

# This week's opportunities:

## Sunday, December 18

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

## Monday, December 19

6:00p Scout Troop 288

## Tuesday, December 20

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

## Thursday, December 22

8:00am Men's Bible Study  
7:00pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal

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

\*Indicates childcare provided  
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*United Methodist  
Church*

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Office Hours: 10:00am - 2:00pm  
Tuesday - Friday  
Closed Mondays

## CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Jeff Bennett
Youth Minister	Kelly Minter
Children's Minister	Anne Torgerson
Contemporary Music	Scott Tinsley
Traditional Music	Elisabeth Callahan
Nursery Coordinator	Kim Knopp
Admin. Assistant	Susan Bowler
Accountant	Jim Larsen
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**Celebration of Worship  
Traditions**

**December 18, 2011**

**11:00am**

**PRELUDE** *Danny Booth*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *Traditional Choir*

*“When He Comes”*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Sadie Snyder*

**LIGHTING OF THE  
ADVENT WREATH** *Vic & Alicia*

*Caroline, Abbie, Jackson Bernet, Belen Muñoz*

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** **204**

*“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** **881**

*“Apostles’ Creed”*

**\*GLORIA PATRI** **71**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Gretchen Torgerson & Joseph Boehner*

*“What Child is This?”*

**SILENT PRAYER**

**MORNING PRAYER**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** **895**

**\*HYMN** **221**

*“In the Bleak Midwinter”*

**THE CHILDREN’S TIME** *Vic Bernet*

**OFFERTORY** *Traditional Choir*

*“Triumph of the Skies”*

**\*DOXOLOGY** **95**

**RESPONSIVE READING** **807**

*Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26*

**MESSAGE** *Rev. Jeff Bennett*

**“Restore Us, O God: Love”**

**\*SENDING FORTH HYMN** **203**

*“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** *Danny Booth*

(\* ) The people standing (*those who are able*)

**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.