

## 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

### \*Sunday, Jan. 2:

Please stay after the 10:00 service to help remove Christmas decorations and carry them to the activity room. Many hands make light work. Should only take 15-30 min. Thank you! Any questions, please ask Mary Nelmes.

- **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!
- **Loose coins** for **December** goes to: **Loaves and Fishes**
- **The Salvation Army bell ringing collected \$768.76!** Thank you to all our volunteer ringers!



The flowers on the altar are in **Honor of the 2021 Confirmation Class.**

### 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

**Liturgists:** Nancy Pitsch  
**Greeters:** Jan Glover  
**Ushers:** Jeff Cedro

#### \*Advent Candle lighting

Jan Glover, Jeff Cedro, Nancy Pitsch, Judy Bushman

#### 10:00 am

Nancy Pitsch  
Steve / Amy Lopez  
Stacey / Megan Stutzke

Schwingle family



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# Wesley United Methodist Church

December 19th, 2021  
4th Sunday of Advent

## Confirmation Sunday

*Welcome to Wesley United Methodist Church  
December 19th, 2021*

ENTRANCE

**PRELUDE** *The Little Drummer Boy* by K. Davis, H. Onorati & H. Simeone  
*Do You Hear What I Hear?* by N. Regney & G. Shayne  
*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* by Felix Mendelssohn/ arr. Robert J. Hughes

**INTROIT** *Love Came Down* Traditional Irish Melody

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Luke 1)

My soul magnifies the Lord. My spirit rejoices in God my savior. For the Mighty One has done great things, and holy is God's name. Amen.

**\*LIGHTING THE 4th CANDLE - LOVE**

Leader: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant... His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation." (Luke 1:46b-50)  
We light this candle to symbolize Love. We love because God first loved us...May the God of Love come among us once more this season.  
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!  
Let us pray.

**ALL: Loving God, what an incredible thing it is that you love every single part of your creation, including each of us. Help us to mirror your love toward everyone that we meet. In your name, the name of Love, we pray. Amen!**

† **OPENING HYMN** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" UMH#234 vs.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

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** (10:00AM)

**HYMN** "Angels We Have Heard on High" UMH#238 vs.1,3

**SCRIPTURE READING** Gospel of Luke 2:36-38  
This is the Word of God for the people of God  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** "Anna"

THANKSGIVING

**CONFIRMATION** (10:00AM)

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**RESPONSE**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES**

**OFFERTORY**

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

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Holy God, your love is magnified in the gift of your Son, whom you freely share with us. Bless these gifts that we offer to lift up the lowly and fill the hungry in your coming reign of justice and peace; in Christ's name. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

† **CLOSING HYMN** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" UMH#251 vs.1,2,3

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RECESSIONAL** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" refrain

**POSTLUDE** *Bell Carol* Ukrainian Carol

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