

This week's opportunities:

Sunday, December 19

9:30a 9:30 *Alive!**
11:00a Traditions*
5:30p Youth Group

Monday, December 20

7:00p Scout Troup 288

Tuesday, December 21

10:00a Intercessory Prayer (Room 209)
6:30p Praise Choir
7:30p Praise Band

Thursday, December 23

8:00a Men's Bible Study
7:00p GodSong

Friday, December 24

4:00p Christmas Candlelight Service
5:30p Christmas Candlelight Service
7:00p Christmas Candlelight Service

**Please silence cell phones and
other electronic devices during
our worship.**

*Indicates childcare provided
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Welcome to Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church!

We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us. It is our desire that you will feel the warmth of God's Spirit, and will return soon.

MESSAGE

Rev. Jeff Bennett

"Divine Sleepover"

*Matthew 1:18-25
(Page 1 N.T.)*

This Morning's Music

Come Now Is The Time

Gloria

Do You Hear

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O Come All Ye Faithful



The flowers at the altar today are given by Scott Tinsley in celebration of his mother, Arlene Tinsley's birthday. Happy birthday, Arlene!

Thank you, **Jenny Howard** for bringing us the morning announcements. Thank you, **Joyce and Cooper Agent** for lighting the Advent candles this morning.

Following Children's Time, children through 5th grade are invited to enjoy 40 minutes of crafting and learning at Kingdom Kids.

Mission Blitz 2010 is happening, and it is not too late to help out. We can still use volunteers even today! If you have skills in light carpentry or home repair, call Kelly Minter after worship (407-694-2167). She can tell you where to meet the group. **If you have children**, please come to the church tomorrow at 1:00 for caroling, or 3:00 - 5:00 for our annual children's Christmas party!

Notice the cards on the backs of the chairs today? These are placed to represent our church family and friends who are participating in Mission Blitz RIGHT NOW! Please keep them and their work in your prayers, and thanks be to God for their salty service contribution this week!

I want to **personally thank** each and every person that participated in "The Voices of Christmas." The children were awesome, our narrators and biblical speakers were the glue that put the whole thing together, and the choir was incredible. Also, thank you to Joey, Jim, and Bill for their work behind the scenes. This could not have been accomplished without all of you. I am deeply humbled, honored, and blessed to be a part of the music ministry and this church. God Bless! - Diane Wright

