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Rev. Nizzi Santos Digan, Pastor & Spiritual Director

Reign of Christ
Thanksgiving Sunday
November 22, 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
Suite for Orgel — *Henry Purcell, composer*

Welcome — Gary Robinson

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** — *Psalm 100* — UMH 821

Response: Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into God's presence with singing!
Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.
We are the Lord's;
we are the people of God,
the sheep of God's pasture.
Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,
and God's courts with praise!
Give thanks and bless God's name!
For the Lord is good;
God's steadfast love endures for ever;
God's faithfulness to all generations. ***Response***

*__Processional Hymn__ *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* UMH 694

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day all offenses purge away,
giving angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring the final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified, in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

***Praise Songs**

Me yi N'aye (I Will Praise Him) [Feel free to sing in either language]

Me yi n'ayɛ, Me yi Nyamea' yɛ...
Me yi Nyamea' yɛ, Halleluyah, Halleluyah, Halleluyah ...

I will praise God, I will praise my God...
I will praise my God, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah...

I Have Joy in My Heart

I have joy in my heart, deep, deep down in my heart...

Jesus gave to me, and no one can destroy it.
I have joy in my heart; deep, deep down in my heart...

Opening Prayer

For the healing love you have offered to us; for the patience you have with us; for your presence that will never fail, we give you thanks, O Lord. Bring our hearts and spirits to you that we may grow in our faith and service to you by serving others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. 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 Rhianna Burke

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 Joseph Wilson

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

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** Jesus Cleanses Ten Men with a Skin Disease *Luke 17:11-19* NRSVUE

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

Anthem Chancel Choir

The First Psalm *Pepper Choplin, composer*

Blessed are the ones who do not follow the counsel of the wicked
nor follow in the way that sinners tread, nor join with the scoffers.
But they delight in the Word of the Lord,
And they meditate on it through the day and night, the day and night.
Blessed are the ones who love the Lord.

Blessed are the ones like the trees that are planted by the flowing river.
They will bear good fruit. They will not wither; they prosper in all they do.
For they delight in the Word of the Lord.
And they meditate on it through the day and night, the day and night.
Blessed are the ones who love the Lord.

The Lord watches over their way.
The Lord watched over the righteous.
The Lord watches over their way.
Oh, blessed are the ones, the ones who love the Lord.
Blessed are the ones who will listen to words of wisdom,
who follow in the way of the pure and join with the faithful.
For they delight in the Word of the Lord.

And they meditate on it through the day and night, the day and night.
Blessed are the ones who love the Lord.
Blessed are the ones who love the Lord.

A Hymn Close to My Heart Gary Robinson

Hymn *It is Well with My Soul* UMH 377

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrow like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.

***Refrain*:** It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and that shed his own blood for my soul. ***Refrain***

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! ***Refrain***

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul. ***Refrain***

A Hymn Close to My Heart Sheniqua Rogers

Song *Goodness of God* *Bethel Music, composer*

I love You, Lord for Your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held in Your hand
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

'Cause all my life, You have been faithful. And all my life, You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice, you have lead me through the fire
In darkest night, you are close like no other
I've known You as a Father. I've known You as a friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God (hey)

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I surrender now; I give You everything, oh Lord
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me

A Hymn Close to My Heart Chris & Earl Flagg

Hymn *Great is Thy Faithfulness* UMH 140

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. ***Refrain***

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. ***Refrain***

The Offering & Offertory Music Ghanaian Choir

God is King *J. K Amissah,, composer*

God is King, God is King, God is King
God is a great King and He is the King of Kings
All Knowing God, all righteousness belongs to You
King of Wisdom, Shepherd King, God of Judgements,
King, our lives belong to You.
The All Knowing God, God of Judgements,
God of the seas and the Sun, the Lord of Heaven and Earth
The King of the poor, life of the sick, the walking cane of the leper
Our lives belong to you.
God is a great King, He deserves our praise
Our King is deserving of our praise
He is a mighty God and is deserving of our praise
He is indeed deserving of our praise.
So, let us praise Him using drums, strings, clapping
And with all the percussion and singing
He is deserving of our praise.
Let us begin the drumming, and all the other of instruments
We praise you God, the Lord is King, He is King indeed.
The Lord is King, let us adore him and praise him
Because the Lord is King.

***Doxology** UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

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

Compassionate Shepherd, you have blessed us beyond measure and taught us to find Your face in the hungry, the lonely, the stranger, and the forgotten. Receive these gifts and receive our lives, that we may become people whose generosity flows not from obligation but from love. Use our offerings to feed, welcome, comfort, and restore, so that others may glimpse Your kingdom through our care. And when we serve our neighbors, awaken us to the holy mystery that we are serving You. Shape us into disciples whose greatest joy is to love as Christ first loved us. 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 Hymnal** *Now Thank We All Our God* UMH 102

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

***Benediction** Rev. Nizzi Digan

Postlude Eun Hee Park, organ
Marche *Franz Lachner, composer*

Worship Leaders: Donna Hirtle (liturgist), Gifty Bentum-Asante, Desmond Cheetham, Debbie O'Driscoll (Lay Spiritual Director), Chris Flagg, Earl Flagg, Eun Hee Park, Jennifer Quansah, Gary Robinson, Sheniqua Rogers

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 22, 2026

UWF Bake, Craft & Plant Sale

9:00 am Adult Sunday School (JW)
10:00 am Worship
10:30 am Children's Sunday School
11:15 am Coffee Fellowship
11:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Sunday AA (CH)

Monday, November 23, 2026

Tuesday, November 24, 2026

Wednesday, November 25, 2026

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

Thursday, November 26, 2026

5:30 pm Fruits of Labor Basketball *

Friday, November 27, 2026

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Saturday, November 28, 2026

9:30 am Ghanaian Choir Rehearsal (MEL)
10:00 am Korean School (3Fl)
4:00 pm Community Dinner

Sunday, November 29, 2026 – Thanksgiving Sunday

First Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Adult Sunday School (JW)
10:00 am Worship
10:30 am Children's Sunday School
11:15 am Coffee Fellowship
11:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Sunday AA (CH)