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#### WESTMORELAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Reverend Dr. Thom Malcolm, Pastor Pastor's Phone: 304-654-9440

PRELUDE "CHRISTMAS MEDLEY"

MARGARET SMITH

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

SHEREE DOWNEY

Leader: The Lord is near to all who call upon Him in truth.

People: O Lord, you are our help and our deliverer:

O come, let us worship and bow down.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Insert

\*Hvmn "JOY TO THE WORLD" **UMH 246** 

\*Prayer of Confession

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O holy and merciful God, we confess that we have not always taken upon ourselves with joy the yoke of obedience, nor have we been willing to seek and to do your perfect will. We have not loved you with all our heart and mind and soul and strength, neither have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. You, O Lord God, have called to us in the need of our fellows, and we have passed unheeding on our way. In the pride of our hearts, and our unwillingness to repent, we have turned away from the cross of Christ and have grieved your Holy Spirit. (UMC Book of Worship-England, 20<sup>th</sup>. Cent ALT.) Amen.

\*RESPONSIVE READING St. Luke 1:46b-55

INSERT

\*GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

SPECIAL MUSIC: O HOLY NIGHT/JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING MARGARET SMITH

HERREW BIRLE READING

MICAH 5:2-5A

SHARING OUR PRAISES & CONCERNS (PLEASE USE YOUR PRAYER CARD AND PUT IN PRAYER BASKET)

PASTORAL PRAYER & "THE LORD'S PRAYER"

HEBREWS 10:5-10

#### **EPISTLE READING**

\*OFFERING/DOXOLOGY & OFFERTORY PRAYER

**UMH 95** 

\*Hymn

"O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM"

**UMH 230** 

\*GOSPEL READING

St. Luke 1:39-45

SERMON RECOGNITION: 'A "HERSTORY" OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS'
PASTOR THOM

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Insert

\* Hymn

"THE FIRST NOEL"

**UMH 245** 

\*LEADING OF THE LIGHT AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE "HE IS BORN, THE DIVINE CHRIST CHILD"

**MARGARET SMITH** 

\*Please stand only if you are able.

We appreciate Margaret Smith sharing her musical talents with us in today's service as our guest pianist.

#### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

Sunday School Exercise Class Each Sunday
Tuesdays & Thursdays

10:00am 10:00am

(No exercise class during Christmas Week)

#### **BACKPACK MINISTRY**

For <u>January</u>, please donate vegetable soup with pop-top lids. This is a very specific request. THANK YOU!

#### **CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE**

If you want an easy way to send Christmas cards to your church family, we will have a card box in the vestibule and we will sort and have them available for pick-up in the 1<sup>st</sup> classroom on the left on 1<sup>st</sup> floor, each Sunday. Don't forget to pick up your cards!

#### CHRISTMAS GIFTS for "THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND"

We need volunteers to deliver Christmas gifts to "those unable to attend" church. The gifts are in the parlor and the name is visible on the bag. Thank you!

# **Frayer 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:

Justin Abramo
Joe Barnett
Frankie Clark
Joyce Clark
Bill & Jenny Daniels
Bill Hively
Shirley Kizee (biopsy)
Marcus Kirby
Patty Lewis

Priscilla McAfee
Roy Preston
Ridley Oldfield
(Steve & Lynn Pyles grandson)
Bo Smith (broken hip)
Michael Watts
Jack Whitley
Family of Stacy Malcolm

Please pray for these individuals with long-term needs: Shirley Bias, Bob Carrico, Jill & Jim Combs, Milton Clay, Jeff Hunt, Steve 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

Pastor Thom Malcolm

Cell: 304-654-9440

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Cell: 304-654-9148

Retired Local Pastor (RLP)

Secretary: Donna Rumbaugh Cell: 304-633-3680

(Office Hours: Christmas Week)

Music Director:Gary MaynardPianist:Gary MaynardLiturgist:Sheree Downey

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

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### LIGHTING of the ADVENT WREATH Candle of Love

Leader: When the people were looking for deliverance, the prophet Micah declared, "But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah...from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient day." (Micah 5:2). But what if Micah is also talking to us, proclaiming, "But you, O Westmoreland United Methodist Church, from you shall come forth for me..." What? What might God be calling forth from us?

Congregation: God invites us to receive the promise of God's salvation and the sustenance of God's mercy and grace, enabling us to live the promise as God-bearers to the world. As Christ was born in Bethlehem, so too we answer God's invitation to have Christ born among us today and every day.

Leader: We light this candle of love as a sign of our commitment to live as people of God's promise, a promise of salvation and flourishing for all people that springs forth from God's love for all creation.



## LIGHTING of the ADVENT WREATH Christ's Candle

Leader: Beloved, today we welcome the Christ Child, the fulfillment of our joy, as we proclaim with the prophet Isaiah, "For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).

Congregation: Christ our joy has come near. Emmanuel, God with us, has come to dwell with us as a tiny baby. "His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this" (Isaiah 9:7).

Leader: We light this candle as a sign of Christ coming to dwell with us, to live in the neighborhood of vulnerable humanity as a vulnerable child. May the light of Christ warm our hearts and light our way as we share the joy of God's salvation wherever we go.