

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

**Christmas Ornaments.** FMCW *Preschool* is still selling Church Christmas Ornaments as a *fundraiser for the program*. They can be found *under the TV in Wesley Hall or by the Welcome Center*. Ornaments are **\$15 each** and proceeds will go to help fund our Scholarships for the remainder of the school year!

**Family Night Dinner.** *Be reminded* that we will not have a dinner on December 25 and January 1. We will *resume on January 8* with Chicken Pastry, Sweet Potatoes, Cabbage, Rolls and Dessert.

**You are Invited.** The First Methodist Childcare Board cordially invites you to a *floating retirement celebration to honor Diane Van Staalduinen on Monday, December 30, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall*. Come share your love, thankfulness, and best wishes for Diane who has served as our faithful director and Christian witness to hundreds of children and families within our church and community. We look forward to seeing you there.

**The Shepherding Ministry.** We will have an informational meeting for those who may be called to serve in this ministry and for our existing Shepherds on *Saturday, January 4, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. in Wesley Hall*. Please pray about your involvement in this ministry. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet your church family; it involves a limited amount of time and the blessings are amazing. For *questions or more information* you may contact *George (724-822-4749) or Bonnie (724-822-1529) Isovitsch, John (910-650-8263) or Janie (910-620-8720) Hauser*.

**Washington Women's Bible Study.** Ladies, come join us for a Bible Study called *"Revelation: Eternal King, Everlasting Kingdom" by Jen Wilkin*. We will meet in *Wesley Hall from 9:30 a.m. –11:30 a.m. on Wednesdays, January 15-March 19*. *Registration forms* are at the Welcome Center in Wesley Hall and on the table outside the Sanctuary. *Call Laura Davis at 252-943-4711 with any questions*.

### Worship Service Reminders:

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Worship Service, Tuesday, December 24, 9:00 p.m., Sanctuary**

**Combined Worship Service, Lessons and Carols, Sunday, December 29, 10:00 a.m., Wesley Hall**

**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 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m.	Children's Christmas Pageant—WH
10:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Children, Youth, and Adults (Regular Classrooms))
11:15 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service—Sanctuary
Monday	December 23 Preschool Winter Break Begins
7:00 p.m.	Troop 99 Meeting—FH
Tuesday	December 24
9:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service—Sanctuary
Wednesday	December 25 Christmas Day
	Child Care Closed, Church Office Closed
Thursday	December 26
	Child Care Closed, Church Office Closed
Friday	December 27 Church Office Closed
Saturday	December 28
Sunday	December 29
10:00 a.m.	Combined Worship Lessons and Carols—WH

<b>God's Servants Worship Services ~ December 22 ~</b> Nursery: Morgan Bullard, Delaney O'Brien <b>Wesley Hall—9:00 a.m.</b> <b>Lighting of the Advent Wreath:</b> Dixon and Katherine Davis Family <b>Altar Guild:</b> Nancy Jessup, Nancy Hemink, Sheila Tanner, Joan Campbell, Bea Dillon <b>Holy Java:</b> BathTime <b>Praise &amp; Prayer:</b> Sarah Beth Wood <b>Welcome Center:</b> Mike and Jean Ash <b>Camera:</b> Bill Rompilla <b>Sound:</b> Steve Toler <b>Streaming:</b> Jerry Cessna <b>Video:</b> Will Jefferson <b>Sanctuary—11:15 a.m.</b> <b>Lighting Advent Wreath:</b> Clint and Susan Bailey <b>Altar Guild:</b> Shirley Stone, Marsha Bowes, Kasey Stone, Alma Friedman <b>Sound:</b> Charlie Moore  <b>~December 24</b> <b>Sanctuary—9:00 p.m.</b> <b>Lighting of the Advent Wreath:</b> Rev. Ken Hall, Jr., Kari, and Ingrid <b>Communion Servers:</b> Beth Litchfield, Elizabeth Sweatland, George and Bonnie Isovitsch, Jerry and Rachel Cessna, Lentz and Tricia Stowe, Mary Toler (gluten-free) <b>Altar Guild:</b> Shirley Stone, Marsha Bowes, Kasey Stone, Alma Friedman <b>Sound:</b> Charlie Moore  <b>~ December 29 ~</b> <b>Combined Worship Wesley Hall—10:00 a.m.</b> Nursery: Morgan Bullard, Delaney O'Brien <b>Altar Guild:</b> Nancy Jessup, Nancy Hemink, Sheila Tanner, Joan Campbell, Bea Dillon <b>Holy Java:</b> Stephen Bazan Family <b>Welcome Center:</b> Jackie Monroe <b>Camera:</b> Chris Stembridge <b>Sound:</b> Jerry Cessna <b>Streaming:</b> Ingrid Hall <b>Video:</b> Seth Edwards	
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### 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

## Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2024



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## CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

9:00 a.m.

### Welcome and Announcements

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath** Dixon and Katherine Davis Family

**Praise and Prayer Concerns and The Lord’s Prayer** Sarah Beth Wood

*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.*

### *Children’s Christmas Pageant*

*(During “We Three Kings,” ushers and Wise men will receive Tithes and Offering.)*

### Narrators

Sarabeth Franz Kadence O’Brien Brayden Capehart

**Mary** Rebekah Bollow **Joseph** Brad Dudley

**King Herod** Hudson Capehart **Innkeeper** Hunt Ross

### Angels

**Gabriel** Zachary Cushing **Angel 1** Eileen Culbertson

**Angel 2** Ellie Gray Howdy

Cassie Culbertson Mary Ella Peele Noah Sheppard Gentry Elks

### Shepherds

Fisher Van Staalduinen Layton Van Staalduinen Coleson Oden

Leslie Whitford Hunt Ross

### Wise Men

Stephen Oden Hayden Bollow Isaac Bazan

### Animals

Henry Bateman—*Sheep* Kenley Van Staalduinen—*Sheep*

Wyatt Moore—*Donkey* Nathan Bazan—*Camel*

### Songs

“Come On, Ring Those Bells”

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

“Away in a Manger”

“Go, Tell it on the Mountain”

“We Three Kings”

“Silent Night”

### Directors

Amanda Bazan Stephanie Capehart

### Music/AV Leaders

Laurie Weston Erin Franz

### \*Benediction

*\*Please stand as led.*

### Ushers

*Ron Branch, Paige Davis, Alton Griffin, Walter Jessup, Richard Jones, Ken Matveia, Ray Peede, and the Wise Men.*

## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

11:15 a.m.

### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” Setting by Joel Raney

Leigh Stanley and Susan Crawford, 4-Hand Piano Duet

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath** Clint and Susan Bailey

### \*Call to Worship

**Leader:** O King of the Gentiles and their desired One, the Cornerstone that makes both one.

**PEOPLE: COME! AND DELIVER MAN, WHOM YOU FORMED OUT OF THE DUST OF THE EARTH.**

**\*Hymn** “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem” No. 179

**\*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, Pastoral Prayer, and The Lord’s Prayer

*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.*

### Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory** “Once In Royal David’s City” Henry Gauntlett

Leigh Stanley, Piano and Stephen Vaughn, Organ

**\*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** “There’s A Song in the Air” No. 249

*Choir and Congregation*

**Scripture Lesson** Philippians 4:4-7

**Sermon** “The Proximity Principle” Rev. Stephen Bazan

### Reception of New Member

**\*Hymn** “Joy to the World” No. 246

### \*Benediction

**\*Postlude** “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” Wilbur Held

### \*Congregation standing.

### 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.**

**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*

*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.*

**We welcome into our First Church Family:**

**Cheryl Carroll. CeeCee** joins by letter of transfer from First United Methodist Church of Williamston, NC. She resides in Washington, NC.

### 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’Brien, 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 December 15, 2024

Worship Attendance (in person) ..... 349

Worship Attendance (online)..... 570

Sunday School Attendance ..... 70

YTD Giving thru 11/30/2024 ..... \$ 797,085

YTD Amount Needed to Meet Budget. \$ 770,000

YTD Expenditures thru 11/30/2024 ..... \$ 754,013

Monthly Giving thru 12/15/2024 ..... \$ 47,415

Online Contributions

