



# *The Message in the Music*

December 25, 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.



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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# WASHINGTON STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 25, 2022 | Christmas Day | White or Gold

*(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: Rejoice, for God is with us - Emmanuel.

**All: In the darkness of the world shines God's holy light.**

One: Now there is reason to hope, to love, to laugh, to live.

**All: God is truly with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen**

## HYMN #220

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

REGENT SQUARE

Words: James Montgomery, 1816 (Lk. 2:8-20, Mt. 2:1-12; Mal. 3:1)

Music: Henry T. Smart, 1867

## 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.**

## BLESSING OF THE TOYS

Rev. Becky Shirley

## OFFERTORY

*Sing for Christ is Born*

Joseph M. Martin

Soloist: Pato Aravena

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## \*DOXOLOGY #95

VENI EMMANUEL

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674

Music: Traditional 15th cent. French; arr. and harm. by Thomas Helmore, 1854

Text: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

SERMON

The Message in the Music

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FIRST LESSON

\*HYMN #230

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ST. LOUIS

Words: Phillips Brooks, ca. 1868

Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1868

SECOND LESSON

\*HYMN #234

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

Words: John F. Wade, ca. 1743; trans. by Frederick Oakeley, 1841, and others

Music: John F. Wade, ca. 1743; harm. from Collections of Motetts or Antiphons, 1792

THIRD LESSON

\*HYMN #240

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

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

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

FOURTH LESSON

\*HYMN #218

*It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

CAROL

Words: Edmund H. Sears, 1849 (Lk. 2:8-14)

Music: Richard Storrs Willis, 1850

FIFTH LESSON

\*HYMN #239

*Silent Night, Holy Night*

STILLE NACHT

Words: Joseph Mohr, 1818, alt.; sts. 1, 2, 3 trans. by John F. Young; st. 4 trans. anon. (Lk. 2:6-20)

Music: Franz Gruber, 1818

SIXTH LESSON

\*HYMN #251

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

GOTELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Words: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. by John W. Work, Jr., 1907 (Lk. 2:8-20)

Music: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and arr. by William Farley Smith, 1986

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*\*Congregation standing. If standing is uncomfortable, please remain seated and continue your participation.*

***When our worship ends, our service begins!***

Merry Christmas! The office will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26, Friday, Dec. 30, and Monday Jan. 2. The Child Development Center is closed the week of Dec. 26.

On Sunday, Jan. 1, Jim Tuelle will lead us in a special class on Christmas carols in Christ Chapel from 9:45-10:45 am. Then stay and enjoy our 11:00 am worship service. All are welcome!

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**PRAYER THOUGHT**

For unto us a child is born and unto us a Son is given. His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace.

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**PRAYER LIST**

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

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**SERVING TODAY**

|                   |                                  |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| Director of Music | Nicholas Todd Shumate            |
| Organ             | Louis Shirer                     |
| Piano             | Dr. Rick Frierson                |
| Ushers            | Tommy Betenbaugh, Alan-Jon Zupan |
| Acolyte           |                                  |
| Sound/Video       | Lynn Shirley                     |
| Visitor Cards     | Suzanne Joye                     |
| Pew Maintenance   | Jammie Watters                   |
| Nursery           | Mackenzie Powers                 |

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**(not available this week):**

**Church Budget: \$865,000**

Church Actual  
Soup Cellar  
Foundation

**SCAN TO GIVE**

**Attendance on 12/18/22: 198 (in-person); 92 (online as of 12/22/22); TOTAL = 290**

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