



WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 19, 2021



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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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Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 19, 2021

11:00 AM - Sanctuary

Liturgical Color: Purple, symbolizing the third 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

Prelude and Fugue in D Minor, Opus 109, No. 1

Camille Saint-Saëns

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (Focus: Luke 1:26–38)

Pato, Elizabeth,

Alma Louise, Rosemary, and Teddy Aravena

Reader: O God, we light the fourth candle of Advent.

Reader: In this holy season we are reminded of the message spoken by the angel Gabriel, and we recall the faith of Mary.

Reader: Mary was a young, strong, spiritual woman. Even though her life was not easy, she heard God's voice and said yes. Her song was a prayer that would uplift those who were down-trodden. Her lyrics shattered the proud and called the world to change. She would bear with-in her the promised child, Jesus, the Light of the World. This Advent, we respond to God's beckoning to us as well.

Reader: We recall the times we have struggled to have faith. We want to be like Mary - filled with confidence that God will step in and help us transforming even our most difficult situations with the power of hope, peace, joy, and love.

Congregational Prayer: Revealing God, visit us and fill us with your Spirit. Bring your good news to life within us. Give us the courage to share your love in meaningful ways, so that your light will break through the injustices and shadows of this world. Amen.

*HYMN 230

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

Words: Phillips Brooks, ca. 1868

Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1868

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

One: Let us declare our faith in God:

All: We believe in God the Creator, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe this is God is our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.

***THE GLORIA PATRI #70**

MEINEKE

Words: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent.

Music: Charles Meineke, 1844

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

WITNESS TO GOD'S PRESENCE

***DOXOLOGY+ VENI EMMANUEL (O Come, O Come Emmanuel)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below: Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

+Marcia McFee

PASTORAL PRAYER

Camille Saint-Saëns

Christmas Oratorio, Opus 12

(See program insert—scan the QR code to read online!)



GOING FORTH TO SERVE

***BENEDICTION**

Please remain seated until the pastors have cleared the aisle.

Please remember to practice social distancing when exiting.

***POSTLUDE**

Improvisation

Louis Shirer, Organ

**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

His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father,
the Prince of Peace.

PRAYER LIST

Lyn Bailey	Bud Harrelson	Paul McClanahan	Stephanie Saunders
Thom Berry	Laura Holladay	David Middleton	Sarah Threatt
Martha Boynton	Karen Horne	Lauren, Greg, and Nora	Marjorie Tuell
Martha Brooker	Geneva Hutchinson	Blair Middleton and family	Our homebound
Sally Christian	Lisa Johnson	Rick Rowe	
Heidi Conte	Rev. Judy King	Boyd Saunders	
Mickey Epting	Mike LeFever		

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We ask that you prayerfully consider an extra gift this year. Your investment in the world God is doing through our ministries is making a positive difference every day.



SCAN TO GIVE

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\$677,754

84%

GOAL

808,281

SERVING TODAY

Usher	Tommy Betenbaugh
Sound/Video	Lynn Shirley/Spencer Stevens
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye
Pew Maintenance	Finance Committee
Nursery	Shelley Stafford

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Giving to-date (as of 12-17-21)

Church:

Budget: \$808,281

Actual: \$677,754

Soup Cellar: \$76,552

Foundation Gifts: \$131,250

Attendance on 12/12: 147