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| Scripture Reading | Isaiah 2:2-5 | Rev. Mays |
| Sermon | “Peace Made Possible” | Rev. Mays |
| *Hymn | “People, Look East” | UMH #202 |
| *Benediction | | Rev. Mays |
| *Choral Benediction | “He Is the Light That Shines” Chancel Choir | Ruth E. Schram |
| *Postlude | “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” Gail Douglas | Converse/Berry |

** Please stand as you are able.
UMH–United Methodist Hymnal*

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First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022



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The Worship of God
November 27, 2022
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Welcome and Announcements Rev. Erik A. Mays

Chiming of the Hour Gail Douglas

Prelude "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" arr. Jason Krug
Gail Douglas

Lighting of the Candles Charlee Hannah Futral

Choral Call to Worship "Wondering" Jane Marshall
Chancel Choir
Handbell Descant by Jennifer Jones, Teresa Futral, Lindsey Mays, and Carla Burgoyne

Call to Worship Rev. Mays

Come, let's turn to the Holy.
We come to worship God our Creator.
Come, bring your hopes, fears, and longing for a better world.
We come to praise the Prince of Peace.
Come, as your whole self - body, mind, and soul.
We come to receive the Spirit who gives us life.
God, as we attend to you, fill us with peace. Amen.

Opening Prayer Rev. Mays

Lighting of the First Advent Candle Jan and Tammy Hollis

*Hymn "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" UMH #203

*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* UMH #881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

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.

Children's Moment Teresa Futral

Offertory Prayer Rev. Mays

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Of the Father's Love Begotten" arr. Mark Hayes
Gail Douglas

*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer Praises & Concerns

Choral Call to Prayer "Hear Us, Lord" Hal Hopson

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Rev. Mays

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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem "The Coming of the Lord" Pepper Choplin
Chancel Choir

Lift up your heads, O gates, and make the highway straight,
prepare to celebrate the coming of the Lord.
Your waiting soon will end, God's glory will descend,
rise up and welcome in the coming of the Lord!

The ancient words foretell. God with us, He will dwell.
Christ, our Emmanuel, and all will see the glory of the Lord!

O come, O come, Emmanuel...
O come, prepare the way of the Lord.
And then the deaf will hear, the blind will see Him clear,
the mute will find their voice, the lame will leap for joy,
Prepare the way of the coming of the Lord!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, our God will come to us.
Prepare the way for the coming of the Lord.



Impossible Advent Series
November 27 - January 1

Prophets are painters. They paint pictures of a time to come when people will be at peace with one another, hope will be made real, and all will shout for joy! Even if that time seems far off, we know it has already begun in Jesus, who is love come down to transform our lives and the world. This Advent season, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we celebrate how he has made possible what once seemed impossible - peace, hope, joy and love!

Gingerbread Bash

Sunday, December 11, 2-4 pm

We'll play games, have snacks, make gingerbread nativity scenes, and learn why Jesus is the Best Gift Ever! Everyone is welcome! Please let us know if you are coming and how many nativity kits we will need for your group. Church members are asked to help us with supplies for this community event. There is a sign up for items in the elevator lobby .

Live Nativity

Monday, December 12,
and Tuesday, December 13, 6-8 pm

Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 18, 11 am

Parsonage Christmas Open House

Sunday, December 18, 4-6 pm

Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 24
Carols at 4:45 pm,
Candlelight Service at 5 pm

Christmas Day Worship

10 am in the Chapel

Advent devotionals are available on the tables by the doors.



Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 3

9am - 11am | Zachry Center

Come have breakfast with Santa! All ages welcome! Receive a professional photo with Santa. \$5 per person donation to support:



Sunday, December 4

Noon-3 pm

In the Bloodmobile



The Christian Service Center serves families throughout our area. They are in need of toys for children ages 1-12. Toys should be unwrapped and dropped off at the church by December 4. Flyers with more information are available in the vestibule.

Welcome to West Point First United Methodist Church

Whether this is your first time with us or not, we greet you this day in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If this is your first time, we are especially glad that you're with us and pray you experience the peace and love of God through worship today. As a first time guest, please come to the side door nearest Ave C following the service so we can give you a gift to say "thank you" for coming. If you need assistance for anything, please see an usher. A Nursery for children ages 3 and under is available on the lower level.

The Advent Peace Banner displayed in the sanctuary this morning was given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James (Jim) Darsey Barton by his family.

Prayer Concerns:

The Family of Mary Anne Lester, The Family of Mel Lucas, The Family of John Tidwell, Graham Finlay, Richard Fuller, Mary Louise Smith, Reynolds Smith, Al and Jackie Hammer, Jim Frank, Sharon Cowart, Martha Elder, Larry Prestridge, Linda James, Lisa Ann Soehnel, Gerry Lanier, Alice Ward, Bentley Bryant, Sarah Auler, Cody Martin, Margaret Bartlett, Lakin Rayfield, Jacob Grubbs, Those impacted by Hurricanes, The people of Ukraine and Russia, Communities impacted by recent violence

This Week at WPFUMC

Sunday, November 27

..... 9:00 am: Patchwork Worship
..... 9:45 am: Sunday School
..... 11:00 am: Morning Worship
..... 1:30 pm: Handbells

Monday, November 28

..... 10:00 am: Staff Meeting
..... 12:45 pm: Handbells

Tuesday, November 29

..... 1:00 pm: Food Closet
..... 6:00 pm: AA

Wednesday, November 30

..... 5:15 pm: Kingdom Kids
..... 6:00 pm: Wednesday Night Supper
Baked Pork Chops, Manger's Choice Vegetables, Salad Bar, Rolls, Dessert
..... 6:30 pm: Carol Choir
..... 7:00 pm: Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 1

..... 12:00 pm: Soup Kitchen

Friday, December 2

..... 6:45 am: Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, December 3

..... 9:00 am: Breakfast with Santa