

Welcome to:



WESLEY
CHURCH
OF BETHLEHEM

A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

We're glad you're here!

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This Week at Wesley Church:

Sunday, December 15

WCOF Board Meeting
NA - Westside Sunday Night

11:30am-12:15pm (Library)
6:00-8:15pm (Library)

Monday, December 16

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

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

Tuesday, December 17

Men's Faith Building
NA - The Acceptance Group

6:30pm-8pm (Parlor)
6:30-8:30pm (Library)

Wednesday, December 18

Celebration Ringers
Board of Trustees Meeting
Alpha Bells rehearsal
Jubilation Singers rehearsal

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

Thursday, December 19

Audience of One Rehearsal

7:45-11:00pm (Sanctuary)

Friday, December 20

WCOF Preschool Christmas Celebration
Youth Group Wacky Christmas
AA - Speakers Meeting
AI-Anon

10:00-11:30am (Sanctuary/Atrium)
7:00-9:00pm (Fellowship Hall)
8:00pm (Sanctuary)
8:00pm (Library)

Saturday, December 21

Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Mammy's Angels Christmas Wrapping
Blue Christmas

7:30am-9:00am (Fellowship Hall)
2:00-5:00pm (Atrium & Library)
4:00pm (Epworth UMC)

Celebration of Music

December 15th, 2024

Prelude Mary Did You Know** (arr. A. L. Page)

Welcome

Musical Call to Worship

O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (arr. M. Helman)

† **Call to Worship** (*inspired by John 6:35*)

One: In a city called Bethlehem,

Many: (a city called “House of Bread”),

One: in a humble manger,

One: (a feeding trough, for animals!),

One: a holy Child is born for us.

Many: He is the Light of the World!

One: He is the Word made flesh!

Many: He is the Bread of Life!

† **Opening Carols**

UMH #250 Once in Royal David’s City* (Verses 1-2)

O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Scripture

John 6:25-35

Chris Jacobsen

Message in Music

Born, Born in Bethlehem*** (Verses 1, 3 & 4)

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

*Sung Response: (to the tune of “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” */ ***)*

We meet you on the road but cannot see

The manger babe of ancient prophecy

Our hungry spirits long for your grace

In broken bread we come to see your face

“O Lord!” We cry.

“Our hungers won’t subside

Until Messiah comes here by our side.”

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.

Contemporary Carol

Away in a Manger* (Verses 1, 2, 1)

Giving Our Tithes, Offerings and Other Gifts

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

Offering Music

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*** (arr. B. Buda)

Message

Meditation: "Bread in Emmaus"

Musical Response At the Manger** (M. Helman)

Meditation: "Bread at Passover"

Musical Response Because of Bethlehem*** (Matthew West)

Meditation: "Bread for Thousands"

Musical Response Christ Chose the Manger** (B. Nix)

Meditation "Bread from the Manger"

Musical Response - From the Manger* (A. Meisenheimer)

Community Connections

† Closing Carol

Angels We Have Heard on High* (Verses 1, 3 & 4)

Benediction

Postlude Angels We Have Heard on High (arr. A. L. Page)

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