



**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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Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2021

11:00 AM - Sanctuary

Liturgical Color: Purple, symbolizing the second 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

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen, Opus 122. No. 8

Johannes Brahms

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (Focus: Isaiah 40:1–11)

Eva Nance,

Kimberly McAlister, and Laurely Nance

Reader: We light the second candle of Advent as we seek God's peace.
(With the first candle already burning, a member lights the second candle.)

Reader: Isaiah announced God's coming to a people exiled in a broken and parched wilderness. He declared that God's redemption would make a highway in the desert and change the rough places into plain. God would come as a shepherd—feeding, leading, and cradling the weary flock.

Reader: We seek God's redemptive love and grace that will transform us and bring us the inner peace we seek.

Congregational Prayer: Saving God, look upon your world and heal your land and your people. Prepare us to be changed more and more into the likeness of Christ. This Advent fill us with your peace and teach us to be tender and just, as you are. Amen.

*HYMN 216

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN ROS

Words: Sts. 1-2, 15th cent. German; trans. by Theodore Bake, 1894;
st. 3 from *They Hymnal*, 1940 (Is. 35:1-2)

Music: *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1599; harm. by Michael Praetorius, 1609

*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

Angels from the Realms of Glory

arr. Dan Forrest

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

Amid the Cold of Winter
Soloist: Cody Lidge

arr. Bret Rhoades

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

SERMON

#Morepeace

Rev. Becky Shirley

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN 202

People, Look East
Words: Eleanor Farjeon, 1928
Music: Trad. French carol; harm. by Martin Shaw, 1928

BESANCON

*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

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together.

PRAYER LIST

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Martha Boynton
Martha Brooker
Sally Christian
Heidi Conte
Mickey Epting

Bud Harrelson
Laura Holladay
Karen Horne
Geneva Hutchinson
Lisa Johnson
Rev. Judy King

Mike LeFever
Paul McClanahan
David Middleton
Lauren, Greg, and Nora
Blair Middleton and
family

Rick Rowe
Boyd Saunders
Stephanie Saunders
Sarah Threatt
Marjorie Tuell
Our homebound

Christmas Eve at Washington Street

A Line In Time (The Birth of Jesus)

A dramatic presentation

4:00 pm | Sanctuary

Traditional Christmas Eve Service

(with communion & candle lighting)

5:30 pm | Sanctuary



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SERVING TODAY

Usher
Sound/Video
Visitor Cards
Pew Maintenance
Nursery

Tommy Betenbaugh
Charles Garren/Lynn Shirley
Suzanne Joye
Finance Committee
Sara Wilcox

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Giving to-date (as of 12-5-21)
Needed to fund Budget: \$808,281
Rec'd to date:
Church \$638,264
Soup Cellar \$50,045
Found \$31,761
Attendance on 11/28: 105