



December 26, 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.

WASHINGTON STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

First Sunday of Christmas
December 26, 2021

11:00 AM - Sanctuary

Liturgical Color: White, symbolizing Purity

(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

Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming, Opus 122. No. 8

Johannes Brahms

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We thank you, Lord, for the gift of Christmas, for the gift of Yourself.

All: You are the Word made flesh. The hope of all humankind.

One: You are our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer!

All: We rejoice with all of creation at your amazing love!

*HYMN 219

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

Words: William C. Dix, 1865 (Lk. 2:6-20; Mt. 2:1-12)

Music: 16th cent. English melody

OPENING PRAYER

God of hope, light, and healing, we celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ once again as the angels, shepherds, Mary and Joseph did so long ago. You came to live among us and embody your love for us. Guide us so that we may embody your love to all those we meet. Guide our steps and let our lives be beacons of light that point others to you. In Jesus's name we pray.
Amen.

SOLO

Lo, a child is born to us, Op. 137 No. 3
Yasmin Bradshaw

Max Reger

HYMN 229

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

W ZLOBIE LEZY

Words: Polish carol; trans. by Edith M. G. Reed, 1925 (Lk. 2:6-20)

Music: Polish carol; arr. By Edith M. G. Reed; 1926; harm. by Austin C. Lovelace, 1964

*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 God is our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen

*THE GLORIA PATRI #70

MEINEKE

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

Music: Charles Meineke, 1844

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1:1-5, 14

*DOXOLOGY #94

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674;

Music: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

SOLO

Sweet Little Jesus Boy
Yasmin Bradshaw

Robert MacGimsey

PROCLAMATION

Incarnation

Rev. Alston Lippert

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.

HYMN 238

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

Words: Trad. French carol; trans. Crown of Jesus, 1862, alt. (Lk. 2:6-20)

Music: French carol melody; arr. by Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937; harm. by Austin C. Lovelace, 1964

*BENEDICTION

Please remain seated until the pastors have cleared the aisle.

Please remember to practice social distancing when exiting.

*POSTLUDE

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come, BWV 606

J. S. Bach

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

And He shall reign forever and ever...Hallelujah

PRAYER LIST

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

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SERVING TODAY

Usher	Tommy Betenbaugh
Sound/Video	Lynn Shirley
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye
Pew Maintenance	Finance Committee
Nursery	Jane Peterson

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Giving to-date (as of 12-17-21)
Church: **Budget: \$808,281**
Actual: \$691,978
Soup Cellar: \$77,202
Foundation Gifts: \$131,250
Attendance on 12/19: 165