

## Love God, Love People and Serve Together

## **Christ the King Sunday**

November 26, 2023

Sunday morning, we get the opportunity to celebrate a very special day in the life of the Church. We call it Christ the King Sunday. It is the last day of the Christian year and the last Sunday before we start the season of Advent

It is an ending that leads into beginning. I have always enjoyed Christ the King Sunday. It's an opportunity that we have to end the year in reflection before starting the celebrations of God's work all over again. It means we start getting ready to enjoy the joy of Christmas, the hope of Easter, and the passion of Pentecost once more.

This year for Christ the King Sunday, we are going to take the time to prepare to get into the season of Advent. Advent is all about the Nativity story, the birth of Christ and the stories of those ordinary people that went into making God's mission a reality.

Starting on Sunday, and all throughout Advent, we will be talking about the ordinary people that played a role in making the Nativity story that we all know and love a reality. God took the lives of normal people, people who were just like us, and decided to do something extraordinary with them.

To start off, we will be talking about the angels. In our minds, angels are in no way ordinary. Yet, in the Nativity story they are relegated to the role of mere messengers. Supernatural beings of immense power are taking a back seat to the normal, everyday humans that are throughout this story.

That is how important the Nativity story is. As we journey together through these pages, as we live the story out, remember that God can always turn ordinary into extraordinary.

-Will



#### **PECAN SALE**

The Joyful Noise Sunday school class is selling pecans again. Call on any member of the Joyful Noise class to order yours. A final order will be placed on **December 3rd**. Thank you for supporting this mission project! Prices

1 lb. halves \$12.00 1/2 lb halves \$7.00 1 lb. pieces \$12.00 1/2 lb. chocolates \$9.00



The Chancel Flowers are in memory of Buster and Lucille Ogie by Martha Daffin.

## **MEMORIAL GIFTS**

In memory of **Doris Carr** by Carolyn Holland

In memory of **Larry Spell** by Jenny Horton; Lynn & Wes Ezzell; Carolyn Holland

In memory of Joe Batastini by Lynn & Wes Ezzell



Help create coral reef décor for VBS!

#### Needed

Empty wrapping paper tubes
Paper towel tubes
Drop off in the VBS bin in the
Ministry Center/Fellowship Hall

#### CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE

December 6, 2023 5:30 p.m. Ministry Center

#### POINSETTIA SALE



Cost: \$12.00 Deadline to order: Wednesday, November 29 Delivery date:

See a New Beginnings Class member to order.

Thursday, December 7

#### CHRISTMAS TREE ASSISTANCE



If you would like help putting up and tearing down your Christmas tree, please contact Michaela Walley at <a href="mailto:mwalley@wynntonmethodistchurch.org">mwalley@wynntonmethodistchurch.org</a> or 304-439-4202.

If you would like to be a blessing to someone in the church by helping them set up and tear down their Christmas tree, contact Michaela.

## JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR!

This Sunday we recognize Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday on the calendar of the Christian year. It is a reminder that the Son of God, who humbled himself by becoming human and dying on the cross for our sins, is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. This Sunday is also a time to reflect on the "awakening" that began with angel visitations declaring the "Good News." Our Wesley and Chancel Choirs will sing anthems that tell the story of angels preparing and visiting Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, and shepherds in a field. The Chancel Choir will sing a choir and congregation favorite, "Angels Are Making Their Rounds." Originally part of a larger work, "Night of the Father's Love," it is a remarkable anthem that has been recorded by numerous choirs. Pepper Choplin describes "Angels Are Making Their Rounds" as "a song that communicates a holy stirring on earth as angels began appearing to different people." Musically, the song slowly builds as each voice is added, reaching an impressive crowning point as all voice parts weave together to share the message of their story.

"Angels are Making Their Rounds" by Pepper Choplin Angels are making their rounds, O what a beautiful sound, angels are making their rounds. Fear not Zechariah, for the Lord has heard your prayer, Elizabeth will bear a son. Hail, O blessed one, you have found favor with God. O blessed one, you have found favor with God. Angels are making their rounds, O my what a beautiful sound. Heaven's glory comes down when angels are making their rounds. Fear not Joseph, go and take Mary to be your wife, for she carries a holy Child. Unto you is born a Savior, glory to God and peace on earth, for now the Lord is with you. Angels are making their rounds, O my, what a beautiful sound. Heaven's glory comes down when angels are making their rounds. Gloria, O gloria, now the Lord is with you. Angels are making their round, O my what a beautiful sound. Heaven's glory comes down when angels are making their rounds. Fear not Zechariah, Fear not Joseph, Hail O blessed one, The Lord is with you.

The Wesley choir will share an anthem told from the perspective of angels preparing to sound forth the "Good News!" This anthem combines an ethereal and exquisite melody with moving harmonies to tell the story in a new way.

"Angels Preparing the Song" by Mark Burrows
A rustling stirs in the stillness; the rush of awakened wings.
From high above in the heavens the murmur of music rings.
A world that cries for comfort has waited for so long. But
now we hear the whispers of angels preparing the song.
They gather radiant and ready to sing of the Savior's birth.
A light of hope in the darkness the promise of peace on
earth. The time is drawing nearer, their voices growing
strong. We hear it ever clearer; the angels preparing the
song. Sing gloria, sing gloria. Their praises will fill the sky.
Sing gloria, sing gloria. Glory to God on High!

God's Great Peace to You! Diana B.



- Sunday School 10 a.m. in the Basement
- No 211 Faith Connection this Sunday
- No Prayer Breakfast & Jesus this week; we will meet NEXT Friday 7:00-7:30 a.m. at Chick-fil-A on Whittlesey
- Youth Christmas Party is scheduled for Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. Please connect with us through our GroupMe App. AOC Basement
- Winter Retreat Final Meeting is Dec. 17th



#### BACKPACKS OF GRACE

Backpacks of Grace needs your help! We have a record number of children we are serving this year of 101 kids! Backpacks of Grace is one of our weekly ministry opportunities. Each Thursday during the school year, we pack bags of food to send to Wynnton Arts Academy to hand out to children who need weekend meals. Each bag includes two breakfasts, two lunches, a fruit cup, and a snack. Donations toward this ministry are greatly appreciated. Donations include: pudding cups, fruit cups, individual oatmeal or grits packets, individual boxed cereals, individual servings of goldfish crackers, Scooby snacks, or other snack items. Please, no peanut products. There is a donation bin in the Ministry Center. You can also give a monetary contribution through the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Michaela Walley at mwalley@wynntonmethodistchurch.org.

#### **CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

Our Finance Committee has designated our Christmas offering to go to Carpenter's Way. You may make your gift any time in December in a worship service or by mailing it to the church office.

## READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

# Weekly Scripture Reading Week 4

This is the last week in our Letter reading plan before we get into Advent. As we finish up these letters, Paul continues to remind us of what is truly important in this world; The important thing is a relationship with Jesus Christ. These letters are a constant reminder of the importance of keeping true to God and of living the way Jesus called us to live. Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians were all written to Christians that were just like us. But they were written to us as well. They are just as relevant to us now as they were two thousand years ago. We are still called to stay true to God and to stay true to a life like that of Jesus.

#### -Will

11/26- Philippians 3:15-4:9

11/27- Philippians 4:10-23; Colossians 1:1-14

11/28- Colossians 1:15-23

11/29- Colossians 1:24-2:15

11/30- Colossians 2:16-3:17

12/1- Colossians 3:18-4:1

12/2- Colossians 4:2-18

#### IN-DEPTH MARK BIBLE STUDY

Our Sunday night Bible study continues! All are welcome to attend. We meet in the Alpha Building Community Room Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. This week we are reading through Mark 3:7-30. Our goal is to read it through three separate times. The first time, we are simply reading through the verses. The second time, we are reading through with the intention of thinking about and journaling the who, what, where, when, why, and how of the passage. On the final sitting, we are thinking about and writing down questions we may have about the passage. Then, we will bring our notes and thoughts with us on Sunday the 26th to discuss them as a group. Please join us as we take a deep dive of the Bible together!

# UPCOMING ADULT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Join us every Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Alpha building for a low intensity group fitness class. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Mark your calendars for our upcoming cookie/ holiday dessert recipe exchange on Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 pm. Please send a copy of your recipe to Michaela by Monday, November 27th. We will also be making cards for our homebound members.

Rev. Michaela Walley Director of Family and Adult Ministries



## WYNNTON ARTS ACADEMY

All wish lists have been distributed. I am aware that the gender of each child is not stated and am working with WAA to get that information.

The unwrapped gifts can be delivered as soon as you wish to do so. The final deadline for delivery is Wednesday, December 13th. Thank you for all you are doing.

Tissues and Band-Aids are needed for the classrooms all year long. You may place these donations in the WAA bin in the Ministry Center.

Call/Text Shirley Richey @ 706-332-6890 if there are any questions!

## WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD November 26

**Team 4**: Dave Stevenson, Bart Wilson, Paul Therrien, Andy Andresen

## Welcomer

8:00-9:30 a.m. Ramona Andresen



We're looking for volunteers for the Modern Worship Service. If you play an instrument or sing, feel free to join us at our practices every Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. in the Ministry Center.



Please use the QR code to sign up to volunteer to serve in the Modern service.

## THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Our Finance Committee has designated our Thanksgiving offering to go to the Wynnton Neighborhood Network. You may make your gift any time in November in a worship service or by mailing it to the church office.

#### COFFEE STATION VOLUNTEERS



November 26, 2023 New Seekers

#### BE A WYNNTON WELCOMER

WE NEED YOU! to sign-up as a Sunday morning welcomer. We are looking for volunteers to fill open slots through the end of December. Check your calendars for a few Sundays you are available to help us greet our members and guests on Sunday morning. Sign-up sheets will be available in the main hallway this Sunday.

#### **CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS**

The nursery is available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. as well as Sunday School for grades K-12 from 9:45-10:50 a.m. The nursery for infants through age 3 is on the first floor of the Grimes building. Children's Sunday School for Pre-K-5th Grade is on the first floor of the Grimes building, and youth Sunday School is in the basement under the sanctuary. Children's Church will be offered for children through 5th Grade in the Children's Center in the Grimes building during the worship hour.

#### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children in Pre-K through 4th grade are welcome to join us for Children's Sunday School from 9:45 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. in the Grimes Building on the first floor in the Children's Church room next to the nursery.

## **Our Known Prayer Concerns:**

Sue Rogers Lexy McRae Aubrey Walker Jennefer Spell David Woolbright Frank Feagle Pam Feagle Richard Holmes **Betty Garrett** Shelley Montgomery Jeanine Cotton Robert Garrard Michelle Foote Mailvn McConnell Kave Hill Sabrina Hart Lynn Christenson Frances Grell Jarrod Hart Reese Stallings

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Vicki Ragan Kay Hart
Virginia Bonner Claren Hill
Susan Chriss Bob Lowery
Jaleen Welch Steve Tincher

## **Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:**

Family of Doris Carr Family of Larry Spell Family of Michael White Family of Pat Kelley Family of Diana & Marc Boensel

#### WYNNTON NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

November is our month to help stock the shelves at Wynnton Neighborhood Network. The Network provides food to a great many needy families each week, but they need help to make that possible. So, we are asking everyone to try to help support this important ministry in our community this month. Below is a list that contains the items that the Network gives out each day, and we are asking that Wynnton bring in as much of it as you can. You can bring it to the church at any point in November and place the items in the bin in the Fellowship Hall or under the Giving Tree. The Network is a blessing to this community and has helped out so many that needed it. This is our opportunity to support them, so please join us in filling the shelves this November. If you have any questions, please call Bob Gilstrap.

## **Items needed for the Holiday Distributions:**

Cranberry Sauce Brownie Mix

Green Beans

Corn

Yams

**Evaporated Milk** 

Pumpkin Pie Mix

Cornbread Mix

## **On-going suggested items:**

Canned vegetables (green beans, baked beans, carrots, mixed veggies, or any other type of veggie) Canned meat (tuna, chicken, spam, ham, chili with meat, lasagna, etc.)

Canned fruit

Canned tomato products Macaroni and cheese

Spaghetti Sauce and Noodles

Jelly

Peanut Butter

Soup Rice

Breakfast cereal Toilet paper

Bar Soap

Laundry Detergent (pods)

## PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies December 1-3 Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

26 Jeanine Cotton 27 Erika George 28 Walt Hart 30 **Bob Jones** 1 Jenny Horton 2 Jace King

## OUR STEWARDSHIP

11-19-23	
General Fund	5,888.00
Backpacks of Grace	60.00
Endowment	
Missions	50.00
Loose Offering	65.00
Other Contributions	
Thanksgiving	1,015.00
Sunday School	

## **OUR ATTENDANCE**

11-19-23	
8:30 Service	45
Modern Service	15
11:00 Service	122
Sunday School	79

## **SUNDAY'S SERMON**

Gratitude Come Through Silence Luke 1:5-25

Rev. Will Walley - 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Dr. Jason Wade - 9:00 a.m.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

## Sunday, November 26

Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary 8:30 a.m. Modern Service - Ministry Center 9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for adults, youth & children

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary

12:00 p.m. Decorating the Church

7:30-9 p.m. The Bridge College Bible Study -

**Basement** 

## Monday, November 27

Fitness Group - Alpha Building 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Library

### Tuesday, November 28

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library

5:00-8:00 p.m. Modern Worship Practice - Ministry

Center

## Wednesday, November 29

Women's Bible Study - Alpha Building 9:30 a.m.

12:00-1:00 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in) 5:30-6:30 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in) Handbell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study - Ambassadors of

Christ

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.

## Thursday, November 30

Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building 7:30 a.m.

9:45 a.m. Backpacks of Grace

Cookie/ Holiday Dessert Recipe Exchange 1:30 p.m.

Alpha Building

## Friday, December 1

7:00-7:30 a.m. Prayer Breakfast & Jesus at Chick-fil-A on Whittlesey Rd.

6:00-7:00 p.m. Recital - Sanctuary

## **Membership Card and Updates:**

Please help us update our information by using this QR code or click the image. This is just another simple way to help us update your membership status. You can also pick up a card from the church office!

