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This Week at Wesley Church:

WCOF Preschool and church office will be closed until Monday, January 5th.

Sunday, December 28

NA - Westside Sunday Night

6:00-8:15pm (Library)

Monday, December 29

Women's Bible Study

AA - Beginners Meeting

6:00-7:30pm (Youth Lounge)

6:30pm (Library)

Tuesday, December 30

Men's Faith Building

6:30-8:00pm (Parlor)

Wednesday, December 31

Thursday, January 1

Friday, January 2

St. Luke's Grief Support Group

AA - Speakers Meeting

Al-Anon

10:00-11:30am (Chapel)

8:00pm (Sanctuary)

8:00pm (Library)

Saturday, January 3

Service of Lesson and Carols

December 28th, 2025

Prelude *Away in a Manger*** (arr. P. Keveren)*

Welcome

† Call to Worship

One: On a silent night, in a humble manger,

Many: under the light of a bright, shining star...

One: our God did great and wonderful things!

Many: Our Savior was born! Our God became flesh!

One: Let shepherds draw near to his cradle!

Many: Let wise ones lay their gifts at his feet!

One: Let us worship the newborn King!

Many: Let us join in praise as herald angels sing!

† Opening Carol

#240 - Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Sung Response: #219 - What Child Is This* (verse 1)

A Service of Lessons & Carols

The First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

Carol: #211 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel** (vs. 1)

The Second Lesson: Isaiah 40:3-5, 9

Carol: #196 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus** (vs. 1)

The Third Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-15

Carol: #196 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus** (vs. 2)

The Fourth Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a

Carol: #230 *O Little Town of Bethlehem** (vs. 1)

Giving Our Tithes, Offerings and Other Gifts

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

Offering Music

Silent Night! Holy Night! with All Through the Night***
(arr. H. Sorenson)

The Fifth Lesson: Luke 1:26-35, 38

Carol: #215 *To a Maid Engaged to Joseph** (vss. 1, 4)

The Sixth Lesson: Luke 2:1-7

Carol: #217 *Away in a Manger** (vs. 1)

The Seventh Lesson: Luke 2:8-16

Carol: #245 *The First Noel** (vs. 1)

The Eighth Lesson: Matthew 2:1-11

Carol: #245 *The First Noel** (vs. 3)

Closing Words of Prayer

Holy One of Bethlehem, as we hear once more this familiar and sacred story, we realize: your ways are still mysterious, your coming is still miraculous, your birth is still glorious, and your love is still matchless. Keep us by your manger until we learn the way of love. We ask these things in the name of the Child of the Manger, Jesus the Christ, the One who taught us to pray by saying:

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.

The Ninth Lesson: John 1:1-5, 10-14

†Closing Carol

#238 - Angels We Have Heard on High*

Benediction

Postlude

Faith Noel*** (arr. *R. Kinkel & P. O'Neil*)

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