



It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like *Christmas*

November 27, 2022

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



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

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November 27, 2022 | 1st Sunday of Advent | Liturgical Color: Purple or Blue

(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

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEANING OF THE SERVICE

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on John 1:5 & Ephesians 3:21)

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

All: And also with you!

One: Christ has come! Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

All: This is the faith of the church of Jesus Christ!

One: When we look at the world around us, we see the darkness of war, captivity, greed, and broken relationships.

All: We long for Christ to come again and bring light to our world.

One: The Good News is that Jesus Christ lives among us, bringing truth and light as a present reality.

All: We worship as those who have a glimpse of that reality, and we long for its fullness. We are those who labor to make Christ's light more visible on earth. Let us praise God, that the light of Christ shines on in the darkness, which has never overcome it. To God be the glory in Jesus Christ and in the church forever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN #196

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

Words: Charles Wesley, 1744

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

OPENING PRAYER

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.

THE COLORS AND LESSONS OF CHRISTMAS

HYMN #240

Hark the Herald Angels Sing (vs. 1-3)

MENDELSSOHN

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739; alt. by George Whitefield, 1753, and others (Lk. 2:8-14)

Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1840; arr. by William H. Cummings, 1856

THE SANCTUARY EVERGREENS

SOLO

In the Bleak Midwinter

arr. Austin C. Lovelace

Soloist: Emily Schlegel

THE WREATHS

HYMN #245

The First Noel (vs. 1-2)

THE FIRST NOEL

Words: Trad. English carol (Lk. 2:8-14; Mt. 2:1-2)

Music: Trad. English carol; harm. from *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871

THE ADVENT WREATH

Neal Woods, Andrea McAtee, Lucy and Lucas Woods

CONGREGATIONAL SONG OF RESPONSE

Hymn #204

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

McGEE

THE CHRISTMAS TREE AND LIGHTS

HYMN #211

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs. 1-2)

VENI EMMANUEL

Words: Bob McGee, 1976 (Mt. 1:23)

Music: Bob McGee, 1976

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS—THE GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS

Beth Matthews

(After the Children's Moments, children 2 yrs. to first grade may be dismissed to Children's Church.)

OFFERTORY

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

arr. Howard Helvey

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*DOXOLOGY #95

OLD 100th

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674

Music: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

THE NATIVITY

HYMN #230

O Little Town of Bethlehem (vs. 1, 3)

ST. LOUIS

Words: Phillips Brooks, ca. 1868

Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1868

SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-14

HOMILY

"It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas"

THE CHRISMONS

*HYMN #246

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

Words: Issac Watts, 1719; (Ps. 98:4-9)

Music: Arr. from G.G. Handel, 1741, by Lowell Mason, 1848

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

**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

Let us pray that in this Christmas season, love replaces hate and faith replaces fear.

PRAYER LIST

Betsy Alexander	Rev. Paul Harmon	David Middleton	Edee Vaughan
Martha Boynton	Karen Horne	Shawn Powers	Paula Walters
David Byrum	Lisa Johnson	Genie & Ron Quinn	Nancy Williams
Laura Collins	Debby Joyner	Rick Rowe	Our homebound
Dr. Walter Dean	Martha Helen King	Boyd Saunders	
Mickey Epting	Mike LeFever	Stephanie Saunders	
Pat Griffin	Paul McClanahan	Sarah Threatt	

FLOWERS

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

SERVING TODAY

Director of Music	Nicholas Todd Shumate
Piano	Dr. Rick Frierson
Ushers	Tommy Betenbaugh, Alan-Jon Zupan
Acolyte	Lucy Woods
Sound/Video	Spencer Stevens/Lynn Shirley
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye
Pew Maintenance	Jammie Watters
Nursery	Jane Polk, Carter Vaughan
Children's Church	Beth Matthews
Online Service Moderator	Ed McClain

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

(YTD as of 11-23-22):

Church Budget: \$865,000

REPORT NOT AVAILABLE

Church Actual	\$
Soup Cellar	\$
Foundation	\$

SCAN TO GIVE



Attendance on 11/20/22: 116 (in-person); 58 (online as of 11/23/22); TOTAL = 174

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