

deck THE halls

WITH

Promise

December 31, 2023



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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First Sunday after Christmas | Dec. 31, 2023 | White

(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 Old Year Now Has Passed Away

J.S. Bach

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #249

There's a Song in the Air

CHRISTMAS SONG

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: On the cusp of this new year,

All: we look with awe and wonder at the Christ child and the world around us.

One: We seek to follow the way of Jesus Christ

All: so that this world might grow to be like the one God wants for us.

MORNING PRAYER

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.

GLORIA PATRI #70

MEINEKE

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Rev. Alston Lippert

(After Children's Moments, children 5 and under may go with the class leader to the 2-3's classroom located on the first floor past the elevator on the left. They may be picked up there, or they will be escorted back to the sanctuary prior to the benediction.)

ANTHEM

This Child, This King

David Ray

written by Nathan Nettleton

We believe in Jesus Christ: God born among us as a fragile baby, embodying both love and the need for love, and calling us to rest in God as trustingly as a tiny child.

We believe in the reconciliation of the world to God, through Christ. Hunted at birth and humiliated at death, Christ entered our fearful darkness so that we might enter his glorious light and share the life of his resurrection.

And we believe that each new child is a glimpse of the face of God, a sign of the life to come, and a call to live in peace and celebrate living together. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Amen.

MEINEKE

Jesu Bambino
Soloist: Maria Beery

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OLD 100th

The Snow Lay on the Ground

VENITE ADOREMUS

John 1:18

“Deck the Halls with Promise”

Rev. Alston Lippert

Part Four: Deck the Hall: Decorating Our Life with What Matters

Love Came Down at Christmas

GARTAN

*POSTLUDE

In Thee is Gladness

J.S. Bach

**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

And Christ shall reign forever and ever. Hallelujah! Thanks be to God.

PRAYER LIST			
Betsy Alexander	Nancy Epting	Lisa Johnson	Shawn Powers
Karen Basso	Carl Evans	Jean Kanes	Genie & Ron Quinn
Ann Bell	Pat Griffin	Martha Helen King	Tara Spires
Mickey Bell	Betsy Halloren	Beverly McClanahan	Peggy Ward
Ron Bowden	Rev. Paul Harmon	Paul McClanahan	Nancy Williams
Mickey Epting	Karen Horne	Sharon McCullough	Our homebound

SERVING TODAY

Director of Music	Catherine Nance
Organ	Louis Shirer
Piano	Rick Frierson
Acolyte	Cora McGandy
Ushers	Tommy Betenbaugh, Alan-Jon Zupan
Greeter	Ute Wachsmann-Linnan
Children’s Moment	Rev. Alston Lippert
Sound/Video/Projection	Lynn Shirley
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye
Pew Maintenance	Jammie Watters
Children’s Church	Heidi Ankeny, McCullough Adams
Nursery	McKenzie Powers, Tracy Powers
Online Moderator	Ed McClain

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

<u>As of 12-28-23</u>	
<u>Church Budget: \$866,231</u>	
Church Actual	\$ NA
Soup Cellar	\$ NA
Foundation	\$ NA



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