

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

Welcome. Please welcome *Charley Ann Hopkins, Organ, and Pattie Hopkins Kinlaw, Violin*, this morning as our guest instrumentalists during the 11:15 a.m. Worship Service. This is made possible by the B.E. Singleton, Jr., and Jane W. Vaughn Memorial Funds.

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!

Family Night Dinner and Program. Please *sign up* at the *Welcome Center* or *outside the Sanctuary* by *Noon* on *Monday, December 9*, or call the church office. The menu for *Wednesday, December 11*, at *5:30 p.m.* includes *Marinated Pork Tenderloin, Green Beans, Pineapple Casserole, Rolls, Dessert, Tea and/or Water.* 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 Wednesday evening of *December 11* following the Family Night Dinner, *Pastor Stephen Bazan* will conclude the *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.



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 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
Monday	December 9
5:30 p.m.	Missions Committee Meeting— ACR
7:00 p.m.	Troop 99 Meeting—FH
Tuesday	December 10
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting—Parlor/OEB
6:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting—FH
6:00 p.m.	Pack Committee Meeting—Rubles
Wednesday	December 11
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 concludes—WH
6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal— Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal—WH
Thursday	December 12
7:00 a.m.	Men at the Table—ACR
6:00 p.m.	SPRC—WH
Friday	December 13 Church Office Closed
7:00 p.m.	Wiccacon Chapter Meeting—FH
Saturday	December 14
11:00 a.m.	Matthew 25 Fellowship Lunch— FH
Sunday	December 15 Third Sunday of Advent
8:00 a.m.	Methodist Men's Breakfast—FH
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.	BathTime Missional Community— WH Kitchen
11:15 a.m.	Christmas Cantata—Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Channels Missional Community Christmas Bags for John Cotton Tayloe—ACR/Hallway;WH

God's Servants Worship Services ~ December 8 ~

Nursery: Brett O'Brien, Kim Hernandez
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

~ December 15 ~

Nursery: Kim Sawyer, Susan Bailey
Wesley Hall—9:00 a.m.

Lighting Advent
Wreath: Jerry and Rachael Cessna

Altar Guild: Nancy Jessup,
Nancy Hemink, Sheila Tanner,
Joan Campbell, Bea Dillon

Communion Lynn Bassett, Matt Sopher,
Servers: Fritz and Sheila Tanner,
Tim and Kim Copeland,
Ed and Brenda Anderson,
Mary Toler (gluten-free)

Holy Java: Methodist Men
Praise & Prayer: Larry Lang
Welcome Center: Ken/Lee Matveia
Camera: Greg Cushing
Sound: Erin Franz
Streaming: Sarabeth Franz
Video: Seth Edwards

Sanctuary—11:15 a.m.

Lighting Advent
Wreath: Chris and Allyson Bollow
Family

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

Second Sunday of Advent December 8, 2024



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BLENDDED WORSHIP SERVICE

9:00 a.m.

Gathering Song Praise Team

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Cadmus and Stephanie Capehart Family

***Call to Worship**
Leader: Blessed be the God of Israel who has redeemed us.
PEOPLE: GOD HAS RAISED UP A MIGHTY SAVIOR FOR US AND REMEMBERED THE HOLY COVENANT.

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 Trey Howdy
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 3:1-6

Sermon “A Holiday Interruption” Rev. Ken Hall, Jr.

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.
 Sarah Purvis, Rob and Libby Cameron, Tony Wilkinson,
 Richard and Ann Jones, Kevin and Janice O’Kane
 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



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.*

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

11:15 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “Prepare for the Coming of the Lord” Lloyd Larson

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Reid and Sally Brodie

***Call to Worship**
Leader: Blessed be the God of Israel who has redeemed us.
PEOPLE: GOD HAS RAISED UP A MIGHTY SAVIOR FOR US AND REMEMBERED THE HOLY COVENANT.

***Hymn** “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” No. 213

***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
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Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “In the Bleak Midwinter” Holst
 Arr. by Sprunger

***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 “He Shall Feed His Flock” Handel
 Pattie Hopkins Kinlaw, Violin Arr. by Whitworth
 Charley Ann Hopkins, Organ

Scripture Lesson Luke 3:1-6

Sermon “A Holiday Interruption” Rev. Ken Hall, Jr.

***Hymn** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” No. 211
St. 1-4

***Benediction**

***Postlude** “Hark, the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes” Wilbur Held

***Congregation standing.**



*The Altar Flowers in the Sanctuary
 are given to the
 Glory of God.*

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.



“Because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

Luke 1:78-79 (NIV)



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 December 1, 2024	
Worship Attendance (in person)	256
Worship Attendance (online).....	356
Sunday School Attendance	76
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 12/01/2024	\$ 18,850

Online
 Contributions

