Christmas Season @ UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE

DEC 13 — **10:00 a.m.** Christmas Music Sunday (Sanctuary)

DEC 20 — **10:00 a.m.** Children's Christmas Pageant (Sanctuary)

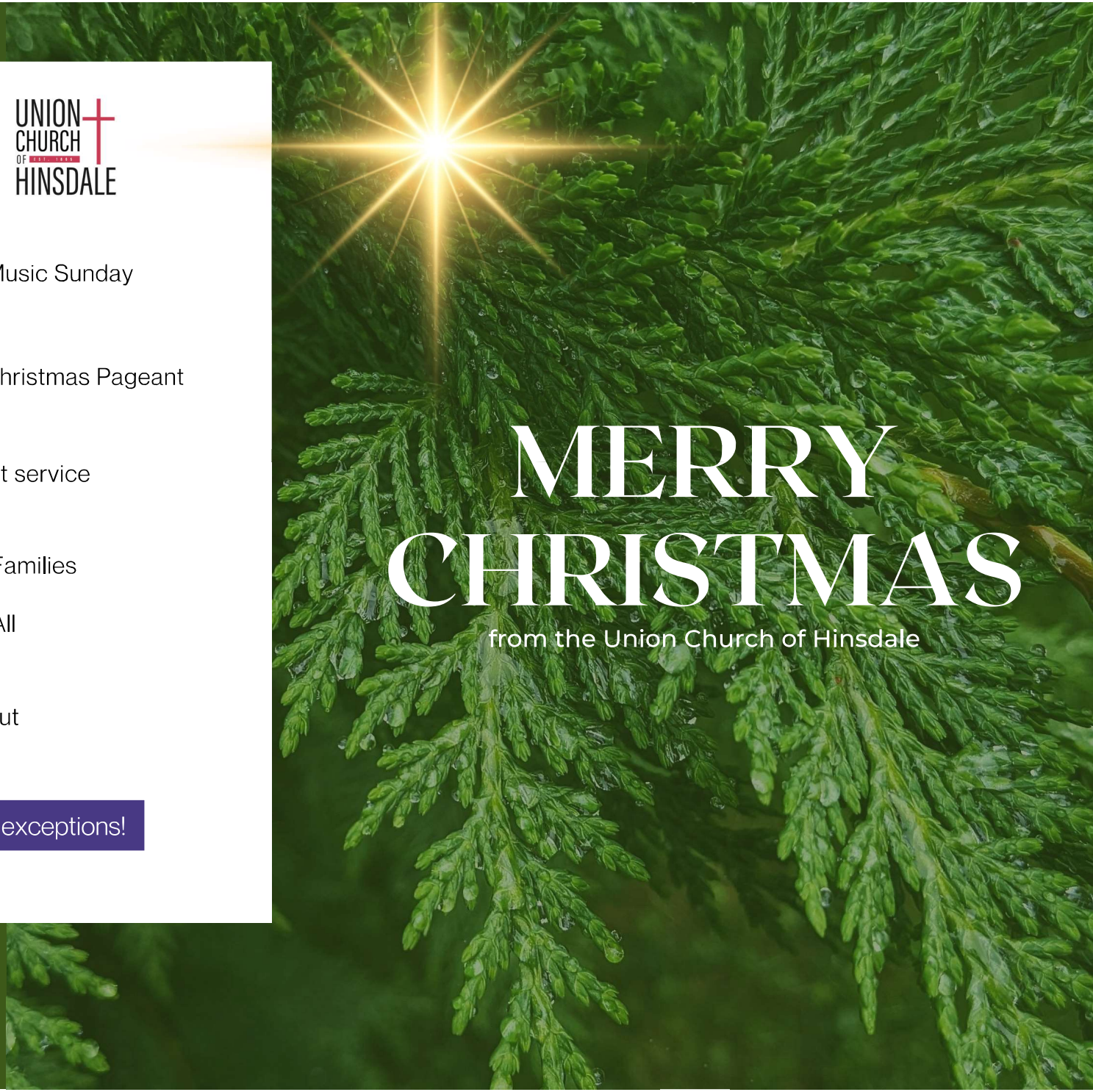
DEC 21 — **7:00 p.m.** Longest Night service (Chapel)

DEC 24 — **4:00 p.m.** Worship for Families
7:35 p.m. Alumni Bells
8:00 p.m. Worship for All
(Sanctuary)

DEC 27 — **10:00 a.m.** Carol Call Out (Sanctuary)

Everyone welcome. No exceptions!

*We are an **Open and Affirming** congregation.*



Dear friend of Union Church,

Christmas finds its way into our hearts. Sometimes it comes through the familiar sounds of carols, the glow of candlelight, the laughter of children, or the warmth of gathering with family and friends. Sometimes it arrives quietly, in a moment of reflection, a kindness received, or a reminder that we are not alone. However Christmas finds us, the season invites us to pause, to make room for wonder, and to remember the extraordinary gift at the heart of our faith: God comes among us.

The angels' announcement to the shepherds was not simply that a child had been born. It was that hope had entered the world. Into a world of uncertainty, struggle, and longing came the promise of God's love made flesh. The birth of Jesus reminds us that God meets us where we are—in our celebrations and our sorrows, in our questions and our faith, in the ordinary and extraordinary moments of our lives.

As I reflect on this past year at Union Church, I am especially grateful for the ways this congregation continues to embody that love. I see it in the generosity of those who give, the compassion of those who care, the faithfulness of those who serve, and the generous welcome extended to all who Union Church touches. I see it in the many ways you share your gifts, encourage others, and reach beyond yourself to empower God's grace in the lives of all. These are the everyday expressions of Christmas—the light of Christ shining through ordinary people doing extraordinary things.

This year, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, may we remember that Christmas is more than a day on the calendar or a season of celebration. It is an invitation to live differently: to offer kindness where there is hardship, hope where there is uncertainty, welcome where there is loneliness, and love wherever it is needed. The good news of great joy is meant to be shared.

May the wonder of the Christmas story renew your spirit. May the love of Christ bring peace to your heart and hope to your days. And may you carry the light of Christmas into the world, sharing the good news of great joy with everyone you meet.

With gratitude and every Christmas blessing,

Tim

Rev. Timothy C. Rhodes | Bridge Minster

I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. Luke 2:10-11

We hope you will join Union Church for our splendid Christmas celebrations and worship services. Whether you have been part of this congregation for generations or are discovering Union Church for the first time, there is a place for you here. Come share the music, the story, the candlelight, and the joy of Christmas. Bring a friend, bring your family, and come as you are.



Special Christmas Offering – The Boulevard

The 2026 Special Christmas Offering will support the splendid work of The Boulevard of Chicago. A long-time ministry partner of Union Church, the Boulevard provides high quality, cost-effective medical respite care to help ill and injured homeless adults break the cycle of homelessness, restore their health, and rebuild their lives. To make a special Christmas offering, see the Live Generously tab on the Union Church website, send a check to the church office noting "Christmas Offering" or contact the church office.