## **Upcoming Events and Information**

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

Thurs. (Dec. 8th) Blood Drive 9:00 am - 6:30 pm

- Altar flower sign-up poster for 2023 is posted. Reserve your date.
- Everyday Essentials for local pantries are being accepted in Fellowship Hall. December collection: shampoo. Also needed: <u>travel-sized toiletries</u>. Thank you for helping those in need!
- 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 10:00 AM

Liturgists:Mel HurleyHarper & Heather JohnsonGreeters:Jan GloverToby & Heather JohnsonUshers:Jeff CedroAugust Johnson

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## Welcome to Wesley United Methodist Church December 4, 2022

## **ENTRANCE**

**PRELUDE** 

There's a Song in the Air What Child is This?

by Karl P. Harrington/arr. Ellen Jane Lorenz Tune: Greensleeves/arr. John M. Raasley

**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 Peace 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.

**LIGHT ADVENT CANDLE (insert)** 

†OPENING HYMN "O come, O Come, Emmanuel" UMH #211 (vs 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" #70

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:00AM)

**HYMN** "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" UMH #216 (vs 1,2)

**SCRIPTURE READING** James 5:7-10, Luke 1:39-45

This is the Word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

**SERMON** "To Whom Are You Elizabeth?"

**THANKSGIVING** 

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

#13

RESPONSE

**OFFERTORY** 

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

#95

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All that we are and all that we have comes from you, God of Promise and Grace. We now return to you a portion of what we have been given to help build your Beloved Community. But more than that, we offer ourselves as agents of your transforming love. Use us, and use these resources, that our world might be turned upside down. Amen.

**SENDING FORTH** 

**†CLOSING HYMN** "Angels from the Realms of Glory" UMH #220 (vs 1,2)

† BENEDICTION

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

**POSTLUDE** 

Angels We have Heard on High

French Carol

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

**Bold** print indicates in unison

The flowers on the altar are in honor of Emily Schwingle's Birthday

