

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**December 1, 2024**



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# **WESTMORELAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

*Reverend Dr. Thom Malcolm, Pastor*

*Pastor's Phone: 304-654-9440*

**PRELUDE**

***“EMMANUEL”***

**GARY MAYNARD**

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**ANN WHEELER**

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!

**People: and be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory  
may come in!**

***Blessing of the Advent Wreath***

Leader: Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to  
come again. Let us pray that we may always be ready to  
welcome Him.

**People: Come Lord Jesus!**

**\*HYMN *“COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS”***

**UMH 196**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**UNISON**

We confess to you, all-knowing God, what we are. We are not the  
people we like others to think we are. We are afraid to admit, even to  
ourselves, what lies in the depths of our souls. But we cannot hide our  
true selves from you. You know us as we are, and yet you love us. Help us  
not to shrink from self-knowledge. Teach us to respect ourselves for your  
sake. Give us the courage to put our trust in your guiding power. Raise us  
out of the paralysis of guilt into the freedom and energy of forgiven  
people. And for those who through long habit find forgiveness hard to  
accept, we ask you to break their bondage and set them free; through  
Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen. (UMC Book of Worship-England, 20<sup>th</sup>.Cent. ALT.)

**\*RESPONSIVE READING**

***PSALM 25:1-10***

**UMH 756**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**UMH 70**

**HEBREW BIBLE READING *JEREMIAH 33:14-16***

**SHARING OUR PRAISES & CONCERNS**

***(PLEASE USE YOUR PRAYER CARD AND PUT IN PRAYER BASKET)***

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**EPISTLE READING**

*1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13*

**\*OFFERING/DOXOLOGY & OFFERTORY PRAYER** **UMH 95**

**\*HYMN** *“AWAY IN THE MANGER”* **UMH 217**

**\*GOSPEL** *ST. LUKE 21:25-36*

**SERMON** *“BE ON THE ALERT”* **PASTOR THOM**

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** **UMH 12**

**\*HYMN** *“THERE’S SOMETHING ABOUT THAT NAME”* **UMH 171**

**\*LEADING OF THE LIGHT AND BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** **GARY MAYNARD**

*\*Please stand only if you are able.*

*\*\*\*Choir practice after Worship Service, today\*\*\**

**No Choir Practice Next Tuesday, next practice January 21<sup>st</sup>.**

### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>Each Sunday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Exercise Class</b>	<b>Tuesdays &amp; Thursdays</b>	<b>9:45am</b>
<b><i>(Come join us to become spiritually and physically fit!)</i></b>		
<b>Christmas Dinner</b>	<b>Tuesday, Dec. 3</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>

### **BACKPACK MINISTRY**

For December, please donate soup with pop-top lids or peanut butter and crackers. **THANK YOU!**

### **DECEMBER OUTREACH – PICK an ORNAMENT**

We still have a few names left on our Christmas Tree in the vestibule, if you wish to provide a new coat, winter hat, and gloves/mittens to a child in need. Return items to church by Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> and gift bags will be provided by the church.

*If you signed up to bring an item for the Christmas gift bags for “those unable to attend church”, please bring your item no later than Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.*

## *Prayer List*

*If you have any additions or modifications to the prayer list, please complete a prayer request card or call the church office. For anyone placed on the prayer list, updates within 3 weeks would be appreciated so our prayer list can be kept current.*

*Please pray for these individuals with current needs:*

<p>Lisa Arthur's Sister Joe Barnett Dave Davis (ICU) Melissa Gayle age 2; ear surgery (Jim &amp; Kay Chandler's great-granddaughter) Bill &amp; Jenny Daniels</p>	<p>Bill Hively Marcus Kirby Patty Lewis Priscilla McAfee Roy Preston Bo Smith (broken hip) Family of Jimmy Green (passed)</p>
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*Please pray for these individuals with long-term needs:*  
**Shirley Bias, Bob Carrico, Jill & Jim Combs, Milton Clay,  
Jeff Hunt, Shirley Kizee, Stacy Malcolm,  
Howard Marcum, Tom Maynard, Ashley Stender**

*Remember those not able to join us for church:*  
**Betty Craig, Donna & Dave Davis, Joy Fetty,  
Ruth Kelley, Patricia Morgan, Mabel Pillion, Jim Reed,  
Harold Sowards, Gene Ward, Dan & Shirley Webster**

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<b><i>(Office Hours: Wed &amp; Thurs – 2:30 – 4:30pm)</i></b>	
<b>Music Director:</b>	<b>Gary Maynard</b>
<b>Pianist:</b>	<b>Gary Maynard</b>
<b>Liturgist:</b>	<b>Ann Wheeler</b>

**Bulletin information needs to be in the church office by  
Wed, 2:30pm.**