

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

Welcome. Please welcome *Wayne and Charley Ann Hopkins* this morning during the *11:15 a.m. Worship Service*. We also welcome *Nic Stemberge* who will offer special music on the organ. We thank them for joining us today to share their talents.

Family Night Dinner. Please *sign up* at the *Welcome Center* or *outside the Sanctuary* by *Noon* on *Monday, January 6*, or call the church office. The menu for *Wednesday, January 8*, at *5:30 p.m.* includes *Chicken Pastry, Sweet Potatoes, Cabbage, Rolls, Dessert, Tea and/or Water*. *The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12.*

Wednesday Night Bible Study. Join us on Wednesday night at *6:15 p.m.* following dinner to begin a new study titled *“Love in Chaos.”* Each week we will view a short video clip then have discussions talking about Love in Chaos. This study shows that we don’t have to look far to see division in our world but helps us in how we can respond to this chaos and what it’s like to live faithfully to God in these times. Join us starting *Wednesday, January 8 through February 19*. If you miss a week, it’s okay! Bring your Bible and a notebook and be ready to continue our growing in Christ!

Head to Toe Project. The *Matthew 25* team is now collecting *cold weather comfort items* to share with our guests at the *January 11* and *February 8* meals. We need donations of *new knit hats, gloves, scarves, and socks* that would be suitable for adults and children. Please consider making a donation. You may place items in the basket labeled Matthew 25 outside the Sanctuary or in the bin outside Wesley Hall. For more information *contact Lorre Bowen at 252-944-6548* or email her at *lorrebowen@gmail.com*.

February Newsletter. Lamplighter articles will be due on *Monday, January 13*.

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 through March 19*. *Registration forms* are at the Welcome Center outside Wesley Hall and on the table outside the Sanctuary. *Call Laura Davis at 252-943-4711 with any questions.*

Children & Youth. Wednesday activities will *resume* upstairs on *Wednesday, January 15* at *6:15 p.m.* We look forward to starting a new series on *“Fruits of the Spirit!”* See you there.

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	January 5
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	January 6
	Preschool Teacher Workday No school for students.
Tuesday	January 7 Circle Meetings
	Preschool Resumes
9:30 a.m.	Methodist Women Executive Board Meeting—ACR
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting—Parlor/OEB
6:00 p.m.	Trustees Meeting—ACR
1:00 p.m.	Sunday School Leaders—ACR
Wednesday	January 8
4:00 p.m.	Men of Redemption—ACR
5:30 p.m.	Family Night Dinner—WH
6:15 p.m.	Bible Study “Love in Chaos”—WH
7:30 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal—WH
Thursday	January 9
6:00 p.m.	SPRC—ACR
Friday	January 10
Saturday	January 11
11:00 a.m.	Matthew 25 Fellowship Luncheon—FH, FH Kitchen
Sunday	January 12
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
6:00 p.m.	Yahoos—Off-Campus

**God’s Servants
Worship Services
~ January 5 ~**
Nursery: Brett O’Brien, Kim Sawyer
Wesley Hall—9:00 a.m.
Altar Guild: Katherine Davis,
Buffy Lich, Anne Baxter,
Sarah Purvis, Kim Sawyer
Communion Servers: Tom and Paula Willey,
Lynn Bassett, Matt Sopher,
Keith and Gail Travis,
George and
Bonnie Isovitsch
Mary Toler (gluten-free)
Holy Java: ABC
Praise & Prayer: Judy Peede
Welcome Center: Judy Griffin
Camera: Chris Stemberge
Sound: Steve Toler
Streaming: Will Jefferson
Video: Kari Hall
Sanctuary—11:15 a.m.
Altar Guild: Gay Reames, Kay Smith,
Kaye Alligood, Jane Weaver
Sound: Charlie Moore
~ January 12 ~
Nursery: Morgan Bullard, Delaney O’Brien
Wesley Hall—9:00 a.m.
Altar Guild: Katherine Davis,
Buffy Lich, Anne Baxter,
Sarah Purvis, Kim Sawyer
Communion Servers: Sarah Purvis,
Tony Wilkinson,
Rob and Libby Cameron,
Dal and Ginger Newbold,
Will and Beth Page,
Mary Toler (gluten-free)
Holy Java: Friendship
Praise & Prayer: George Isovitsch
Welcome Center: Chris/Linda Smith
Camera: To be Determined
Sound: Erin Franz
Streaming: To be Determined
Video: To be Determined
Sanctuary—11:15 a.m.
Altar Guild: Gay Reames, Kay Smith,
Kaye Alligood, Jane Weaver
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

Epiphany Sunday January 5, 2025



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BLENDDED WORSHIP SERVICE

Gathering Song 9:00 a.m.
Praise Team

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Arise, shine, for our light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen on us!

PEOPLE: LET US LIFT UP OUR EYES AND LOOK AROUND;
THAT WE MIGHT SEE GOD'S 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 Judy Peede

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 Isaiah 60:1-6

Sermon "From Darkness to Light" 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.*

*Tom and Paula Willey, Lynn Bassett, Matt Sopher,
Keith and Gail Travis, George and Bonnie Isovitsch
Mary Toler (gluten-free)*

***Concluding Song** Praise Team

***Benediction**

***Please stand as led.**

Praise Team

*Pam Carson, Neva Cashion, Dixon Davis,
Jim O'Brian, Bill Peele, Dale Peele, Les Sheridan, Laurie Weston*

Ushers

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



*The Altar Flowers
are given to the*

Glory of God

and in loving memory of

Harvey and Ophelia Dixon

*and in remembrance of their anniversary
by their daughters.*



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Welcome and Announcements 11:15 a.m.

Prelude "Prelude in F Major" J.S. Bach
Nic Stembridge, Organ

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Arise, shine, for our light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen on us!

PEOPLE: LET US LIFT UP OUR EYES AND LOOK AROUND;
THAT WE MIGHT SEE GOD'S SALVATION.

***Hymn** "Angels from the Realms of Glory" No. 220

***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 Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Three Kings of Orient" Janet Linker

***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 "Mary, Did You Know?" Lowrey and Greene
Wayne Hopkins, Solo and Charley Ann Hopkins, Piano

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6

Sermon "From Darkness to Light" 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** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" No. 206

***Benediction**

***Postlude** "Nicaea" Lloyd Larson
Nic Stembridge, Organ

***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.



"...This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
1 Corinthians 11:24 (RSV)



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 December 29, 2024

Worship Attendance (in person) 154
Worship Attendance (online)..... N/A
Sunday School AttendanceN/A

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 12/29/2024 \$ 92,811

Online
Contributions

