

Upcoming Events and Information

Tue./Thur.:	Exercise Group (Fireside Room)	3:30pm
Saturdays:	Men's Bible Study (Fireside Room)	8:00am
Wednesdays:	Advent Bible Study (Fireside Room)	9:30am and 6:00pm

- **Everyday Essentials** for local pantries are being accepted in the fellowship hall. Throughout **November** we are collecting **dish soap**. We also need **travel-sized toiletries**. Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need!
- **Loose coins** for **November** goes to: **FISH food pantry**
- **You may sign up in Fellowship Hall for Salvation Army bell ringing at Farm and Fleet, Sat. Dec. 11.**



The flowers on the altar are in **Memory of Lavona Wiff**

Worship Leaders today

Music ministry: Judy Bushman (organist) Pam Clodfelter (handbell choir director)
Head usher: Jeff Cedro
Children's sermon (online@9:45am)

8:00am

10:00 am

Liturgists:	Rory Smith	Jaime Greenfield
Greeters:	Jan Glover	Susie Cedro/Kay Clark
Ushers:	Lynn Majewski	Greenfield family

*Advent Candle lighting

Today:	Mike/Michelle Drew/Logan Ayala	Andrea/Bowen Malhi
(next week:)	Wetzell/McCombs families	Wendelken family



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LET THERE BE

Light

THE SEASON OF
ADVENT

Wesley
United Methodist Church

November 28th, 2021
First Sunday of Advent

*Welcome to
Wesley United Methodist Church
November 28th, 2021*

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE "Even So, Jesus, Come" by William J. Gaither/arr. Robert J. Hughes
"The Quiet Carol (Still, Still, Still)" Austrian Folk Tune/arr. Hall M. Macklin
Fantasia on "The First Nowell" Trad. English Carol/arr. Robert J. Hughes

INTROIT "Love Was When" Words by John E. Walvoord/arr. Don Wyrzten

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 60:2-3)

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way of salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

***LIGHTING THE 1ST CANDLE - HOPE**

Leader: "The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'" (Jeremiah 33:14-16)
We light this candle not to drown out the darkness, but to illuminate what we have to learn from it. O come, O come, Emmanuel! (light candle)
Let us pray.

ALL: Hope-giving God, help us believe that you will truly restore our hope and fulfill your promises of justice and righteousness. Help us to live as people of hope in this sometimes hopeless world. Amen.

† OPENING HYMN "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" UMH#196vs. 1,2

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

†RESPONSE "Glory Be to the Father" #70

SPECIAL MUSIC (10:00am) "I Wonder as I Wander" John Jacob Niles
(Mary Nemes)

HYMN "We Three Kings" UMH# 254v.1

SCRIPTURE READING Gospel of Matthew 2:1-8, 13-16
This is the Word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Herod and the Wise Men"

THANKSGIVING

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

RESPONSE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY

† DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #95

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Faithful God, we thank you that Christ is being revealed in every time and place until he comes again in the fullness of glory. Strengthen our testimony and spiritual gifts; increase generosity in us, we pray, as we wait for the day of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

† CLOSING HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem" UMH#230 v1,4

† BENEDICTION

† RECESSIONAL "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" UMH#204

POSTLUDE "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" by Richard Storrs Willis

*† Please stand if you are able in your body or spirit.
Bold print indicates in unison*