



The Joy Journal

We hope you all have had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday filled with friends, family, and a bounty of great food! As the month of December unfolds, we want to continue the celebration, with our focus on the Advent Calendar and honoring the birth of Jesus Christ. Below please find the many ways to celebrate:

Christmas Music To Share

Sunday, December 14 (3:00 – 4:30 pm) Winter Concert by the **Central Florida Master Choir**. Admission is Free to the Open Public. A Love Donation will be collected.

Sunday, December 21, 2025 – 10:30 am Traditional Service. Christmas Cantata – “**Were You There on That Christmas Night?**” by **Lloyd Larson**, we extend our heartfelt thanks to Choir Director Raul Rameirez Lugo and the Chancel Choir for sharing their gifts of beautiful music this season.

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 – 5:00 pm. Christmas Eve Service, Reverend Kenneth Behr will be delivering the sermon.

Tradition of “The Giving Tree - On Sunday, November 23, the Christmas trees were decorated with ornaments containing the names of family members and the gifts they need. We will be supporting 8 families this Christmas and in addition to gifts, each family will receive a turkey, with the trimmings for their holiday dinner.



Community and Mission Outreach:

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Shoebox - CPC was a designated drop off location for Marion County and as of Monday, November 24, there were 1,938 boxes collected with a total of 140 boxes contributed from CPC. These boxes will continue to various distribution centers. From there, the boxes are shipped to children in need around the world. We want to thank all the volunteers from CPC and other churches that made this mission ministry a great success in 2025!

May your Christmas be a time of great joy and reflection as the end of 2025 comes to an end – **We wish you all A Merry Christmas and a Happy 2026!**

Scripture to remind us of the Joy of Jesus' Birth!

Isaiah (9:6) *"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders: and his name shall be called: Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace,"*

God Bless You and Remember to Share the Joy!

Membership Committee

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