



Finding Joy when Happiness is Elusive

December 11, 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
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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WASHINGTON STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 11, 2022 | 3rd Sunday of Advent | 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.)*

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God has done, and continues to do, marvelous things

All: Let us respond with praise and thanksgiving.

One: Lord, help us see and feel your presence, your goodness, and your love

All: Fill our hearts with joy this day and always.

*HYMN #246

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

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

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Mackin Wall & Youth Disciples

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.

ANTHEM

Lost in the Night

Kyle Haugen

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 98

SERMON

“Finding Joy when Happiness is Elusive”

Rev. Alston Lippert

OFFERTORY

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion
from Messiah*

G. F. Handel

Soloist: Maria Beery

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*DOXOLOGY #95

OLD 100th

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674
Music: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY

*HYMN #234

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

Words: John F. Wade, ca. 1743; ca. 1743; trans. by Frederick Oakeley, 1841, and others
Music: John F. Wade, ca. 1743; harm. from Collections of Motetts or Antiphons, 1792

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE


*POSTLUDE

**Congregation standing. If standing is uncomfortable, please remain seated and continue your participation.
When our worship ends, our service begins!*



Antonio Vivaldi
GLORIA
with the WSUMC Choir

CHRISTMAS CANTATA
SUNDAY, DEC. 18, 2022
11:00 AM | SANCTUARY




Preparing the
Way for Jesus

4:00 pm
Sanctuary

(Adapted from "A Christmas Drama based on
Luke" By Shirley Cooman & Cindy Holtrop)

Christmas
Eve
2022



WASHINGTON STREET
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*Candlelight, Carols,
and Communion*

5:30 pm
Sanctuary

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PRAYER THOUGHT

Lord, bless us this Christmas with quietness of mind. Teach us to be patient and always to be kind.

PRAYER LIST

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

IN SYMPATHY

Rev. Becky Shirley, the Washington Street staff, and church family express their condolences to the family of Janet Keith, who passed quietly to her eternal rest on Monday, December 5.

SERVING TODAY

Director of Music	Nicholas Todd Shumate
Organ	Louis Shirer
Piano	Dr. Rick Frierson
Ushers	Tommy Betenbaugh, Alan-Jon Zupan
Sound/Video	Spencer Stevens/Lynn Shirley
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye
Pew Maintenance	Jammie Watters
Nursery	Carter Vaughn, Jane Polk
Online Service Moderator	Ed McClain

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

(YTD as of 12-8-22):

Church Budget: \$865,000

Church Actual	\$519,109
Soup Cellar	\$67,224
Foundation	\$23,910

SCAN TO GIVE

Attendance on 12/4/22: 167 (in-person); 136 (online as of 12/8/22); TOTAL = 303

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