

**HOLIDAY WORSHIP TIMES**

**DECEMBER 25:**

**10:30 am Choral & Handbell Prelude**

*Come sing along!*

**11:00 am Worship**

**(no Sunday school)**

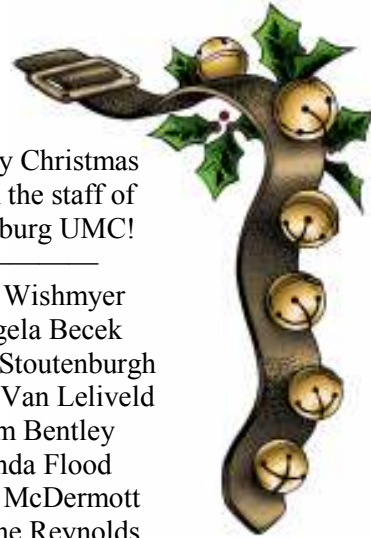
**JANUARY 1:**

**8:15, 9:45, & 11:00 am**

**John Wesley "Covenant Service"**

**and Holy Communion**

**(no Sunday School)**



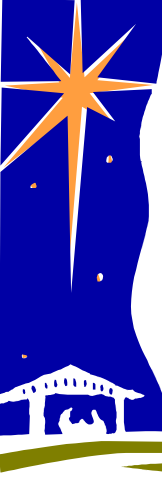
Merry Christmas  
from the staff of  
Leesburg UMC!

---

Jim Wishmyer  
Angela Becek  
Linda Stoutenburgh  
Laura Van Leliveld  
Pam Bentley  
Linda Flood  
Barb McDermott  
Wayne Reynolds  
Barry Simpson  
Chris Shelton  
Debbie Buttery

**About Our Christmas Offering Recipients**

- The Mission of the **United Methodist Family Services (UMFS)** is "Touch a Life. Create a Future." Our giving helps UMFS help children of families that have suffered abuse, neglect, crisis, and trauma in Virginia.
- **Heifer International** works to alleviate and eliminate poverty and hunger worldwide by giving "a hand up" to those in need.



**Leesburg United Methodist Church**  
107 W. Market Street  
Leesburg, VA 20176  
703-777-2056  
703-777-3382 (fax)  
[www.leesburgumc.org](http://www.leesburgumc.org)

---

**Rev. Jim Wishmyer:**  
Cell: 540-429-5504  
Home: 703-779-9655

**December 24, 2011, 11:00 pm**

# Welcome to Worship at Leesburg UMC!

## Christmas Eve

11:00 pm

December 24, 2011

*Please remember to silence all cell phones and pagers in preparation for worship.*



<b>Prelude</b> (10:45 pm)	<p>“Believe” <i>Corinna &amp; Colette Young</i></p> <p>“Away in a Manger” <i>soloist: Jennifer Leslie</i> traditional</p> <p>“Gesù Bambino” <i>soloist: Barry Simpson</i> Yon</p> <p>“Handbell Solo” <i>Jennifer Leslie</i></p> <p>“Christmas Medley” <i>organ &amp; bells: Debbie Buttery &amp; Tim Griffin</i> arr. Hopson</p>	
<b>Processional</b>	“O Come, All Ye Faithful” ( <i>verses 1, 2 &amp; 3</i> )	Insert
<b>Welcome</b>		Pastor Jim Wishmyer
<b>Bidding Prayer</b>		
<b>The Prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness</b>	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7	Janice Webb
<b>Carol</b>	“Come Thou, Long Expected Jesus”	Insert
<b>The King will usher in a reign of justice for the poor, and peace for all God’s creation</b>	Isaiah 11:1-4a, 5-9	Chuck Reavis
<b>Carol</b>	“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” ( <i>verse 4</i> )	Insert
<b>The birthplace of the Messiah announced</b>	Micah 5:2-5a	Bonita Metz

<b>Carol</b>	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	Insert
<b>Christmas Offering</b>	<i>United Methodist Family Services and Heifer International (half to each)</i>	
<b>Offertory</b>	“O Holy Night” <i>Chancel Choir</i>	Adam
<b>Doxology</b>	“Gloria” ( <i>refrain</i> ) <i>Gloria! In excelsis Deo!</i>	
<b>An angel appears to Mary</b>	Luke 1:26-38	Judy Craun
<b>Carol</b>	“There’s a Song in the Air” ( <i>verses 1 &amp; 2</i> )	Insert
<b>The Birth of Jesus</b>	Luke 2:1-7	Judy Reavis
<b>Carol</b>	“Away in a Manger”	Insert
<b>The Word Became Flesh</b>	John 1:1-4, 9-14	Jim Craun
<b>Anthem</b>	“Bethlehem Light” <i>Chancel Choir, soloist: Jennifer Leslie</i>	arr. Martin
<b>Angels appear to the Shepherds</b>	Luke 2:8-14	Elaine Hawn
<b>Message</b>	“Where Can We Find Him?”	Pastor Jim Wishmyer
<b>Holy Communion</b>		Insert
<b>Lighting of the Christ Candle</b>		
<b>Passing the Light of Christ and Peace of Christ</b>		
<b>Carol</b>	“Silent Night”	Insert
<b>Blessing</b>		Insert
<b>Carol</b>	“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”	Insert



### O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

1) O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels:  
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

2) True God from true God, Light from Light Eternal,  
Lo! He shuns not the Virgin's womb;  
Son of the Father, Begotten not created:  
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

3) Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to God In the highest:  
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

### COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

1) Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

2) Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,  
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

### O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

4) O come, thou root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy people be;  
Before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.



**C  
A  
R  
O  
L  
L  
Y  
R  
I  
C  
S**

11:00 pm



### O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

1) O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie;  
above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by.

Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

2) For Christ is born of Mary,  
and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars together,  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the king,  
and peace to all on earth!

3) How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is given;  
so God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming,  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him,  
still the dear Christ enters in.

4) O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in,  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel!

### THERE'S A SONG IN THE AIR

1) There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!  
There's a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry!  
And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,  
for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

2) There's a tumult of joy o'er the wonderful birth,  
for the virgin's sweet boy is the Lord of the earth.  
Ay! the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,  
for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

### AWAY IN A MANGER

1) Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

2) The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;  
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky  
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

3) Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay  
close by me forever, and love me, I pray;  
bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.



**HOLY COMMUNION**  
The Great Thanksgiving

11:00 pm

Pastor: We praise You, loving God, in this holy Christmas season, for we see in Christ Jesus the ultimate example of Your goodness and mercy. In Him, You invite us to draw near; and so on this eve of celebrating His birth we come, confessing our sins... *(all pray in silence)*;

Although we have all sinned, You loved the world so much that You gave Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior, and to bring forgiveness!

Today, we recall the good news of the Gospel! As Mary and Joseph traveled from Galilee to Bethlehem, so Jesus walked from Galilee to Jerusalem: teaching, healing and preaching the good news of Your Kingdom. But He was despised and rejected. In the poverty of a stable Jesus was born. In humility and obedience He lived. Forsaken and suffering He died on the cross for our sins.

From death You raised Him to life, bringing us eternal life. Therefore, with the angels who sang at His birth, and with all the saints who continued the song, we too praise You:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might! Heaven and earth are full of Your glory! Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Pastor: You are holy; and blessed is Your son Jesus Christ; who is Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. As He gave His life for us, we offer our lives anew to You. Fill us, Holy Spirit, that in the sharing of this bread and cup we may know the forgiving and saving presence of Jesus Christ. With joy and faith we proclaim:

**All: Christ was born, Christ died, Christ is risen, Christ lives in us, Christ will come again! Through Him, with Him, and in Him; in unity with the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

*All are invited to share in Holy Communion. Communion will be by intinction. Receive the bread and dip the bread in the chalice, keeping your free hand underneath as you bring it to your mouth.*

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

Pastor: We light the Christ candle because Jesus is still the Light of the world today. As He called His disciples to carry His light to their world, so we are called to carry the light of Christ's presence and peace into our world.

**All: With humble hearts, O God, we thank you for the light of Christ that illuminates our darkness. Fill our lives with His light that we may bring that light to others. Amen.**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

*(The pastor will give the light to the first person in each pew, beginning in the front. Tilt your candle to receive the light; do not tilt the lighted candle. As you pass the light, greet your neighbor with these words: "May the peace of Christ be with you this Christmas.")*

*(Continued on back)*

**CAROL**

"Silent Night"

Public Domain

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright; Round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight; Glories stream from heaven a-far,  
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light; Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace. Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light; With the angles let us sing,  
Alleluia to our king; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

**BLESSING**

Pastor: Go in peace and joy to love and serve the Lord.

**All: We will go and let our light shine in the name of Christ, our Savior and Lord. Thanks be to God!**

**CAROL**

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

Public Domain

Hark! The herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic hosts proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King!

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
Late in time, behold him come; offspring of the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh, the God-head see; hail th'incarnate Deity,  
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! The herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King!

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth!  
Hark! The herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King!