

Opportunities To LEARN, To GROW, To SHARE, To SERVE

One Call Now. Please *fill out a form and return to the offering plate, or visit the church website at <https://fmcwashington.com/explore/one-call-now-signup/>* and sign up for our One Call Now messaging system. The church uses this to send out messages about upcoming church events. This helps you to not miss out on what's happening at the church!

Youth Winter Retreat. Please contact Sarah Beth by December 1 if your youth is interested in attending a *Winter Retreat in Blowing Rock, NC*, from January 24 to January 26. We will *leave the church on Friday*, January 24, at 3:00 p.m. and *return* around dinner time on *Sunday*, January 26. Youth will need money for dinner Friday night, any snacks or souvenirs they would like to purchase while there, and lunch on the way back.

Angel Tree. *FMCW and the Salvation Army* are partnering to make Christmas wishes come true for children in our community. Please *select* an Angel from the tree outside Wesley Hall or outside the Sanctuary. *Purchase* gifts from the child's wish list, place the items in a plastic bag marked with the child's number, and *place them under the tree* or deliver them to the Salvation Army on East 7th Street. Please *do not wrap* the gifts. The *deadline* for delivery is *Monday, December 2*. What a great Christmas project for your family to do together! *Contact: Shirley Stone, 252-481-2420*.

Family Night Dinner and Program. Please *sign up* at the *Welcome Center* or *outside the Sanctuary* by *Noon on Monday, December 2*, or call the church office. The menu includes *Homemade Soup, Mixed Green Salad, Cheese Biscuits, Dessert, Tea and/or Water* for *Wednesday, December 4*, at *5:30 p.m.* *Pizza Slices will be served for the children.* The cost is *\$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12.* *Our program will be presented by Pastor Stephen Bazan as indicated below.*

When Heaven Comes To Earth - A Study on Advent. On the Wednesday evenings of *December 4* and *December 11* following the Family Night Dinner, *Pastor Stephen Bazan* will continue to lead a *Bible Study in Wesley Hall* entitled *When Heaven Comes To Earth - A Study on Advent.* Youth and Adults are welcome to attend at 6:15 p.m. each evening as we learn about the meaning of Advent using Scripture and John Wesley's Sermon *The Way to the Kingdom* and a few hymns as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus this Christmas.

Save the Date—Cantata. The *Chancel Choir* of FMCW along with guest *soloists and instrumentalists* will *perform Lloyd Larson's "Joy Has Dawned"* on *December 15* at the *11:15 a.m. Traditional Worship Service* in the *Sanctuary*. Please join us as we celebrate the season of Christmas. The message of Christmas is truly a message of joy! This is made possible by the B.E. Singleton, Jr., and Jane W. Vaughn Memorial Funds.

Washington Women's Bible Study—"Prepare Him Room" Event. Ladies, please join us in *Wesley Hall* on *Wednesday, December 4* from *9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.* for this special *Christmas Virtual Event* led by *Jennifer Rothschild*. Experience worship, encouragement, and teaching as we prepare our hearts to *"Prepare Him Room"* in the upcoming Christmas season. **NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** for this event! JUST COME and enjoy refreshments, fellowship, worship led by Michael O'Brien, and teaching led by Jennifer. Also, registration for our Winter/Spring study on Revelation, led by Jen Wilkin, will be available. *Contact Laura Davis at 943-4711* with any questions.

Welcome, Friends, as we worship God today. May the time we share together in this place be a blessing to you. If you are interested in learning more about or becoming a member of First Methodist Church Washington, contact the church office to speak with a pastor.

Weekly Calendar	
Sunday	December 1 First Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m.	Blended Worship Service—WH/ Children's Church—FH
10:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Children, Youth, and Adults (Regular Classrooms))
11:15 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service — Sanctuary
Monday	December 2
9:30 a.m.	Methodist Women Executive Board Meeting—ACR
5:30 p.m.	Child Care Board Meeting—Ruble
6:00 p.m.	Washington Circle—ACR
7:00 p.m.	Troop 99 Meeting—FH
Tuesday	December 3 Circle Meetings
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting—Parlor/OEB
6:00 p.m.	Methodist Women Christmas Dinner and General Meeting—WH and WH Kitchen
Wednesday	December 4
9:30 a.m.	WWBS "Prepare Him Room"—WH
4:00 p.m.	Men of Redemption—ACR
5:30 p.m.	Family Night Dinner
6:15 p.m.	Children's Ministry Activities—K- 2nd SS Rooms
6:15 p.m.	Family Night Dinner Program— Advent Study—WH
6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal— Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal—WH
Thursday	December 5
7:00 a.m.	Men at the Table—ACR
Friday	December 6
Saturday	December 7
Sunday	December 8 Second Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m.	Blended Worship Service—WH/ Children's Church—FH
10:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Children, Youth, and Adults (Regular Classrooms))
11:15 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service — Sanctuary
2:00 p.m.	Dunn and Dalton Tour—WH
6:00 p.m.	Yahoos—Off-Campus

**God's Servants
Worship Services
~ December 1 ~**

Nursery: Brett O'Brien, Delaney O'Brien
Wesley Hall—9:00 a.m.

Lighting Advent
Wreath: Tim and Kim Copeland
Altar Guild: Nancy Jessup,
Nancy Hemink, Sheila Tanner,
Joan Campbell, Bea Dillon
Communion Tom and Paula Willey,
Servers: David Gossett, Bea Dillon,
Ed and Buffy Lich,
Dal and Ginger Newbold,
Mary Toler (gluten-free)

Holy Java: ABC
Praise & Prayer: Beth Page
Welcome Center: Dewey/Delane Fuquay
Camera: Bill Rompilla
Sound: Jerry Cessna
Streaming: Will Jefferson
Video: Moses Moye
Sanctuary—11:15 a.m.

Lighting Advent
Wreath: Al and Bettye Nichols
Altar Guild: Shirley Stone,
Marsha Bowes, Kasey Stone,
Alma Friedman,
Sound: Charlie Moore

~ December 8 ~

Nursery: Brett O'Brien, Delaney O'Brien
Wesley Hall—9:00 a.m.

Lighting Advent
Wreath: Cadmus and
Stephanie Capehart Family
Altar Guild: Nancy Jessup,
Nancy Hemink, Sheila Tanner,
Joan Campbell, Bea Dillon
Communion Rob and Libby Cameron,
Servers: Richard and Ann Jones,
Sarah Purvis,
Tony Wilkinson
Kevin and Janice O'Kane,
Mary Toler (gluten-free)

Holy Java: Friendship
Praise & Prayer: Trey Howdy
Welcome Center: Nancy Jessup
Camera: Chris Stembridge
Sound: Steve Toler
Streaming: Ingrid Hall
Video: Kari Hall
Sanctuary—11:15 a.m.

Lighting Advent
Wreath: Reid and Sally Brodie
Altar Guild: Shirley Stone,
Marsha Bowes, Kasey Stone,
Alma Friedman,
Sound: Charlie Moore

Legend

ACR	Asbury Conference Room
FH	Fellowship Hall
MYF	Methodist Youth Fellowship
NEB/OEB	New / Old Education Building
MM / MW	Methodist Men / Methodist Women
WH	Wesley Hall

NEB and ACR Classrooms

Adult Sunday School:

Friendship	Upstairs
Joy ACR	Downstairs
ABC Ruble Conference Room	Downstairs
Children's Sunday School	
Youth Room	Upstairs



First Methodist Church Washington

First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024



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BLENDDED WORSHIP SERVICE

Gathering Song 9:00 a.m.
Praise Team

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Tim and Kim Copeland

***Call to Worship**

Leader: To You, O Lord, we lift up our souls; O God in You we trust.

PEOPLE: Lead us in Your truth, for You are the God of our salvation.

Worship Song Praise Team
*Children's Church is held for ages five through 2nd Grade.
The children are directed to meet in the back and will return following the Sermon.*

Praise and Prayer Concerns and The Lord's Prayer Beth Page
If you wish for the pastors to receive your concern privately, we invite you to please fill out a Prayer Card and place in the offering plate.

Scripture Lesson Luke 21:25-36

Sermon "Quitting Time" Rev. Ken Hall, Jr.

Reception of New Member

Sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion
*Come forward as directed by the ushers.
Offering will be received by ushers as we come to the table.
The invitation to Communion is open to all who love and seek to serve Christ.*
Tom and Paula Willey, David Gossett, Bea Dillon,
Ed and Buffy Lich, Dal and Ginger Newbold,
Mary Toler (gluten-free)

***Concluding Song** Praise Team

***Benediction**

***Please stand as led.**

Praise Team
Amanda Barnes, Pam Carson, Neva Cashion, Dixon Davis,
Nicole Jackson, Jim O'Brian, Bill Peele, Dale Peele, Les Sheridan

Ushers
Ron Branch, Paige Davis, Alton Griffin, Walter Jessup,
Richard Jones, Ken Matveia, Ray Peede

We welcome into our First Church Family:

Gail Suzanne Breed. Gail joins by letter of transfer from Ware's Chapel .
United Methodist Church, Washington, NC. Gail resides in Washington, NC.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Welcome and Announcements 11:15 a.m.

Prelude "Savior of the Nations, Come" David Lasky

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Al and Bettye Nichols

***Call to Worship**

Leader: To You, O Lord, we lift up our souls; O God in You we trust.

PEOPLE: Lead us in Your truth, for You are the God of our salvation.

***Hymn** "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" No. 203

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed No. 881

***Gloria Patri** No. 70
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.

Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer

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Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Arr. By Vandall
Leigh Stanley and Susan Crawford, Piano Duet

***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.

Special Music "With Open Hearts We Are Waiting" Pepper Choplin
Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson Luke 21:25-36

Sermon "Quitting Time" Rev. Ken Hall, Jr.

Sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer Following Communion

Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery in which You have given Yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" No. 196

***Benediction**

***Postlude** "Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying" Johann Walther

***Congregation standing.**

Our Mission | The Global Methodist Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe.

Our Vision | Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, the Global Methodist Church envisions multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ throughout the earth who flourish in scriptural holiness as we worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

*The Altar Flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the
Glory of God
and in loving memory of
C. T. Howard
by the C. T. Howard heirs.*

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.

Chancel Choir

Lynette Amick, Jerry Cessna, Ron Champion, Alma Friedman,
Patty Jackson, Melonie Lewis, Mary Maddox, Jim McPherson,
Mike Moore, Patricia Moore, Tish Moore, Jim O'Brian, Gay Reames,
Mark Reames, Barbara Van Vliet, Stephen Vaughn

Ushers

Charlie Alligood, Rick Amick, Stan Friedman, John Gunnels,
Will Jefferson, Brian McCormick, Stephen Oden

Vital Signs as of November 24, 2024

Worship Attendance (in person)	289
Worship Attendance (online).....	407
Sunday School Attendance	82

YTD Giving thru 10/31/2024	\$ 715,218
YTD Amount Needed to Meet Budget .	\$ 700,000
YTD Expenditures thru 10/31/2024	\$ 688,458

Monthly Giving thru 11/24/2024	\$ 77,801
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