

Welcome to:



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OF BETHLEHEM

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This Week at Wesley Church:

*The altar flowers this week are presented by Anne Truscott
in celebration of her sister, Susan, on her birthday.*

Sunday, July 21

NA - Westside Sunday Night

6:00-8:15pm (Library)

Monday, July 22

AA - Beginners Meeting

6:30pm (Library)

Tuesday, July 23

NA - The Acceptance Group

6:30-9:00 (Library)

Men's Faith Building

6:30pm-8pm (Library)

ABE Intergroup Meeting

7:00-9:00pm (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, July 24

Thursday, July 25

Friday, July 26

AA Pre-Meeting

5:45pm (Parlor)

AA - Speakers Meeting

7:00pm (Sanctuary)

Al-Anon

8:00pm (Library)

Saturday, July 27

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

7:30-9:00am (Fellowship Hall)

† invites all to stand, if able

Blended Worship

July 21st, 2024

Prelude How Great Our Joy* (arr. *B. Wolaver*)

Welcome

† Call to Worship

One: Rejoice in the Lord! Rejoice and give thanks,

Many: for our Savior is born in the manger of Bethlehem!

One: Like angels in the skies above,

Many: let us join in songs of praise!

One: Like shepherds and wise ones of old,

Many: let us worship with exceedingly great joy!

One: O come! Let us rejoice in the story of Christmas!

Many: O come! Let us adore him!

† Opening Carol

#234 UMH O Come, All Ye Faithful* (Verses 1-3)

Children's Message

Unison Prayer for Christmas in July

God of Enduring Joy, on this Christmas in July, we worship you! Like the shepherds and angels and wise men, we rejoice with exceedingly great joy! In every season, fill us with the joy of Christmas. Use this joy to renew our hearts. Enable us to sustain this joy throughout the year and throughout our lives, that we may proclaim your joy to all the world! Amen.

Giving Our Tithes, Offerings and Other Gifts

This month, our *Power of One* offering will benefit:
the *Community Garden* ministry..

Offering Music What Child Is This*

Rejoicing in Service

Celebrating Our Backpack Program

A STORY of JOY in SCRIPTURE and SONG

JOY FORETOLD...

Isaiah 9:2-7

#211 UMH O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (verses 1-2)

JOY IN WAITING...

Luke 1:26-45

#196 UMH Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* (verses 1-2)

MIRACULOUS JOY!

Luke 2:1-14

#238 UMH Angels We Have Heard on High* (verses 1-3)

EXCEEDINGLY GREAT JOY!

Matthew 2:1-11

#245 UMH The First Noel* (verses 1-3)

JOY FOR ALL TIME!

John 1:1-5, 14, 1 John 1:1-4

Message in Music

Sounding Joy* (*Ellie Holcomb*)

Meditation

“Re-joyce”

Musical Response

Christmas Joy!** (*R. Emerson*)

Community Connections

† Closing Carol

Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)*

† Benediction

Postlude

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* (*arr. J. Pethel*)

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