

HOLIDAY WORSHIP TIMES

DECEMBER 25:

10:30 am Choral & Handbell Prelude

Come sing along!

11:00 am Worship

(no Sunday school)

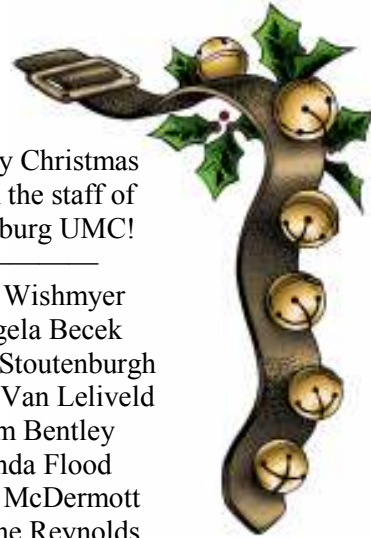
JANUARY 1:

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

John Wesley "Covenant Service"

and Holy Communion

(no Sunday School)

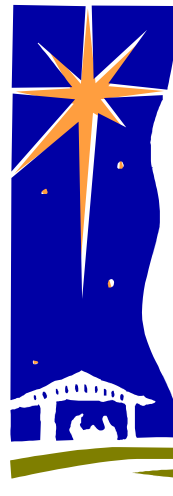


Merry Christmas
from the staff of
Leesburg UMC!

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.



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December 24, 2011, 12:00 noon

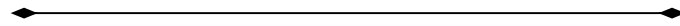
Welcome to Worship at Leesburg UMC!

Christmas Eve

12:00 Noon

December 24, 2011

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



Prelude		Debbie Buttery
Opening Hymn	“O Come, All Ye Faithful” (<i>verses 1, 2 & 3</i>)	UMH 234
Welcome		Pastor
Bidding Prayer		Pastor Jim Wishmyer
The Prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness		
	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7	Janice Webb
Carol	“Come Thou, Long Expected Jesus”	UMH 196
The King will usher in a reign of justice for the poor, and peace for all God’s creation		
	Isaiah 11:1-4a, 5-9	Bud Swiger
Carol	“Blessed be the God of Israel”	UMH 209
The birthplace of the Messiah announced		
	Micah 5:2-5a	Bonita Metz
Carol	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	UMH 230
Christmas Offering		

United Methodist Family Services & Heifer International (1/2 & 1/2)

Offertory

Doxology	“Gloria” Refrain <i>Gloria in excelsis Deo!</i>	
An angel appears to Mary	Luke 1:26-38	Jan Moran
Carol	“There’s a Song in the Air”	UMH 249
The Birth of Jesus	Luke 2:1-7	Martha Swiger
Carol	“Away in a Manger”	UMH 217
The Word Became Flesh	John 1:1-4, 9-14	Jim Moran
Carol	“The First Noel”	UMH 245
Angels appear to the Shepherds	Luke 2:8-15	
Message	“Where Can We Find Him?”	Pastor Jim Wishmyer
Holy Communion		Insert
Lighting of the Christ Candle		
Carol	“Silent Night”	Insert
Blessing		Pastor Wishmyer
Carol	“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”	Insert

HOLY COMMUNION
The Great Thanksgiving

12 noon

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 for Jesus is still the Light of the world. He called His disciples to carry His light to their world; and He calls us to carry the His light 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 His light to others. Amen.

(Continued on back)

CAROL

“Silent Night”

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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

“Joy to The World”

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Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all, their tongues employ!
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy; repeat, repeat, the sounding joy!

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found; far as, far as, the curse is found!

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love!