

Perry Hall United Methodist Church

December 31, 2023

(** Please stand as you are able)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN PRELUDE "Sheep May Safely Graze" J.S. Bach

**CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Sing to the Lord a new song;

P: sing to the Lord, all the earth!

L: Sing to the Lord and bless God's name;

P: tell the good news of salvation from day to day.

L: Declare God's glory among the nations, God's marvelous works among all the peoples.

P: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

L: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice.

P: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world, and those who live in it.

L: Let the whole creation sing for joy at the presence of God, who is coming.

ALL: God is coming indeed, to judge the earth with righteousness, and the peoples with equity and truth. Praise the Lord!

**OPENING HYMN "O Come, All Ye Faithful" vs.1,2,3,6 pg. 234 UMH

FIRST LESSON Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19
Adam and Eve disobey God's command

CAROL "O Little Town of Bethlehem" vs.1,3,4 pg. 230 UMH

SECOND LESSON Genesis 22:15-18
God promises that, through Abraham, all the peoples of the world will be blessed

CAROL "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" vs. 1&4 pg. 211 UMH

THIRD LESSON Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah

CAROL "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" vs. 1&4 pg. 218 UMH

FOURTH LESSON Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9
The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation

CAROL "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" vs. 1&3 pg. 216 UMH

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-35, 38

An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child

CAROL "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" vs.1&3 pg. 240 UMH

SPECIAL MUSIC "The Holly and the Ivy" arr. Brickman
Piano Solo, Don Appel

SIXTH LESSON Luke 2:1-7

Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child

CAROL "Away in a Manger" pg. 217 UMH

SEVENTH LESSON Luke 2:8-16
Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah

CAROL "Angels We Have Heard on High" vs.1,2,3 pg. 238 UMH

EIGHTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-11
Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus

CAROL "We Three Kings of Orient Are" vs. 1&5 pg. 254 UMH

NINTH LESSON John 1:1-14
The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth

CAROL "Silent Night, Holy Night" vs.1,2,4 pg. 239 UMH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN "Joy to the World!" pg.246 UMH

**BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE "Now Sing We Now Rejoice" arr. Paul Manz



MESSAGE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

"Follow The Star" – Matthew 2:1-12

OUR PRAYER LIST

Dean Martin, Kitty Doster, Danny Benner, those suffering with vertigo, cancer, debilitating illnesses, addictions, those in war-torn countries, and those needing ongoing prayer.

CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	
Monday	Office closed
Tuesday	Scouts 6-7 pm
Wednesday	Choir Rehearsal and Band Practice 7 pm
Thursday	WISH Group 10:30 am Scouts 6:15-7:30 pm United Women of Faith 7 pm
Friday	KC Dance 5:30-8:30 pm
Saturday	Thrift Shop 9 am-12 pm

The **United Women in Faith** are sponsoring an **adult paint night** on Saturday, January 13th at 7 pm. Join us as we paint a lovely winter scene, complete with an owl!. The cost is \$5 per person. Flyers are on the Narthex table, and a sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. **Reservations must be made by Tuesday, January 9th.** Refreshments will be served, also.

There will be a **Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale** on Saturday, January 27th. We will need helpers in the kitchen, the dining area, and the bake sale. We will also need some delicious baked goods, too!! Flyers are on the Narthex table, and a sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. You will also be receiving a SignUp Genius invite to sign up online if you prefer. That will be coming out this week.

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