Upcoming Events and Information

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

- **Everyday Essentials** for local pantries are being accepted in the fellowship hall. Throughout **December** we are collecting **shampoo**. We also need **travel-sized toiletries**. Thank you for helping those in need!
- Nov. donations: Thanksgiving baskets= \$951. / envelopes= \$145
- Loose coins for December goes to: Loaves and Fishes



The flowers on the altar are in Memory of her sister Carole Finnicum, from Rosemary Davis

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:Bruce KramerRick PalmerGreeters:Jan GloverTruedson familyUshers:Debbie KramerTruedson family

*Advent Candle lighting

Today: Fitzanko family Truedson family (next week): Jan Glover, Jeff Cedro, Nancy Schwingle family

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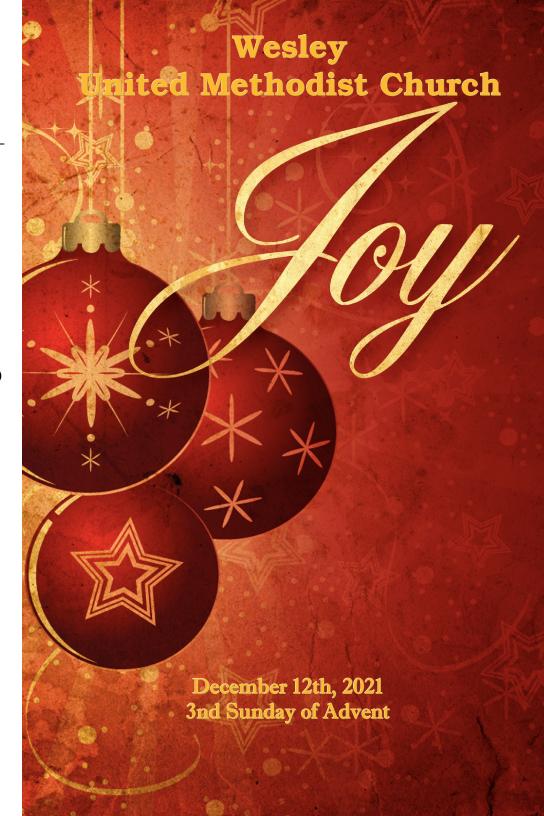
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Welcome to Wesley United Methodist Church December 12th, 2021

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE O Come, Little Children Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine O Come, Let Us Adore Him by J.P.A. Schulz/arr. Edward Broughton German carol/arr. Gilbert M.Martin by J.F. Wade/arr. Randolph Johnston

INTROIT In the Bleak Midwinter

by Gustav Holst

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 60:2-3)

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

*LIGHTING THE 3rd CANDLE - JOY

Leader: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:4-7

We light this candle to symbolize Joy... Let us pray.

ALL: Joyful God, we give you thanks for the ways you renew us with joy, and for the joy we can bring to each other. We ask that in this Advent time of preparation, we may glimpse your gladness, and hear your voice singing over us. Amen.

† OPENING HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" UMH#211vs.1,2,4

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"

HANDBELLS (10:00) Patapan Bernard de La Monnoye/arr. Linda Lamb

#70

#95

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "An Angel Visits Mary and Joseph"

HYMN "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" UMH#240 vs.1,3

SCRIPTURE READING Gospel of Luke 2:22-32

This is the Word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Simeon"

THANKSGIVING

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

RESPONSE

SPECIAL MUSIC (10:00) Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Mary Nelmes/Lon VanGilder Words translated by Baker / music by Praetorius

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY

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

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, teach us to give thanks in all circumstances, for you are always with us. Thank you for the privilege of sharing what we have with others, of giving ourselves away in love, and of receiving the gifts that others share with us. With our whole being, spirit and soul and body, we rejoice in you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

† CLOSING HYMN "Joy to the World" UMH#246 vs.1,4

† BENEDICTION

† RECESSIONAL "Joy to the World" Last half of v.4

POSTLUDE Angels from the Realms of Glory by Henry T. Smart

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