

# FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING



*Oh Holy Night*



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*"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned."  
Isaiah 9:2 CEB*

Christmas time at the Florida United Methodist Children's Home is a very special time. Mrs. Lisa, one of our current houseparents, shares her experiences with Christmas at the Children's Home:

*"For many of our girls, being away from their families is the hardest thing about the holidays. Many are mourning the separation from loved ones, so this is a time when they really think a lot about those people. We try our best to incorporate traditions that the girls bring from their own family Christmases into our cottage Christmas experience. I find joy in being able to celebrate those traditions with our children here, even if they can't go home right now. As houseparents, we try to fill in that gap as best as we can.*

*I remember one year when we built up the excitement during Advent, and we actually baked a Christmas cake on Christmas Eve. Our girls were so excited! On Christmas Day, after opening presents and celebrating on campus, we closed the day by celebrating Jesus' birthday with our birthday cake. It's a tradition we carry on every year, and our children really look forward to it! This allows us to demonstrate the gift that Jesus is to all of us, and they understand it."*

This Christmas, will you consider a special gift to the Children's Home? You can **text "SPARK" to 50155** for quick and easy giving, or visit our website at **[www.fumch.org](http://www.fumch.org)**. Because of your support, the Children's Home is able provide the gift of hope in the midst of both struggle and difficult family circumstances. Thank you for helping to be the light in darkness. The peace of Christ be upon you and yours this Christmas.



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