



Meridian United Methodist
**Church of the
Warm Heart**

January 4, 2026 - Traditional

Prelude: *Good Christian Men Rejoice* Piano quartet

Welcome & Announcements

Meet & Greet

Opening Hymns: *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* (#218)

In the Bleak Midwinter (#221)

Affirmation of Faith: Affirmation from I Corinthians & Colossians #888

Children's Time

Sunday school for ages 4 & 5 downstairs in nursery; grades 1-5 upstairs in Ark

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Hymn: *We Three Kings* (#254)

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12, 16

Message: A Dangerous Game Pastor Mike Benischek

Holy Communion

Offertory: *Pachelbel's Canon* Kristine, Daniel, & Peter Cuilla

Doxology & Prayer

Closing Hymn: *Go Tell It on the Mountain* (#251)

Benediction

Postlude: *The Birthday of a King* Piano/Organ duet

Have a blessed week!

Special thanks to....

Worship Leader: Kim Thompson

Sunday School teacher: Nicole Walker

A/V Volunteers: Heather Calkins, Daniel Ciulla, Whitney Miller, Dennis & Claudia Moberly, Dave Murphy, Shane Ostermeier, Ian Perry, Ron & Margaret Pridmore, Dan Pruett, Bonnie Raper, Gerry Skiver

Ushers: Leo Puga, Gary Himes, Don & Diane Brister



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January 4, 2026 - Contemporary

Prelude: Peace

Welcome

Congregational Songs: *We Three Kings (We're Not Lost)*

Away in a Manger (Our Humble King)

Pastoral Prayer

Meet & Greet

Children's Time

Sunday School for grades K-5 downstairs in nursery

Offertory

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12, 16

Message: A Dangerous Game Pastor Mike Benischek

Holy Communion

Closing Song: *Go Tell it on the Mountain*

Blessing

Postlude

Have a blessed week!

Special thanks to....

Scripture Reader: Joe Buckles

Sunday School teacher: Jessie Layton, in nursery downstairs

Worship Team: Stephanie Benischek, Cadence Etheridge, Amanda Evans, Joe Haacke, Charlie Jones, Bonnie Jow, Chris Kaetzel, Deb Kaetzel, Karin Kinkade, Bill Manning, Trina Moore, Gabe Sandvik, Misty Spears & Coy Wood

A/V Volunteers: Heather Calkins, Daniel Ciulla, Whitney Miller, Dennis & Claudia Moberly, Dave Murphy, Shane Ostermeier, Ron & Margaret Pridmore, Dan Pruett, Bonnie Raper, Gerry Skiver

Greeters: Morris & Caroline Huffman



Days for Girls



Saturday, January 10th, 10am

Join us as we gather to sew hygiene kits for the Days For Girls project. Everyone can help; regardless of your sewing skills, there will be a job you can do! The newsletter has details about donations and materials needed; please call the church office to let us know if you'll be in attendance



New Ladies Study

Mondays at 6:30 on ZOOM

On January 12th our online Ladies Study is starting a new book, "He Loves Me!" by Wayne Jacobsen. Sign up with Lisa Miller to get the ZOOM link.



We're Back!

After a joyous holiday break, our regular programming starts back this week. Now is a great time to join!

- Tuesday Bible Study at 2:00
- Bible Builders, Wed at 6:00
- Youth Group, Sundays at 6:00
- Music rehearsals, Thursdays



Parents Night Out

Friday, Jan 9th, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Drop the kids off at the church for an evening of fun (dinner provided) and take some time for yourselves! RSVP with Nicole Walker.



New Member Class

We will be holding a new members class on Sunday, February 1st at 12:30 p.m. A pizza lunch will be provided! RSVP with Lisa Miller at

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