

# Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

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*At Wesley we foster a sanctuary culture by creating a safe environment where all feel welcomed, loved, accepted, valued, and affirmed for who they are, through intentional practices such as empathy, compassion, generosity, hospitality, and inclusion.*

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*For the safety of every worshipper, please observe the following guidelines regardless of your vaccine status.*

- **Wear a mask covering your mouth and nose all the time during worship.**
  - **Keep social distancing in your sanctuary seating.**
  - **Remain seated as we sing our hymns and praise songs.**
  - **Please let an usher know if you have questions, need assistance, or have a concern about health or safety.**
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Prelude

Savior of the Nations, Come  
Comfort, Comfort Now My People  
Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

William Ness, organ  
J. Buttstedt 1666-1727  
M. Burkhardt b. 1957  
P. P. Stearns 1931-2016

Greeting & Announcement

\*Advent Candle Lighting

Gary Robinson, Liturgist

One: The days are surely coming, says God, when I will fulfill the promises I have made.

**Many: To you, O God, we lift up our souls. In you, O God, we trust.**

One: The one who is coming will show us the path of steadfast love and faithfulness.

**Many: Teach us your ways, O God of our salvation. We light this candle in the sure hope that God's promises endure.**

*[Light the first Advent candle.]*

**All: We will live in the light of hope as we await the coming of the Christ.**

Hymn

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.

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\* Please stand in body or in spirit

Advent Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**We confess, Gracious God, that we have not always turned to you for guidance. At times we have allowed the world's time to dominate your time. Forgive us for our sins of impatience and hurriedness. Forgive us when we have slumbered instead of remaining alert, waiting and watching for you. Forgive us for allowing the world's fears to become our fears. Shine upon us this Advent season so that we may be restored unto you. Guide us into your time. As we call upon your name, hear our prayers and give us life. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Praise Song

Desmond Cheatham, keyboard

**Ayeyi Wura (You Own Our Praise)**

A-ye-yi Wurae' ----A-ye-yi Wurae'  
Ye yi W'aye Na ye Ma Wo so!

*English:*

*You own our praise! You own our praise!  
We praise you, Lord, and we lift you high!*

**I will lift up your name higher**

I will lift up your name higher...

Great Jehovah you are wonderful  
I will lift up your name higher...

Ministry Moments: Missions Committee

Betsy Pennino

Choral Call to Prayer

Prayers of the People & 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.**

Choral Amen

Hebrew Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

\*Gospel Reading

Luke 21:25-36

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Anthem

Kyerε me Kwan (Show Me the Way)

Justice F. Francoir

Show me the way, show me the way, Almighty God, show me the way so I may not be lost.  
Only you know where you are going.

Only You know. Will it go well? Only You know. Take my hand, lead me, Almighty God.  
Take my hand, hold me, lead me, that I may not stumble.

Message

Rev. Byungmoo Lee

Confession of Faith: The Immigrant Apostle's creed (unison)

**I believe in Almighty God**

**Who guided the people in exile and in exodus  
The God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon,  
The God of foreigners and immigrants**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean,**

**Who was born away from his people in his home,  
Who fled his country with his parents  
When his life was in danger**

**When he returned to his own country**

**He suffered under the oppression of Pontius Pilate,  
The servant of foreign power.**

**Jesus was persecuted, beaten, tortured**

**And unjustly condemned to death.**

**But on the third day Jesus rose from the dead,**

**Not as a scorned foreigner  
But to offer us citizenship in God's kingdom.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**The eternal immigrant from God's kingdom among us,  
Who speaks all languages, lives all countries,  
And reunites all races.**

**I believe that the Church is the secure home**

**For foreigners and for all believers.**

**I believe that the communication of saints begins**

**When we embrace all God's people in all their diversity.**

**I believe in forgiveness, which makes us all equal before God,**

**And in reconciliations, which heals our brokenness.**

**I believe that in the Resurrection, God will unite us as one people**

**In which all are distinct and all are alike at the same time.**

**I believe in life eternal,**

**In which no one will be a foreigner but all will be citizens  
Of the kingdom where God reigns forever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn

Song of Hope

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*(Soloist sings in Spanish first; then everyone sings in English and repeats the refrain.)*

May the God of hope go with us everyday,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
[Refrain] Praying, let us work for peace;  
singing, share our joy with all;  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

Benediction

Postlude

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

Michael Burkhardt

*On your way out you may leave your tithe/offering and attendance slip in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. You can also mail your offering to the church or give online via church website (wesleyworc.org).*

Advent Candle Lighting – by F. Richard Garland, The UMC Discipleship Ministries, Resources,  
Advent Wreath Meditations

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