

Welcome to:



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OF BETHLEHEM

A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

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## ***This Week at Wesley Church:***

### **Sunday, December 8**

JAM Choir Rehearsal  
Church Council Meeting  
Advent Study  
NA - Westside Sunday Night

11:15am-11:45am (Sanctuary)  
11:15am-12:15pm (Library)  
4:00-5:00pm (Zoom)  
6:00-8:15pm (Library)

### **Monday, December 9**

Prayer Team  
Core Staff  
Women's Bible Study  
AA - Beginners Meeting  
WGYB Meeting

10:00am (Library)  
2:00pm (Library)  
6:00-7:30pm (Youth Lounge)  
6:30pm (Library)  
7:30-9:00pm (Fellowship Hall)

### **Tuesday, December 10**

Laity Session  
Open Session with the Bishop  
Audience of One rehearsal  
NA - The Acceptance Group

5:30-6:45pm (Library)  
7:00-8:30pm (Sanctuary)  
8:30-11:00pm (Sanctuary)  
6:30-8:30pm (Library)

### **Wednesday, December 11**

Celebration Ringers  
Alpha Bells rehearsal  
Jubilation Singers rehearsal

6:00-7:15pm (Music Room)  
7:15pm (Music Room)  
7:15-8:30pm (Sanctuary)

### **Thursday, December 12**

### **Friday, December 13**

AA - Speakers Meeting  
AI-Anon

8:00pm (Sanctuary)  
8:00pm (Library)

### **Saturday, December 14**

Music Celebration Rehearsals  
Mammy's Angels Christmas Wrapping  
Luminaria

8:30am-4:00pm (Sanctuary)  
2:00-5:00pm (Atrium & Library)  
4:00-6:00pm (Church entrance)

# Blended Worship

**December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Prelude**                      What Child Is This\*\*\* (arr. P. Keveren)

## Welcome

† **Call to Worship** (*inspired by Luke 1, the Magnificat*)

One: Mary praised God, saying: "My soul magnifies the Lord,

**Many: and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

One: The Mighty One has done great things for me,

**Many: and holy is God's name!"**

One: But Mary also spoke words of prophecy, saying:

**Many: "God has shown strength and scattered the proud.**

One: He has filled the hungry with good things,

**Many: and sent the rich away empty.**

One: He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

**Many: and lifted up the lowly."**

One: We hear, once more, Mary's words...

**Many: words of praise and prophecy and good news!**

† **Opening Carols**

#203 UMH Hail to the Lord's Anointed (Verses 1, 2 & 4)

What Child Is This\*

**Scripture**

Luke 1:39-56

Gary Jerabek

**Children's Message** (*with the lighting of the Advent Wreath*)

*Sung Response: (to the tune of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" \*/ \*\*\*)*

*With Mary we will join and sing a song*

*Of times when right will triumph over wrong,*

*Of days when raging hungers shall cease,*

*And nights when all shall dream their dream in peace.*

*"O Lord!" We cry.*

*"Our hungers won't subside*

*Until Messiah comes here by our side."*

## **Giving Our Tithes, Offerings and Other Gifts**

This month, our *Power of One* offering will benefit:  
*Bethlehem Emergency Shelter*

## **Offering Music**

Gesu Bambino\*\*\*\* (arr. J. Koerts)

## **Congregational 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.**

## **Message in Music**

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear\* (*Mercy Me*)

## **Message**

"A One-Size-Fits-All-Gospel"

## **Musical Response**

Canticle of the Turning\*\* (*H. H. Hopson & R. Cooney*)

## **Community Connections**

## **† Closing Carol**

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness, Lord\*

## **Benediction**

## **Dismissal Song**

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear\* (Reprise)

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