

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church

1st Sunday in Advent
November 28, 2022



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The Order of Worship

- **GATHERING MUSIC** - *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne* - Lopez

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Corey Rand

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both like. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Mr. & Mrs. Dave Weaver

- **THE GREETING**

Mr. Corey Rand

We come from a world of darkness

into Christ's world of light.

We come from a world of weariness

into God's strength and hope.

We come from a slumbering world.

Strengthened by the Spirit, we watch for the coming of Christ.

- **HYMN** - *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (v. 1-4) No. 211

- **THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Mr. Corey Rand

The Apostles' Creed

No. 881

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the
dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic
church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

- **GLORIA PATRI**

No. 70

(Sung to the tune of *Angels We Have Heard on High*)

**Sing to God, all praises bring; praise the Christ, our coming king;
and the Holy Spirit praise; to the Trinity we raise: Gloria in excelsis
Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

- **CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME**

As you are seated, please welcome those around you.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Mrs. Beau Simcoe

Children ages 4 yrs.-2nd Grade may leave for Children's Worship.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mr. Corey Rand

**Almighty God, as your word is proclaimed in our midst, purify our
hearts and minds, so that when your Son comes again as judge and
savior, we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.
Amen.**

FIRST LESSON - Isaiah 2:1-5 (NRSV)

Mr. Corey Rand

1 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2 In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. 3 Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. 4 He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. 5 O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Mr. Corey Rand

OFFERTORY - Prepare Ye the Way - Pote• **DOXOLOGY***(Sung to the tune of O Come, O Come, Emmanuel)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

• **DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING**

Rev. Duane Partin

• **HYMN - All the Earth is Waiting**

No. 210

• **GOSPEL LESSON - Matthew 24:36-44** (NRSV)

Rev. Duane Partin

36 "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 37 For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, 39 and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. 41 Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. 42 Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 43 But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

SERMON - "The Thief of Advent"

Rev. Duane Partin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Duane Partin

• **HYMN - Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus**

No. 196

• **BENEDICTION**

Rev. Duane Partin

• **POSTLUDE - Wake, Awake for Night is Flying!** - Bach/arr. Gerig**TODAY'S 11:00 AM MUSICIANS**

Chancel Choir, Mrs. Judy Colwell, and Ms. Clara Schwamm

TODAY'S 11:00 AM MUSIC*Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne* - Lopez (c. 2015) SoundForth*Prepare Ye the Way* - Pote (c. 1978) Carl Fischer*Wake, Awake for Night is Flying!* - Bach/arr. Gerig (c. 1959) Hope Publishing

WELCOME, we're glad you are worshipping with us today. If you are a visitor, please see an usher or staff member and we will be glad to answer any questions you may have before or after the worship service. There are also informational brochures available at the main entrance of the Activity Building and in the Gathering Hall.

A nursery is available for all worship services and Sunday School for children ages birth through 3 years old. The nursery is located in the Sanctuary Building in Room 101. Our nursery is staffed by trained paid personnel and volunteers who love children and want to share God's love with them while you worship. We ask parents to label all belongings and sign in their children.

Children's Worship bags are provided for any child who wishes to stay in the service. The bags are located at the entrances of both services.

You are invited to complete a Prayer Request card located at the end of each row. Please place your completed card in the offering plate and your prayer will be lifted to God during the service.

Our monthly newsletter, The Wesley Times, is available on our website - welcometowesley.com. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please contact the church office at 910-791-4092 or via email at office@welcometowesley.com.



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We are still accepting commitment cards for the 2023 budget. Just place it in the offering plate or in the designated box at the entrance of the Activity Building or in the Gathering Hall.

Advent Sermon Series
December 4, 11, & 18





WELCOME

Mr. Dillon Frazier

OPENING SONG - *Grateful*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Mrs. Michelle Rager & Family
Mrs. Janine Horn

CONGREGATIONAL ADVENT SONG RESPONSE - *Behold*

WORSHIP SONG - *Good Grace*
Holy Ground

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Mr. Austin Shane Gaskins
Children ages 4 yrs.-2nd Grade may leave for Children's Worship.

OFFERING - *There Is A Cloud*

SCRIPTURE - Matthew 24:36-44 (NRSV)

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SERMON - "The Thief of Advent"

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BENEDICTION

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TODAY'S 9:00 AM MUSICIANS

Matt Collins, Christer Dahlgren, Dillon Frazier, Austin Kelly, Taylor Lee,
Elizabeth Lemaster, Michelle Rager, and Clara Schwamm.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Janine Horn and family upon the death of her father on November 10.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is also extended to Nancy Jordan upon the death of her husband, Bob Jordan on November 18.



Young at Heart

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 1ST AT 11:30 AM IN THE ACTIVITY BUILDING. AS WE WELCOME THE CAPE FEAR CHORDSMEN, A FRATERNITY DEDICATED TO QUALITY SINGING IN THE BARBERSHOP STYLE. THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT WILL PUT YOU IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT!

BE SURE TO BRING A COVERED DISH TO SHARE.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT

PATSY WATSON 910-762-1295.

REVERSE ADVENT BOXES - We are thrilled to be partnering with The Feast Gathering again this year to fill Advent boxes to bless those living in poverty in the Wilmington area. Each day of the Advent Season will be associated with a low-cost item to place in the box as well as an opportunity to pray for one of our neighbors living in poverty. We encourage you to take a box fill it up along with your family, friends, or small group. The boxes are available for pickup in the Activity Building and the Gathering Hall. Please return filled boxes by Sunday, December 18. For questions contact Linda Bennett at lsainbennett@hotmail.com or 704-740-5089.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Led by Pastors Duane Partin and Becca Detterman

When: December 1, 8, 15, & 22 @ 7:00pm

Where: Room 307 (Activity Building)



LIGHT of
the WORLD
A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO ADVENT



Join us for a study of *Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent*. In this insightful book, Dr. Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus. Join her as she traces the Christmas narrative through the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, and the visit from the Magi. Books can be ordered through Cokesbury.com or Amazon.com. Don't want to order the book? That's okay. Join us anyway for great discussion and fellowship!

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS NEEDED - The Salvation Army is in need of "bell ringers" for the upcoming holiday season. It is a 2-hour shift and you will be working with another person. The following spots and dates are available: K&W-Saturday, December 10 and Hobby Lobby (Thursday, December 10 through Saturday, December 10. Please contact Judy Roberson at (703) 727-5737 or email: judyroberson42@gmail.com. Be sure to dress warmly.

'Twas the
Night of
Family Game
Night...

Family Game Night
Sunday, December 11th
6:00 pm
Activity Building Gym

Wear your favorite Ugly Christmas
Sweater or your favorite Christmas
pajamas!
Invite your friends!

