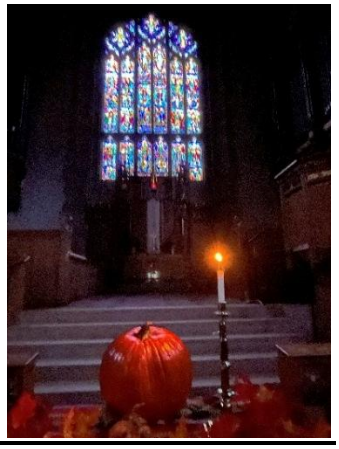
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Serving the Community with Faith & Love Since 1927!

Rev. Nizzi Santos Digan, Pastor & Spiritual Director

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
International Sunday
November 8, 2026
10:00 AM



Mission Statement: *At Wesley United Methodist Church, 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.*

Please let an usher know if you have questions, need assistance, or have a concern about health or safety.

Please Stand in Body or in Spirit When You See the *

Prelude Eun Hee Park, organ
O Word of God Incarnate *Edward Broughton, composer*

Welcome Rev. Nizzi Digan

Centering *As We Gather*

As we gather may Your Spirit work within us. As we gather may we glorify Your name
Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship, we'll be blessed because we came.

***Call to Worship**

One: We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.
ALL: We are the light of the world.
One: We are called to follow the commandments and the law.
ALL: The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.
One: Come, let us be the light of the world.
ALL: Come, let us love one another with the love of God. Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus. Alleluia! Amen.

***Processional Hymn** *This Little Light of Mine* UMH 585

This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let in shine. (let it shine)

Everywhere I go I'm goin'-a let it shine,
everywhere I go I'm goin'-a let it shine,
everywhere I go I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let in shine. (let it shine)

All through the night, I'm goin'-a let it shine
all through the night, I'm goin'-a let it shine
all through the night, I'm goin'-a let it shine
let it shine, let it shine, let in shine. (let it shine)

***Praise Songs**

God You're So Good

God you're so good. God you are kind.
God you are wonderful. My God, you are excellent...

Excellent is Thy name. Excellent is Thy might.
God you are wonderful. My God you are excellent...

Ayeyi Wura (You Own Our Praise) *[Feel free to sing in either language]*

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

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

Opening Prayer

Jesus, You are the Light of the World. Shine Your light in us today. Chase away the darkness of sin, the darkness of fear and doubt and despair. Fill us with the light of Your truth, Your Word. Produce in us the fruit of righteousness – the evidence that Your Holy Spirit lives in us and works in us and works through us. Teach me what is pleasing to You. Make me a shining example of Your amazing grace, redeeming love, and life-changing power. May others be drawn to You through me. Amen.

(Moment of Silence for Personal Confession)

Assurance of Pardon *God Is Forgiveness* Debbie O'Driscoll

God is forgiveness. Dare to forgive and God will be with you.
God is forgiveness. Love and do not fear.

Time for the Child in Each of Us Pastor Nizzi

Happy birthday to you! To Jesus be true.
May God's richest blessings now rest upon you.

Music Thank you, Jesus. Amen. Alleluia! Amen. Twi: Me-da-ase, Yesu. Alleluia! Amen.

Call to Prayer Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness TFWS 2120, refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.

Prayers of the People Pastor Nizzi

The Lord's Prayer

(You are invited to pray in the language of your choice to celebrate our diversity.)

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.

***Gospel Reading** Matthew 5:14-16 (NRSVUE)

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Anthem Chancel Choir

You Are My Song *Cindy Berry, composer*

Lord, I worship you: Lord, I adore you. To You all praise belong.
For in You I move and have my being. You are my song.
You are my song of peace, my song of hope, Of life that only You can give.
My spirit sings salvation's song. Jesus died that I might live.
Lord, I worship You: Lord, I adore You. To You all praises belong.
For in You I move and have my being, You are my song.
Let the seas resound; Let the mountains sing. Let heav'n and earth rejoice.
Soon I'll bow before Your throne, and with the angels I'll lift my voice.
Lord, I worship You; Lord, I adore You. To You all praises belong.
For in You I move and have my being. You are my song.
You are my song. You are my song.

Message *Let Your Light Shine* Allison Hansen

The Offering & Offertory Music Ghanaian Choir

Amman Mma – Children of the World

Children of the world, children of the world, praise the Lord, for He is a mighty King.

Children of the world, children of the world, praise the Lord, for He is a mighty King.

He has conquered death. When He speaks, everything remains still. He is a conqueror. We will worship Him always.

Children of the world, children of the world, praise the Lord, for he is a mighty King.

Children of the world, go! We will sing for Him. We will shout praises unto Him. We will magnify Him always. We will give him all the glory and honor.

***Doxology** Tune: OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God, above, ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication** Debbie O'Driscoll

God of all creation, source of every blessing: You have given us so much. As we bring our tithes and gifts to You this day, these seem so small by comparison, unless we see that we are truly called to give ourselves back to the world. May we be the light that helps others find their way to Your love and care. We pray all of this in the mighty name of Jesus, who came to help us see all we could be. Amen.

***Passing of Peace** *Shalom* *Mensah Essilfie, composer*

God's peace be unto you, we wish you Shalom!
The peace of God which transcends all understanding be with you forevermore.

Announcements Gifty Bentum-Asante

***Recessional Hymn** *We Are the Church* UMH 558

***Benediction** Rev. Nizzi Digan

Refrain: I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world? Yes, we're the church together!

The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,
the church is not a resting place, the church is a people. ***Refrain***

We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces,
all colors and all ages, too, from all times and places. ***Refrain***

Sometimes the church is marching, sometimes it's bravely burning,
sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding, always it's learning. ***Refrain***

And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying,
there's laughing, and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying. ***Refrain***

At Pentecost some people received the Holy Spirit
and told the Good News through the world to all who would hear it. ***Refrain***

Postlude Eun Hee Park, organ

Crown Him with Many Crowns *George J. Elvey, composer*

Worship Leaders: Evette Walters (liturgist), Gifty Bentum-Asante, Desmond Cheetham, Allison Hansen, Debbie O'Driscoll (Lay Spiritual Director), Eun Hee Park, Jennifer Quansah, Gary Robinson

Ushers: Akosua Ababio, Padmore Amoako, Osei Ansah, Vivian Assie, David Dagle, Bill Robbins, Douglas Taylor, Sharon Walters,

Tech Team: Kwadwo Amoako, Kwame Boateng, Brent Drajesk, Lawrence Hammond, Peter Hansen

Chancel Choir: Janice England, Danielle Ferdinand, Bonnie Garriepy, Allison Hansen, Peter Hansen, Sandy McManus, Debbie O' Driscoll, Gary Robinson, Dick Segersten, Enoh Ukpong, Jackie Wetton, Pastor Nizzi

Ghanaian Choir: Mercy Agyemang, Pauline Ansah, Violet Ansah, Gifty Bentum-Asante, Nora Demanya, Yaw Enyim, Elizabeth Osei Boateng, Emmanuel Paitoo, Jennifer Quansah, Evans Quayson, Florence Twumasi

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This Week at Wesley

**Outside groups. Registration is required.*

Sunday, November 8, 2026

9:00 am Adult Sunday School (JW)
10:00 am Worship
10:30 am Children's Sunday School
11:30 am International Lunch
11:45 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Sunday AA (CH)

Monday, November 9, 2026

7:00 pm Action Team (Zoom)

Tuesday, November 10, 2026

10:30 am Sunshine Girls – Edna Bloom

Wednesday, November 11, 2026 – Veteran's Day – OFFICE CLOSED

12:00 pm Prayer Circle (MEL) – *All are Invited!*
7:00 pm AA-BBSS (CH)

Thursday, November 12, 2026

5:30 pm Fruits of Labor Basketball *

Friday, November 13, 2026

5:00 pm Miranda/Renkin Wedding Rehearsal
5:30 pm Fruits of Labor Basketball *

Saturday, November 14, 2026

9:30 am Ghanaian Choir Rehearsal (MEL)
9:30 am UWF Steering Committee (JW)
10:00 am Korean School (3Fl)
10:00 am Masons (LL CR1)
3:00 pm Miranda/Renkin Wedding
7:00 pm Contra-Dance (BH, EH)

Sunday, November 15, 2026

9:00 am Adult Sunday School (JW)
10:00 am Worship
10:30 am Children's Sunday School
11:30 am Luncheon after Worship
12:00 pm CHURCH CONFERENCE following Luncheon
4:30 pm Greater Accra Social Club
7:00 pm Sunday AA (CH)

What's Coming Up…

Sunday, November 15, 2026 – Lunch & Church Conference

Sunday, November 22, 2026 – Thanksgiving Sunday

UWF Bake/Craft/Plant Sale