

SERVICE AND EVENTS

WESLEY AT MANNA HOUSE

Please help Wesley continue to answer Christ's call to feed the hungry. Manna House has served over 90,000 lunches so far in this difficult year. Call Linda Dennis at 638-4008 to volunteer on December 16. Drop off much needed cookies in zip lock bags at 102 Five Pounds Rd or the church by Tuesday, December 15. Many thanks to all who have volunteered, baked, or have supported Manna House financially through your giving at Wesley for over 32 years!

POINSETTIA PICKUP

As a reminder, poinsettias that were purchased for Advent can be picked up following the Christmas Eve services, at either 3:00pm, 4:30pm or 6:00pm. Thank you to everyone who purchased poinsettias. Merry Christmas from Wesley's Worship Committee!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Christmas Eve is a special time at Wesley with services offered at 3:00pm, 4:30pm, and 6:00pm. All services will be filled with music, celebration, and Holy Communion. Nursery care will be provided for children three years old and younger during these services. Please RSVP to the link found on the website or in the newsletter.

2020 CONTRIBUTIONS

The Finance Committee thanks those who have contributed to Wesley this year. If you need to complete your pledge for 2020, please note that gifts must be received by the church or postmarked no later than **December 31** to be included in 2020 giving statements.

UNION OF SERVICES

Join us Sunday, December 27 and Sunday, January 3 as we gather for

worship in one unified service at 11:00am. There will be Children's Church, but no Sunday school. There will be no 8:00am or 9:00am services.

DID YOU KNOW?

The paraments are now purple to signify the beginning of Advent. Advent is the first season of the Christian church year, which leads up to Christmas. It is the season of anticipation, hope, promise, and waiting for Jesus the Christ's birth. There are four Sundays in Advent. The color for this season is purple or royal blue.

DATES OF INTEREST

12/13 Angel Tree Gifts Return
12/16 Wesley at Manna House
12/20 Service of Lessons & Carols
12/21 WAEL Winter Break Begins
12/24 Christmas Eve Services
12/27 Unified Service at 11:00am
01/03 Unified Service at 11:00am
01/04 WAEL Returns From Break

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER CONCERNS

Jacqueline Work, James Dean, Gerry Trombley, Jan Hefti, Kristi Hefti, Jacob Hefti, Royce Wood, Joyce Everly, Pat Ellison, Billinel Cook, Ted Wright, Betty Marshall, Jeff Stevenson, Rev. Wes Moye, Stacy Vann, Krista McNeal, Elizabeth Colon, Hank Condon, Bill Sanders, Bill Dunlap, Larry Kimel, Holly Lamb, Pam Smith, Ian and Hannah Hilley, Carolyn Stafford, Joe Songer, John Griffin, James Wise, Debbie Cassata, Daschiel Townsend, Lauren Terry, Jim Danowski, Keith and Barbara Weikel, Tom Burton, Hollis Youngner
Military: Jacob Riggs, Francis Cahill, Alex McLean, Hunter Missildine, Derek Livingston
Bereavement: Linda Murphy Fryer, Lynn Schofield

Please respect the privacy of individuals. Confirm their desire to be added to our prayer concerns, then send your request to churchoffice@wesleyssi.org.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the following days the church office will be closed: December 24-25 and December 31-January 1.

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The SPRC wants to give you an opportunity at Christmas to show your appreciation to our church staff for the wonderful ministry they do all year. You are invited to contribute to the Staff Christmas Fund, which will be shared among the Wesley Church Staff. Please make your checks payable to Wesley UMC at Frederica and indicate "Staff Christmas Fund."

IN SERVICE



Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Jerry A. Roe, Jr.
Director of Program Ministries
Paige Gober
Director of Children's Ministries
Victoria Fryer, Interim
Director of Youth Ministries
Logan Johnson
Associate Director of Youth Ministries
Samantha Pearson
Director of Music Ministries
Deborah McClrath, Interim
Asst. Director of Music Ministries, Organist
To be filled
Organist Emeritus
Beth Humber
Office Administrator
Elaine Brown
Administrative Assistant
Emily Lester
Director of WAEL
Nikki Browning

Church Ofc: 912.634.1412 / M-Th., 9:00am-5:00pm



WESLEY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
at Frederica

6520 Frederica Rd. | St. Simons Island, GA 31522
www.wesleyssi.org

NEWS

UMW FUNDRAISER

The United Methodist Women will begin selling Christmas cards in the breezeway today for \$10 per pack, or \$15 for two packs. The cards are packaged in bundles of 12, containing a variety of beautifully photographed pictures of our church on the front of the cards. One hundred percent of the proceeds will support mission efforts.

MUSIC AT WESLEY

Pre-service Christmas duets by Norma and Beth, beginning at 10:45am. On December 20, you will hear sounds of bagpipes by Tim Akins as you drive in and Michael Hulet will play the saxophone for

CHILDREN & YOUTH

CHILDREN

Nursery (Newborn - 2s)
Cherubs (3s and 4s)
Children's Church (K - Grade 2)
Club 345 (Grades 3, 4, 5)

YOUTH TIMES

5:00pm Middle School
6:30pm High School
No Snack Supper will be served.

two services of Lessons and Carols at 9:00am and 11:00am. Bell Ringers will meet at 6:00pm, and Choir members meet at 7:00pm on Wednesday, December 16.

MOMENTUM BOX SUPPORT

The Jim Wroten Men's Prayer Breakfast Momentum Box project needs your financial help. We have a donor who has made a challenge to match their \$5,000 donation by January 31, 2021. So far, Wesley has received donations of \$1,476! Throughout the year, we provide boxes containing non-perishable food and paper products to FaithWorks, and in December, we provide extra boxes with Turkey and the fixings.

Partnering with Publix, the boxes cost \$63 each, and are for families of four. This donation challenge is an excellent opportunity for you to help those less fortunate among us. We would also like to acknowledge Rod Sawall for the outstanding job of overseeing this project since 2008. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Cunningham or Jerry Mooney. Make donations to the church annotated with "Momentum Box" in the memo line. Thank you for your support!

ONLINE GIVING

To take advantage of online giving options, please visit our website at www.wesleyssi.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thank you to all who participated in our Family Style Christmas! Starting in January, the Children's Ministry will be needing volunteers to help assist and teach our sweet children on Sundays. If you are interested in being part of Wesley's Children Ministry and using your spiritual gifts, contact Victoria at victoria@wesleyssi.org.

*Living Faith...
Rooted in Tradition*

Sunday, December 13, 2020

8:00 | 9:00 | 11:00am

Rev. Dr. Jerry A. Roe, Jr.

"Comfort Ye, Comfort Ye... 'Part Three: Many Chances'"

Matthew 1:18-21

ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:00 / 11:00

Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God by Aggie Stevenson
in memory of her husband, Steven Stevenson.

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

Christmas Praise ('Good Christian Men, Rejoice' and 'He Is Born')
The First Noel
There's A Song In the Air
'O Holy Night' with 'Away in a Manger'
Beth Humber and Norma Lucas

D. Phillips
arr. Smith/Hustad
arr. Smith/Hustad
arr. Bennett/Berry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+OPENING PRAYER

Please stand when "+" is indicated.

Let us pray. | **God all-powerful, grant that we may rid ourselves of the works of darkness, and that we may invest ourselves with the weapons of light in this life to which your Son, Jesus Christ, with great humility came to visit us; so that in the final day, when he returns in majestic glory to judge the living and the dead, we shall rise to eternal life through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

+LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

(11:00) CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

Children in preschool through fifth grade are dismissed to Children's Church.

Rev. Dr. Jerry A. Roe, Jr.

+HYMN NO. 246

Joy to the World

Isaac Watts/Handel

SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let us pray. | **Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Peter 3:9

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 36:25-27

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

UMH 881

Let us affirm our faith. | **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.**

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

+GLORIA PATRI NO. 71

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

GREATOREX

(11:00) +HYMN NO. 230

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Brooks & Redner

CALL TO PRAYER

The Lord be with you. | **And also with you.** | Let us pray.

MORNING PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

UMH 895

CALL TO OFFERING | *As a forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.*

OFFERTORY

(8:00) *We Three Kings*
Ft. Frederica Fabulous Four Quartet

Hopkins

(11:00) *Good King Wenceslas* Piae Cantiones (1582) arr: Wilcox
Danny Grace, Bill Shuman, Tom Burton & Bob Callahan, accompanied by Nancy Shuman

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS AND DOXOLOGY NO. 95

**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. Amen.**

OLD 100TH

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 1:18-21

SERMON

"Comfort Ye, Comfort Ye... 'Part Three: Many Chances'"

Rev. Dr. Jerry A. Roe, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD AND SENDING FORTH

+HYMN NO. 238

Angels We Have Heard On High

Trad. French Carol

+BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hymn to Joy
Beth Humber

Albert Travis

Visitors who would like to learn more about Wesley may stop by the breezeway following any worship service to receive information and a warm Wesley welcome!

Liturgist: Dale Provenzano (8:00) Liturgist: David Mitchell (11:00)

Wesley UMC at Frederica is a Stephen Ministry church.

Wesley's mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

238 Angels We Have Heard on High

1. An-gels we have heard on high sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
 2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?
 3. Come to Beth-le - - hem and see Christ whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4. See him in a man - ger laid, whom the choirs of an - gels praise;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad-some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav-en-ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee, Christ the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.

Refrain

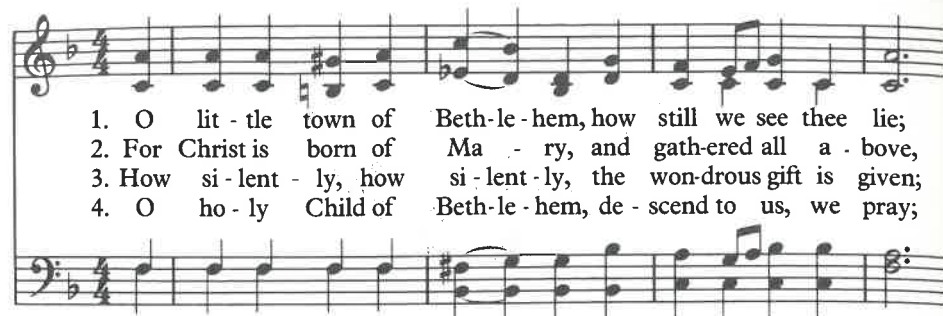
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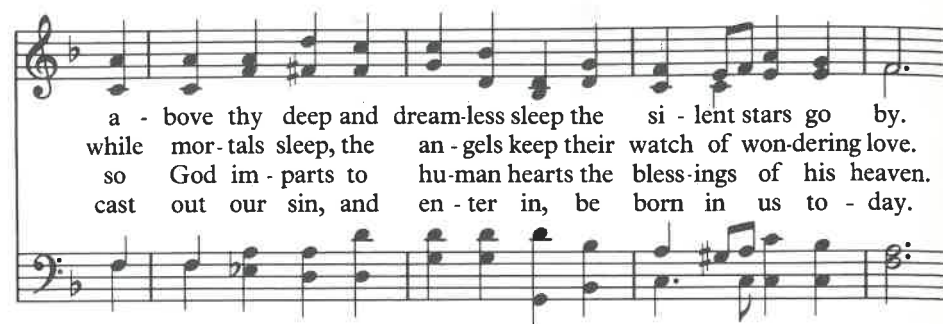
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GLORIA
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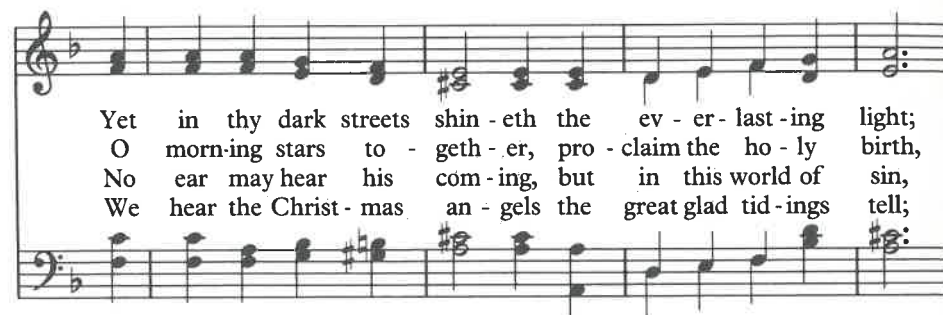
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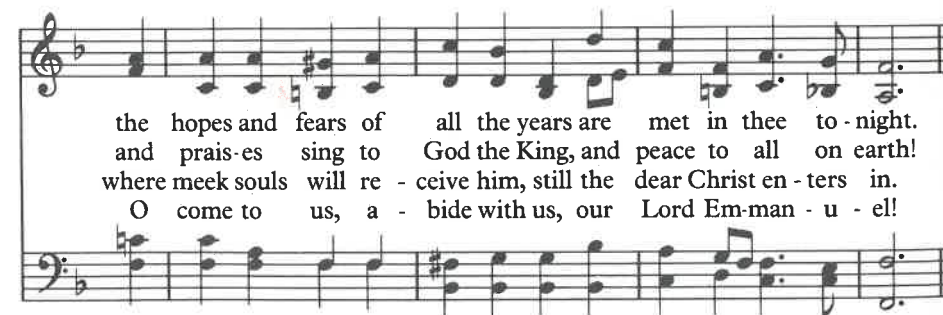
1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie;
 2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, and gath - ered all a - bove,
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given;
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



a - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by.
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
 so God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light;
 O morn - ing stars to - geth - er, pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth!
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

WORDS: Phillips Brooks, ca. 1868
 MUSIC: Lewis H. Redner, 1868

ST. LOUIS
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Alt. tune: FOREST GREEN

Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
 2. Joy to the world, the Sav - ior reigns!
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow,
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace,

Let earth re - ceive her King; let
 Let all their songs em - ploy; while
 nor thorns in - fest the ground; he
 and makes the na - tions prove the

ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 comes to make his bless - ings flow
 glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness,

and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 far as the curse is found, far -
 and won - ders of his love, and
 and heaven and na - ture
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