

# Welcome to Worship at Wesley

New Year's Eve

*First Sunday of Christmas*

Watch Night Service

Welcome to Wesley! If you have any questions or special needs, please speak to an usher.  
Worship activity bags for children are hanging on a rack at the back of the church.  
Large-print hymnals and bulletins and assisted hearing devices, are available from the ushers.  
Nursery care is provided for infants and toddlers in Room 202.

## *Gathering for Praise*

**Gathering Music**

Marge Myrold

**\*Welcome and Greeting**

(Please sign the ritual of friendship attendance pad and pass to others in the pew.)

**\*Opening Hymn**

*Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine*

Red Hymnal 606

**\*Opening Prayer**

**O God, searcher of all our hearts,  
you have formed us as a people and claimed us for your own.  
As we come to acknowledge your sovereignty and grace,  
and to enter anew into covenant with you,  
reveal any reluctance or falsehood within us.  
Let your Spirit impress your truth on our inmost being,  
and receive us in mercy,  
for the sake of our Mediator, Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer and *The Lord's Prayer***

**\* If able, please stand where asterisks appear.**

## *Offering Ourselves in Thanksgiving*

**Receiving of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

Red Hymnal 94

**\*Litany of Thanksgiving**

Let us give thanks for all of God's mercies.  
O God, our Covenant Friend, you have been gracious to us  
through all the years of our lives.  
We thank you for your loving care, which has filled our days  
and brought us to this time and place.

**We praise your holy name, O God.**

You have given us life and reason, and set us in a world filled with your glory.  
You have comforted us with family and friends,  
and ministered to us through the hands of sisters and brothers.

**We praise your holy name, O God.**

You have filled our hearts with a hunger after you,  
and have given us your peace.  
You have redeemed us, and called us to a high calling in Christ Jesus.  
You have given us a place in the fellowship of your Spirit  
and the witness of your Church.

**We praise your holy name, O God.**

You have been our light in darkness  
and a rock of strength in adversity and temptation.  
You have been the very spirit of joy in our days  
and the all-sufficient reward in all our labors.

**We praise your holy name, O God.**

You remembered us when we forgot you.  
You followed us even when we tried to flee from you.  
You met us with forgiveness when we returned to you.  
For all your patience and overflowing grace,

**we praise your holy name, O God.**

# *Proclamation of God's Word*

Children's Conversation

Pastor Jerry Bass

\* Prayer for Illumination (Charles Wesley)

**Come, divine Interpreter,  
bring us eyes thy book to read,  
ears the mystic words to hear,  
words which did from thee proceed,  
words that endless bliss impart,  
kept in an obedient heart.  
All who read or hear are blessed,  
if thy plain commands we do;  
of thy kingdom here possessed,  
thee we shall in glory view  
when thou comest on earth to abide,  
reign triumphant at thy side.**

\* Scripture Hymn      *Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire*      Red Hymnal 603

First Scripture Lesson      Deuteronomy 30: 11-20; 31: 9-13

Second Scripture Lesson      Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Message      *Are we party to biblical covenants?*

## *Entering into Covenant with God*

Invitation      Projected

Covenant Prayer      Projected

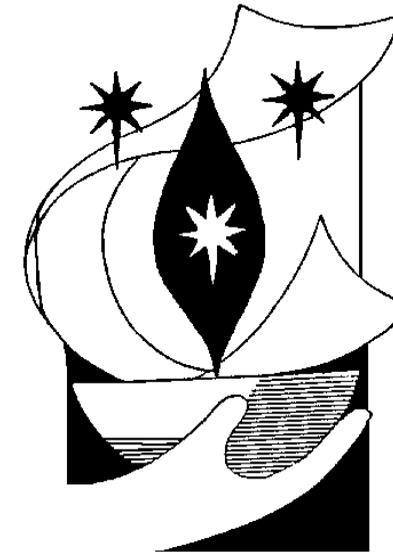
\*Closing Hymn      *Joy to the World*      Red Hymnal 246

\*Benediction

# Wesley United Methodist Church

Sunday, December 31, 2017

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Watch Night Service



*The days are surely coming, says the Lord,  
when I will make a new covenant  
with the house of Israel and the house of Judah ...  
I will put my law within them,  
and I will write it on their hearts;  
and I will be their God,  
and they shall be my people.*

● Jeremiah 31:31,33