

# Hope



November 28, 2021



**WASHINGTON  
STREET**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The congregation of Washington Street UMC praises and serves God from the heart of the city in ways that reach our neighbors near and far.

We welcome and affirm all who seek the love and mercy of Christ regardless of race, creed, age, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or economic status. We honor traditions as rooted in our history, our expression of worship, and our respect for theological curiosity. We nonetheless see vital change and ongoing renewal as essential for spiritual growth.

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First Sunday of Advent  
November 28, 2021

11:00 AM - Sanctuary

Liturgical Color: Purple, symbolizing the first Sunday of Advent  
*(As our worship begins, please silence any electronic devices.  
Portable hearing devices are available in the Narthex.  
Please ask an usher for assistance.)*

**GATHERING IN THE NAME OF CHRIST**

PRELUDE

*Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*, BWV 645

J. S. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

\*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (Focus: Isaiah 64:1-9)

Ann & Harvey Jessup  
Mary Beth Klugh

Reader: We light the first candle of Advent with Hope in our hearts. (A member lights the first candle.)

Reader: We remember times in the past when we longed for God to be present to us, this congregation, and this world.

Reader: The prophet Isaiah also cried to God to tear open heaven and come down. He called God's people to do right. Isaiah called them to be refashioned like clay by God, the potter. This Advent, we remember God's faithfulness and we cling to hope.

**Congregational Prayer: Mighty God, creator of the world, break through all that keeps us from you and separated from one another. We ask for your mercy as you reform us in your image. This Advent, visit us with your justice, love, and peace. Amen.**

\*HYMN 211

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

Words: 9th cent. Latin; trans. st. 1, 3, 5ab, 6cd, 7ab The Hymnal, 1940;  
st. 2, Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916; st. 4, 5cd, 6ab, 7cd, Laurence Hull Stookey, 1986  
Music: 15th cent. French; arr. and harm. by Thomas Helmore, 1854

\*AN ADVENT AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

written by The Rev. Rebecca F. Harrison, 2012

**We are an Advent people,  
a people of hope.**

**For us, Advent is a time of waiting,  
and so we wait.**

**We wait for the coming of the One  
who is the fulfillment of God's promise,  
the fulfillment of hope,  
the declaration that we have been redeemed.**

**Even so, we are not a naïve people.**

**We know that the world in which we live  
will continue to be filled with pain and sorrow.**

**We know that hatred and violence will continue to exist.**

**We know that death and separation will continue to be a part of our lives.**

**But because we are an Advent people,  
we know that none of these things will win in the end.**

**The Holy One is coming,  
to make holy once again  
all that was, is, and ever will be.**

**And in our waiting and our hoping,  
we work and worship,  
pray and play,  
in all things hoping that peace, love and joy will reign  
in our lives and in our world,  
now and forever. Amen.**

\*THE GLORIA PATRI #70

MEINEKE

Words: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent.  
Music: Charles Meineke, 1844

ANTHEM

*Lost in the Night*

Kyle Haugen

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

**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.**

### LISTENING FOR GOD

OFFERTORY

*My Lord, What a Mornin'*  
Soloist: Yasmin Bradshaw

arr. H. T. Burleigh

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1: 5-15, 18-19, 24-25, 57-58, 67-68

SERMON

#Morehope

Rev. Becky Shirley

### GOING FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN 196

*Come, Thou Long- Expected Jesus*  
Words: Charles Wesley, 1744

HYFRYDOL

Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1830; harm. from The English Hymnal, 1906

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

\*BENEDICTION

Please remain seated until the pastors have cleared the aisle.  
Please remember to practice social distancing when exiting.

\*POSTLUDE

*Improvisation*

Louis Shirer

*\*Congregation standing. If standing is uncomfortable, please remain seated and continue your participation.*

***When our worship ends, our service begins!***

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## PRAYER THOUGHT

We've been given a hope.

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## PRAYER LIST

Thom Berry  
Martha Boynton  
Martha Brooker  
Sally Christian  
Heidi Conte  
Mickey Epting

Bud Harrelson  
Karen Horne  
Geneva Hutchinson  
Lisa Johnson  
Rev. Judy King  
Mike LeFever

Beverly McClanahan  
David Middleton  
Lauren, Greg, and Nora  
Blair Middleton and  
family  
Rick Rowe  
Boyd Saunders

Stephanie Saunders  
Sarah Threatt  
Marjorie Tuell  
Tom Wall  
Our homebound

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## FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God and in loving memory of George Markert.

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## WELCOME TO THE WORLD!

The rose on the pulpit is in celebration of Salem Everett Stone, born on November 23.  
Parents, Hilary & Isaac Stone, sister, Imogen, and grandparents, Grant and Licia  
Jackson welcomes Salem to their family as we welcome him to the Washington Street family.

### *A Line in Time*

(The Birth of Jesus)

4:00 pm • Sanctuary



*Christmas Eve*  
at Washington St.

### **Traditional Christmas Service**

5:30 pm | Sanctuary  
*with Communion*

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## SERVING TODAY

Usher  
Sound/Video

Tommy Betenbaugh  
Grant Jackson/Spencer Stevens

Visitor Cards  
Pew Maintenance  
Nursery

Lynn Shirley  
Suzanne Joye  
Finance Committee  
Shelley Stafford

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

**Giving to-date** (as of 10-14-21)

Budget: \$471,497.25

Actual: \$633,484

Soup Cellar: \$72,472

Foundation Gifts: \$31,761

Attendance on 11/21: 98

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