

Welcome to Worship!

December 10, 2023



PRELUDE

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for signing the attendance pads.

*INVOCATION

Skyler Smith, Liturgist

Lord, we have stepped away from the busyness that invades this holy season. Recapture our minds, our hearts and our attention once more during this time of worship.

Help us to focus not on the list of things that remain to be done but instead let our focus be on you. Let this time of preparation reclaim us, reform us and make us whole — wholly ready for you. Amen.

*SOLO

"Mary Did You Know"

Lilly Robinson

ADVENT CANDLE READING & LIGHTING

Cruze Smith

Kenzie Fannin, **Candle Lighter**

Reader: In days when God's people longed for peace, Isaiah declared, "Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins" (Isaiah 40:1). We who gather today also seek comfort and peace, yet we are unsatisfied with ideas of peace that tell us to keep quiet and go with the flow. We long for real peace, true peace, just peace.

Congregation: We wait as people who yearn for peace that bears the fruit of community, equity, and flourishing for all.

Reader: We light these candles as signs of God's shocking hope and just peace. May they be beacons calling us to repent and to live the good news of Jesus Christ as we wait and watch and labor for the day when all people can gather together to worship and glorify God. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY with 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

ALL STARS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

INVITATION to the OFFERING with "Doxology"

No. 95

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Liturgist

**HYMN

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

No. 196

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 40: 1-11

Liturgist

CHORAL ANTHEM

Choir

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 1:1-8

SERMON

"Company's Coming: Clean Up Crew"

Rev. Greg Markins

*HYMN

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

No. 206

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORDS OF APPRECIATION: Many thanks to Connie and Greg Gesner, and Bob and Betty Miller for their dedication and hard work in decorating the church for the Christmas season.

ANGEL TREE: There are still angels on the Angel Tree, located in the church Narthex. Each angel will have the gender, age, sizes and/or gift wish of a hopeful child. All the Angels have been

vetted by ECCHO to insure their need and eligibility.

We ask that you take an Angel from the tree and **return their "wish" gift by December 17th at the 11:00 service.** Our church "elves" ask that you place their Christmas wish in a gift bag and attach the Angel card to the bag, this makes sorting and distribution so much easier.

We encourage you to make this a family project so your children experience the true meaning of the holiday season. Giving to those less fortunate is a life lesson we all need to instill in our children and grandchildren. If you would rather donate money for a gift or food cards, see Gina Crews, Robin Triplett, or Sandy Rupert.

If you have any questions, Sandy Rupert can be reached at 304-634-7812

ALL STARS 4 JESUS: Get back in the game and join All Stars 4 Jesus! We have exciting plans for the next few weeks. Come join us Wednesdays 5:30 p.m.-7:10 p.m. for choir, dinner, lessons and fun!

December 13th- All Star Christmas Party

December 20th and 27th- No All Stars

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE: Eddie and Vicki Smith invite everyone to their home at 8 Pembroke Lane, Huntington for their annual Christmas Open House. Mark your calendar for Thursday, December 28 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to come and tour their home adorned with twenty-seven trees and many Christmas collectibles.

ECCHO NEEDS: Canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, mac and cheese, spaghetti, pinto beans, canned pasta, soup, and household items such as toilet paper, bar soap, shampoo, and toothpaste.

We especially need financial support to continue to purchase additional commodities. Donations may be placed in the ECCHO Closet in the Narthex.

DIRECTORY PHOTOS: There is still time to get your picture taken for our church directory. **Today** is the make up day. The photo studio will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the church library located on the third floor.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Phyllis Argabrite
Eloise Baumgardner
Teresa Blake
Sandy Boggess
Dana Godfrey
Amy Herrenkohl
Mary Howard
Fred Huff
Monica Jackson
Virginia Keefer
Brenda Morning
Keith Ross
Chris Roy
Lois Silling
Karen Turman
Doris Wooten

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

SUNDAY-10

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:45 a.m.
SWAG 5:30 p.m.

MONDAY-11

Administrative Council 6:30 p.m.
Scouts 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY-12

Advent Study 1:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY-13

All Stars 4 Jesus Party 5:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY-14

Singles & More Christmas Party
6:00 p.m.

WEEKLY REPORT – December 3, 2023

GIVING

Needed per Week: \$8,039.15
Received: \$6,524.50

Monthly financial statements available upon request.

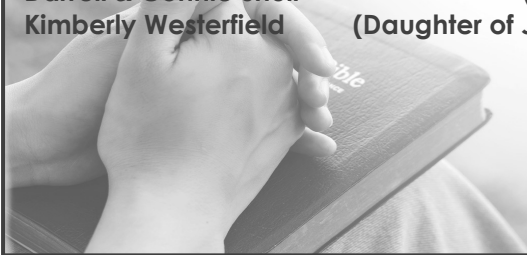
ATTENDANCE

Present: 140
Online Views: 14



FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN OUR PRAYERS

Bittner Ballard (Former Member of Steele)
John and Jill Chapman (Friend of Dick & Louetta Jimison)
Ed and Tina Kanias (Friends of Karen Canfield)
Darrell & Connie Shull (Parents of Rick Shull)
Kimberly Westerfield (Daughter of Jim & Nancy Allman)



UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

17-Angel Tree Gifts Deadline
Youth (SWAG) Christmas Party
24-Christmas Eve Worship
25-Merry Christmas! (Office Closed)

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WELCOME

to Steele Memorial
United Methodist Church

December 10, 2023

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER

Almighty God, break through and open doors to your new hopes, dreams, and possibilities for Steele Memorial and in our individual lives, and as you do, we will surrender and faithfully follow Christ onto the open road adventure of your new and unknow future. (Ephesians 3:20) Amen.

Prepare
room
for *Jesus*

