

# **WESTMORELAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

*Reverend Dr. Thom Malcolm, Pastor*

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

*December 31, 2023*

*First Sunday after Christmas*

**PRELUDE**

*MARGARET SMITH*

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP: LEADER:** "LET US DANCE WITH DELIGHT  
IN THE LORD AND LET OUR HEARTS BE FILLED WITH REJOICING,  
**People:** for eternal salvation has appeared on the earth. Alleluia!

**\*HYMN**                    *"AWAY IN A MANGER"*                    **UMH 217**

**\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:**                    **ALL**

**Lord Jesus Christ, help us to open our hearts to the fullness of  
your living Word that we may truly live as your disciples today  
and every day you grant us life. Amen.**

**\*RESPONSIVE READING**                    **PSALM 148**                    **UMH 861**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**                    **UMH 70**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**                    *MARGARET SMITH*

**HEBREW BIBLE READING**                    **ISAIAH 61:10-62:3**

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

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**EPISTLE READING**                    **GALATIANS 4:4-7**  
**STEPHANIE MALCOLM, RLLP**

\*HYMN                    *“THERE A SONG IN THE AIR”*                    UMH 249

Reaffirmation of our Baptismal Covenant IV                    UMH 50

\*GOSPEL READING                    LUKE 2:22-40

SERMON    *“ARE YOU LOOKING?”*                    PASTOR THOM MALCOLM

\*HYMN                    *“WHAT CHILD IS THIS”*                    UMH 219

\*THE LEADING OF THE LIGHT

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE                    MARGARET SMITH

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

**Tuesday Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:00pm      Women’s Circle**

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

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

### **JANUARY BACKPACK MINISTRY**

Our support of the Backpack Ministry for Kellogg Elementary is feeding 42 children.

**Please bring soup with Pop Off Lids.**

**Exercise class: Tuesdays -Thursdays 10:00am.**

***\*No Choir Practice until January 16, 2024.***

## *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  
Shirley Bias  
Marge Wheeler**

*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**

**Cell: 304-654-9440**

**Stephanie Malcolm**

**Cell: 304-654-9148**

***Secretary:* Donna Rumbaugh**

**Wed/Thurs 2:30-4:30**

**Cell: 304-633-3680**

***Interim Music Director:***

**Gary Maynard**

***Guest Pianist:***

**Margaret Smith**

***Liturgist:***

**Dan Wolfe**

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

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AND THE CHILD  
GREW AND BECAME  
**STRONG**  
HE WAS FILLED WITH  
**WISDOM**  
AND THE GRACE OF  
**GOD** WAS UPON HIM  
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