



HEYWARD STREET UMC

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Welcome

Call to Worship

God of new beginnings and steady continuation, we gather this morning echoing the core practices of the early Christian church.

Receive our prayers of adoration as we exclaim you as the one who was, is, and is to come.

Empower us to bold, vibrant ministry and mission.

Amplify our generous gifts of time, service, witness, and resources such that no one may go away empty.

Inspire our words of faith and our acts of mercy such that we may be the hands and feet of Christ in a hurting world.

Gather us at the table such that all of us are welcomed and nurtured.

God of new beginnings and steady continuation, instill in us glad, generous hearts as you did those in the early church.

Song *God So Loved* Praise Team

Scripture Acts 4:23-31 Pew Bible p 122

Receiving of the Offering

Sermon The Believers Prayed Rev. Blom

Song *Rest On Us* Praise Team

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Closing Song The Lord's Prayer Praise Team

Benediction



Let's Be the Church – a worship series for January

There are some tasks that we do by rote. Occasionally we have to call our attention to the purpose, focus, and goals of our task in order to re-energize, re-envision and re-engage. At this start of the new year, what is the purpose of church? Why do we show up? What should grab our attention? What should claim our resources? To answer some of these questions, we will hear the witness of the early Christian church.

Churchwide Luncheon and Meeting Today

Join us in the fellowship hall to share a meal. Then we will discuss the path of HSUMC's 2025 ministry and mission. All are invited to participate.



We celebrate with Lamonica Hampton and Ray Watson on the occasion of their **engagement** on New Year's Eve. May God's love shine brightly in their relationship.

Thank You for your capable hands and gracious gift of time last Sunday. Our Chrismon tree and Advent décor are securely packed away.