

## Upcoming Events and Information

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

Altar flowers are presented in celebration of the 37th anniversary of  
*Lowell & Coralee Jacobs*

- If you donated a poinsettia, please take it with you after the service.
- Giving envelopes for 2023 are available to be picked up.
- Altar flower sign-up poster for 2023 is posted. Reserve your date.
- We are looking for hosts for coffee fellowship for January & February. Please see the sign-up sheet.
- **Loose coins for December: Loaves and Fishes.**
- **Nursery** is provided for 10 am service.

### *Worship Leaders today*

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| <b>Youth Director:</b>     | Melissa Hurley   |
| <b>Music Ministry:</b>     | Judy Bushman (Organist)<br>Mary Nelmes (Handbell Choir Director) |
| <b>Head Usher:</b>         | Jeff Cedro   |
| <b>Nursery Supervisor:</b> | Carol Cravatta   |
| <b>A/V Specialists:</b>    | Logan Ayala and Joey Cordell                                     |

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| <b>Liturgists:</b> | <b>10:00 AM</b><br>Amy Lopez |
| <b>Greeters:</b>   |                              |
| <b>Ushers:</b>     | Steve Lopez                  |



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# WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# Jesus

## THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

**DECEMBER 25, 2022**  
**CHRISTMAS**



***Welcome to Wesley United Methodist Church***  
***December 25, 2022***

**ENTRANCE**

**PRELUDE**

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing*  
*Joy to the World*

by F. Mendelssohn/arr. Robert J. Hughes  
by Handel-Mason/arr. Roger C. Wilson

**INTROIT**

*Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place*

by Lanny Wolfe

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**† CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAISE: (Psalms 148)**

Praise the Lord from the highest heaven!

**Let the sun and the moon, and the stars in the sky, all sing praises to our God!**

Praise the Lord from the deepest valley!

**Let the mountains and the hills, the fruit trees and tall cedars, all worship the Lord on high!**

Praise the Lord from the heart of the faithful!

**Let the old and the young, the wise and the meek, all lift their voices and sing for joy!**

Worship the Lord our God, ruler of heaven and earth!

**† OPENING HYMN**

“Joy to the World”

UMH #246 (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**

**HYMN**

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

UMH #229

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 2: 36-38

This is the Word of God for the people of God  
**Thanks be to God**

**SERMON**

“We Walk Today, Tomorrow, and More”

**THANKSGIVING**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**RESPONSE**

**OFFERTORY**

**† DOXOLOGY**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#95

**† PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**O God, in this sacred season, we offer you these treasures from our stores, along with the gift of our hearts. We place these gifts on your altar to help build the kingdom you opened to us on this day of Christ's birth. We lift our hearts to you, even as we place our lives into your care, as we follow your Son, who is the way, the truth, and the life. Amen.**

**SENDING FORTH**

**† CLOSING HYMN**

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

UMH #251 (vs 2,3)

**† BENEDICTION (Matthew 1)**

As we journey through the Christmas story,

**More than a star guides us,**

More than a messenger shows us the way,

**More than an angel shields us from harm.**

As we live the Christmas story,

**More than a fairy tale touches our heart,**

More than Santa Claus leaves gifts under the tree.

**When we live the truth of Christmas,**

We touch the presence of the living God,

**We taste the joy of our salvation. Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL**

"More Like You"

TFWS#2167 (first half)

**POSTLUDE**

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

German Melody