# Upcoming Events and Information

Tue./Thur.:Exercise Group (Fireside Room)3:30pmTuesdays:Bell Choir Practice5:15pmWednesdays:Bible Study9:30am & 7:00 pmSaturdays:Men's Bible Study (Fireside Room)8:00amSundays:Combined Youth Group (MS & HS)1:00-2:30pm

Thursday (Jan 5) Greeting Card Ministry meets at 9:30 in Fellowship Room.

Next Sunday following the 10:00 service we will be taking down the Christmas decorations.

- Please pick up your poinsettias following today's service.
- Everyday Essentials for local pantries are being accepted in Fellowship Hall. January collection: laundry detergent. Also needed: <u>travel-sized toiletries</u>. Thank you for helping those in need!
- Loose coins for January: Rev. Dr. Jin Y Kim
- **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 AM10:00 AMLiturgists:Nancy PitschNancy PitschGreeters:Lynn MajewskiAndy PitschUshers:Nancy PitschNancy Pitsch



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# Welcome to Wesley United Methodist Church January 1, 2023

## **ENTRANCE**

**PRELUDE** 

One Bright Star The Golden Carol by Esther Higgins Traditional English/arr. Roger C. Wilson

**INTROIT** 

Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place

by Lanny Wolfe

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

†CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAISE: Matthew 2

Gathered here, we listen for God.

God's angels are all around us.

Gathered here, we look for signs of God's presence.

God's presence is with us now.

Gathered here, we celebrate the birth of Christ.

God comes in the gift of a child.

**†OPENING HYMN** "Angels from the Realms of Glory" UMH #220 (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** "We Three Kings" UMH #254 (vs 1,5)

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 2:25-35

This is the Word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"What Do We See?"

#### JOHN WESLEY'S COVENANT PRAYER

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

### **THANKSGIVING**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

#15

RESPONSE

**OFFERTORY** 

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

#95

## † PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, send your Christmas message of love and peace through these offerings. May our offerings, our ministries, and our lives be like angels of hope. May they save those who are in distress and comfort those who weep. In your blessed name, we pray. Amen.

## **SENDING FORTH**

†CLOSING HYMN "We Are Marching" TFWS #2235

† BENEDICTION

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

**POSTLUDE** 

Song for a New Day by David Paxton

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

**Bold** print indicates in unison

The flowers on the altar are to the *Honor and Glory of God*