

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2023



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WESTMORELAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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PRELUDE

ELLEND A WARD

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

WELCOME

ADVENT READING AND LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*HYMN *"O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL"* UMH 234

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: ALL

Lord Jesus Christ: may our hearts be more fully open to you and the wonder of your word, your Living Word, that we may seek you and serve you both today and every day we are granted life.

Amen.

*RESPONSIVE READING PSALM 96 UMH 815

*GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

HEBREW BIBLE READING ISAIAH 9:2-7

SHARING OUR PRAISES & CONCERNS

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

EPISTLE READING

TITUS 2:11-14
STEPHANIE MALCOLM, RLLP

*HYMN *"O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM"* UMH 230

*GOSPEL READING ST. LUKE 2:1-20

*HYMN *"SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT"* UMH 239

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION—THE EUCHARIST

THE INVITATION

UMH 12

CONFESSION AND PARDON

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

RECEIVING THE ELEMENTS

THE PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

THE CANDLE LIGHTING SERVICE

***HYMN “HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING”**

UMH 230

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

ELLEND A WARD

**Please stand only if you are able.*

THANK YOU for SHARING CHRISTMAS JOY

Thank you to all who participated in sharing the Christmas joy with our December outreach activities. We provided winter clothing for twenty-four (24) children at Fort Gay Elementary/Middle School, supplemented the clothes closet at Tolsia High School, and distributed eleven (11) Christmas bags to “those unable to attend church”. Your giving spirit is a blessing.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please remember to pick up your Christmas cards from your church family in the 1st classroom on the left on the 1st floor.

No Choir Practice until January 16th.

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.

**Pam Baker
Dawn Baumgardner
Mike Black
Beth Carson
Bob Carrico
Jill & Jim Combs
Sara Beth Lowry
Mabel Pillion
The Roswell Family
Brian Tuttle
Gene Ward
Family of Loretta Hetzer
Family of Mark Johnson
Family of William Lockhart**

Remember those not able to join us for church:

**Betty Craig, Donna & Dave Davis, Joy Fetty, Ruth Kelley,
Patricia Morgan, Jim Reed, Harold Sowards,
Dan & Shirley Webster, Marge Wheeler**

Office Hours: Pastor Thom Malcolm Wed/ Thurs 1:30-4:00

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Stephanie Malcolm Cell: 304-654-9148

Secretary: Donna Rumbaugh Wed/Thurs 2:30-4:30

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Interim Music Director: Gary Maynard

Pianist: Ellenda Ward

Liturgist: Donna Wolfe

**Please note: Any information for the bulletin needs to be
in the church office on Wednesdays by 2:30pm.**



Christmas Eve Christ Candle

Reader 1: To a people longing for hope and yearning for deliverance, the prophet Isaiah declared, “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined...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 9:2, 6)

Reader 2: Tonight, we come seeking hope, peace, joy, and love, and we find these things in a child. God made flesh as a baby in a manger. A baby who is both the beginning and the end of our salvation, who dwells with us even now, our Emmanuel, God with us.

Congregation: We live as people in the in-between who celebrate the arrival of the Light that shines in lost and broken places as we wait for the day when we will live in the fullness of God’s kin-dom.

Reader 1: We light these candles as signs of our shocking hope, our just peace, our fierce joy, the love that transforms us, and Jesus Christ, our wondrous Light. May the Light burning in our hearts guide us, comfort us, protect us, and tend us in all seasons and circumstances, reminding us that day and night, in the light and in the darkness, God is with us. Our salvation has come! Amen.



Poinsettias

- ❖ In honor of Pastor Thom & Stephanie with love from your WUMC Family
- ❖ In memory of Max and Norma Parks Forever in our Hearts, Love *Sheree, Steve & Sydney Downey*
- ❖ In memory of Spencer Michael Downey – We love you always, *Love, Mom, Dad, and Sydney*
- ❖ In memory of Hazel Shreve and Ben and Grace Parks – *Sheree, Steve & Sydney Downey*
- ❖ In memory of Elsie Perky, forever our backyard neighbor *Sheree, Steve & Sydney Downey*
- ❖ In honor of Sydney Elaine Downey – *Love always, Mom, and Dad*
- ❖ In memory of David & Joyce Ferro and Frederick & Evelyn Wolfe – With love, *Donna and Dan Wolfe and Family*
- ❖ In Memory of John P. Freeman-*Kay Freeman*
- ❖ In memory of loved ones – *Judy Given*
- ❖ In memory of Jim Wheeler, Don & Lillith Linville, Billie Cammarato – *Kay Wheeler and Judy Riley*
- ❖ In memory of loved ones – *Jim and Kay Chandler*
- ❖ In memory of loved ones – *Donnie & Donna Adkins*
- ❖ In memory of Tom Morgan and Kayla Harris- *Michael and Judy Morgan*
- ❖ In memory of Thomas E. Blake and Kiel Ward Blake – *Laura Blake*