4-5:30 PM | Main Campus - Gym

This family-friendly workshop features ornament making, take home devotional materials, and the chance for kids to build their very own candy churches.

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY ADVENT LUNCHEON

Thursday, December 4 | 12 PM | Main Campus - Wesley Hall

A festive luncheon for the Older Adult Ministry with a delicious meal and special holiday music. Tickets available at mdumc.org/christmas.

CHILDREN’S CHOIR & AGAPE YOUTH CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 7 | 3 PM | Main Campus - Sanctuary

This concert features both the talented Agape youth & children’s choirs to celebrate the Christmas season.

HOUSTON BRONZE ENSEMBLE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Friday, December 12 | 7:30 PM | Main Campus - Sanctuary

Houston’s premier handbell choir, Houston Bronze Ensemble, presents “*I Heard The Bells*” as part of their 2025 Christmas concert series.

LIVE NATIVITY

Monday, December 15 | 5:30, 6, & 6:30 PM | Main Campus - Gym

A retelling of the birth of Christ by the youth ministry. Tickets available at the door!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Saturday, December 20 | 7 PM | Main Campus - Sanctuary

A Christmas concert brought to life by the Chancel Choir, orchestra, Journey Band, and special guests in a family-friendly evening filled with the Christmas classics and beloved hymns you know and love.

SERVICE OF THE LONGEST NIGHT

Sunday, December 21 | 5:30 PM | Main Campus - Sanctuary

A quiet and reflective service of hope and prayer.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Children’s Services

11 AM* | West Campus - Journey Worship Center

Contemporary Services

3, 5*, 7* PM | West Campus - Journey Worship Center

Classic Services

4*, 6*, 11 PM | Main Campus - Sanctuary

*Will be live streamed at mdumc.org/christmas

Visit mdumc.org/christmas to learn more about the Advent season at MDUMC!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHER & PRAISE

Prelude.....Celebration Ringers | “*Celebrate with Joy*” - *Cynthia Dobrinski*

*Welcome & Call to Worship

*Hymn of Praise.....No. 649 verses 1, 3, 4 | “*Come, Ye Thankful People Come*”
No. 102 | “*Now Thank We All Our God*”

*Affirmation of Faith.....No. 881 | “*The Apostles’ Creed*”

*Gloria Patri.....No. 70

HEAR & RESPOND

Children’s Time.....Nina Wohlwend

Scripture Reading

Anthem.....Celebration Ringers
“*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*” - *arr. Diane Bish*

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer.....Rev. Jenny Veres-Schrecengost

Invitation to Give

Offertory.....“*I Will Give Thanks*” *arr. Courtney*

*Doxology.....No. 94

Scripture Reading.....Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

Sermon.....Rev. Jim McPhail | “*A Heart Full of Thanks*”

SENDING FORTH

Invitation to Discipleship

*Closing Hymn.....TFW 2036 | “*Give Thanks*”

*Benediction

Postlude.....Stephen Distad, organ
“*Now Thank We All Our God*” - *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

* *Please stand as you are able.*

SCRIPTURE READING

PSALM 136:1-9 & 23-26

○ give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

○ give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

○ give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

who by understanding made the heavens,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

who spread out the earth on the waters,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

who made the great lights,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

the sun to rule over the day,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

the moon and stars to rule over the night,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

It is he who remembered us in our low estate,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

and rescued us from our foes,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

who gives food to all flesh,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

○ give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

NOTES

“O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.” – PSALM 136:1

The altar flowers today are sourced from FAM Houston’s Shamba Yā Amani (The Farm of Peace). FAM Houston is an MDUMC ministry partner.