



*First Methodist Church  
Washington*

*The Altar Flowers in the Sanctuary  
are given to the  
Glory of God  
and in loving memory of  
Vickie W. Buckman,  
Eddie Buck and Etta Buckman,  
Edmond and Josephine Buckman,  
Clarence and Gladys Carowan  
by their family,  
Buck Buckman and Bobby and Josephine Vause.*

Please join us for *Lessons and Carols* on  
*December 29, 2024*, for a *Combined  
Worship Service* in *Wesley Hall* at  
*10:00 a.m.* We look forward to seeing you.



*Knowing Christ ~ Growing in Christ ~ Sharing Christ*

**Rev. Wm. Kenneth Hall, Jr., Senior Pastor**  
**Rev. Stephen Bazan, Associate Pastor of Missional Discipleship**  
**Sarah Beth Wood, Director of Family Ministry**  
**Susan Crawford, Director of Traditional Music**  
**Leigh Stanley, Pianist**  
**Rev. Stephen Vaughn, Organist**

*December 24, 2024  
9:00 p.m.*

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Holy are You,...

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

**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.**

**\*The Sharing the Bread and Cup**

*Come forward as directed by the ushers.  
The invitation to Communion is open to all who  
love and seek to serve Christ.*

**Communion Servers**

*Beth Litchfield, Elizabeth Sweatland  
George and Bonnie Isovitsch, Jerry and Rachel Cessna  
Lentz and Tricia Stowe  
Mary Toler (gluten-free)*

**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.**

**\*Sharing of the Light**

*(Individual candles are lit from the Christ candle as  
electrical lights are darkened.)*

**\*Hymn of Response** "Silent Night, Holy Night"

No. 239

**\*Candlelight Prayer**

**THE SENDING FORTH**

**\*The Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*\*Congregation standing as able.*

## Confession

Almighty and Gracious God, purify our thoughts; they are never as pure as we would wish. Cleanse our minds; they are never as clean as You demand. Open our hearts; we need to make room for the coming of Your Son. Forgive all that has stood in the way of fully welcoming Him as the Lord of our lives. Forgive us, for we are bold to pray in the Name of the One who is coming, even Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

## Words of Pardon and Assurance

### \*Passing of the Peace of Christ (with musical response)

Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.

May God's full mercies, bless you, my friends.

In all your living, and through your loving,

Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

## Giving of Tithes and Offerings

## Offertory

### \*Doxology

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.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right...

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise Your Name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

# Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Worship

Sanctuary

9:00 p.m.

## THE GATHERING

*(As we gather, if you did not receive a candle, one is available at the entrance.)*

### Greeting

Rev. Stephen Bazan

**Leader: Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, good will toward all!**

**People: For unto us is born a Savior, which is Christ the Lord!**

**ALL: GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH!**

### Prelude

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Christmas Candle of Light

Ken, Kari, and Ingrid Hall

### \*Hymn of Praise

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

No. 240

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

**God of grace, You have brought salvation to all by the giving of Yourself. In Your sacrifice of love, You have redeemed us. May the Good News of Your coming to us at Bethlehem inspire and empower us to live lives that glorify You as we celebrate Your birth into this world. *Amen.***

### Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

### Special Music

"What Child Is This"  
Sarabeth Franz, Solo

English Melody

### Gospel Reading

John 1:1-14

### Sermon

"He Is Here!"

Rev. Ken Hall, Jr.

## THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

*(All are invited to the table of the Lord, who love Christ and seek to serve Him in peace with one another.)*