



March 5, 2023

Follow the Light

Part II: "Who Is Jesus?"

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

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March 5, 2023 | 2nd Sunday in Lent | Purple

(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: In this Holy space, we come to worship Jesus, the Light of the world!

All: Shine in our hearts, Lord Jesus!

One: In this community of faith, we believe in the strength of God to illuminate dark places.

All: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness shall not overcome it.

One: Lord, in this hour of worship, kindle in us the light of your love.

All: Let your light shine through us, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN #117

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

Words: Isaac Watts, 1719 (Ps. 90)

Music: Attr. to William Croft, 1708; harm. by W. H. Monk, 1861

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM

I Lift Up My Eyes

Lee Dengler

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Dane Waund

OFFERTORY

Like Him We Rise

Tom Trenney

Soloist: Gabriel McFarlan

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*DOXOLOGY #95

OLD 100TH

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674

Music: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 8:12-19

SERMON

"Follow the Light"

Rev. Adrienne Fink

*HYMN #479

Jesus, Love of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH

Words: Charles Wesley, 1740 (Wis. 11:26)

Music: Joseph Parry, 1879

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & PARDON

One: Let us confess our sins to God who alone has the power to save and waits in mercy to forgive.

All: Merciful God, we have not been humble. We have discouraged others from seeking you. We have not sought your wisdom. Forgive us, O God, and teach us to boast only of you. Help us to celebrate when others seek after you. Give us the light of your wisdom and way, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of silent confession are offered

One: People of God, the Lord hears, forgives, and saves. Therefore, be reconciled to one another and walk humbly before God.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, ... join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ ... we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

THE 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.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*HYMN #98

To God Be the Glory
Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1875
Music: William H. Doane, 1875

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS UMH #38

*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

Whatever we face, whatever we fear, whatever the cost, God always draws near.

PRAYER LIST

Betsy Alexander
Martha Boynton
David Byrum
Wendy Clark
Judy Ellington
Mickey Epting

Pat Griffin
Rev. Paul Harmon
Karen Horne
Lisa Johnson
Debby Joyner
Jean Kanes

Martha Helen King
Paul McClanahan
Sharon McCullough
David Middleton
Shawn Powers
Genie & Ron Quinn

Rick Rowe
Jim Webber
Nancy Williams
Mary Anne Young
Our homebound

NEW MEMBERS

We hope that you will take a moment as you exit to welcome our newest members, Amanda and Matthew Fargher.

SERVING TODAY

Guest Pastor	Rev. Adrienne Fink
Director of Music	Nicholas Todd Shumate
Organ	Louis Shirer
Piano	Dr. Rick Frierson
Ushers	Tommy Betenbaugh, Alan-Jon Zupan
Children's Moments	Dane Waund
Sound/Video	Grant Jackson/Lynn Shirley
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye
Pew Maintenance	Jammie Watters
Children's Church	Sarah-Kate Gravely
Nursery	Jane Polk
Online Moderator	Ed McClain

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of 3-2-23

Church Budget: TBD

Church Actual	\$130,007
Soup Cellar	\$11,713
Foundation	\$ 500

SCAN TO GIVE



TONIGHT!! F.U.E.L.— TACOS & TRIVIA!

FELLOWSHIP | UNITE | EAT | LOVE

5:00-7:00 pm | Threatt Hall | Bring a team, or join one there!

Activities for the younger ones & a nursery for the wee ones!

Attendance on 2/26/23: 131 (in-person); 109 (online as of 3-2-23); TOTAL = 240

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