Upcoming Events and Information

Tue./Thur.: Exercise Group (Fireside Room) 3:30pm **Tuesdays: Bell Choir Practice** 5:15pm 9:30am & 7:00 pm Wednesdays: Bible Study **Thursdays:** Bible Study 6:30pm Men's Bible Study (Fireside Room) **Saturdays:** 8:00am Combined Youth Group (MS & HS) 1:30-2:30pm **Sundays:** _ayS.

The altar flowers are presented by Toby & Deb Hodges in memory of their parents & grandparents

- Giving envelopes for 2023 are available to be picked up.
- Altar flower sign-up poster for 2023 is posted. Reserve your date.
- Loose coins for December: Loaves and Fishes.
- The FISH pantry is in need of empty egg cartons.
- **Nursery** is provided for 10 am service.

Worship Leaders today

Youth Director: Melissa Hurley

Music Ministry: Judy Bushman (Organist)

Mary Nelmes (Handbell Choir Director)

Head Usher: Jeff Cedro **Nursery Supervisor:** Carol Cravatta

A/V Specialists: Logan Ayala and Joey Cordell

8:00 AM
Rory Smith
Rick Palmer

Liturgists:Rory SmithRick PalmerGreeters:Jan GloverMark & Sharon Taylor

Ushers: Rita Smith Andy Pitsch

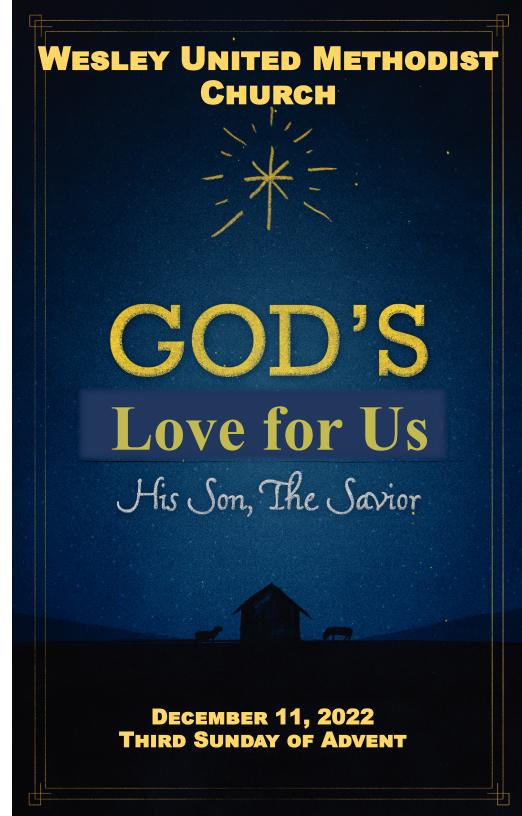


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Welcome to Wesley United Methodist Church December 11, 2022

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

The Coventry Carol
O Come Let Us Adore Him

English Melody/arr. Robert J. Hughes by J.F. Wade/arr. Randolph Johnston

INTROIT

Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place

by Lanny Wolfe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

†OPENING PRAYER:

We light this candle as a symbol of Joy which we find in Jesus Christ our Lord. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us God's love in our lives. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

LIGHT ADVENT CANDLE (insert)

†OPENING HYMN "Angels We Have Heard on High" UMH #238 (vs 1,2,3)

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

BELL CHOIR "Joy to the World" arr. Ron Mallory

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:00AM)

HYMN "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" UMH #203 (vs 1,3)

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 7:10-16, Luke 2:1-7

This is the Word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "God's Love for Us"

WORSHIP TEAM PRESENTATION

THANKSGIVING

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

RESPONSE

OFFERTORY

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

#95

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Come, Emmanuel, come. Bless these gifts with your presence, that we may be an Emmanuel people: nourished by your grace, imbued with your love, and entrusted with your calling. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

†CLOSING HYMN "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" UMH #251 (vs 1,2)

† BENEDICTION (Matthew 1)

Shine forth, people of God!

We shine with the presence of God.

Shine forth, followers of Christ!

We shine with Christmas joy.

Shine forth, children of the Spirit!

We shine with hope and love.

Shine forth as Emmanuel people.

Shine through us, Emmanuel. Shine! Amen.

† **RECESSIONAL** "More Like You" TFWS#2167 (first half)

POSTLUDE

Angels from the Realms of Glory by Henry T. Smart

†Please stand if you are able in your body or spirit.

Bold print congregation response