

**HOLIDAY WORSHIP TIMES**

**DECEMBER 25:**

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

*Come sing along!*

**11:00 am Worship**

**(no Sunday school)**

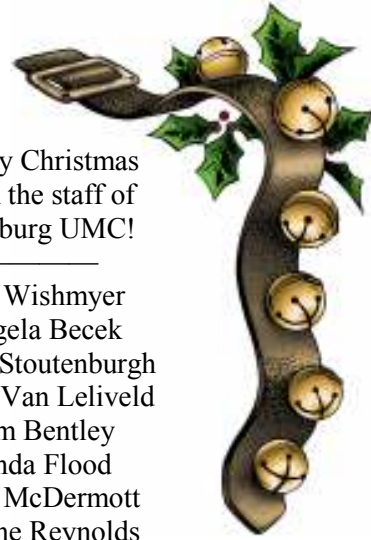
**JANUARY 1:**

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

**John Wesley "Covenant Service"**

**and Holy Communion**

**(no Sunday School)**



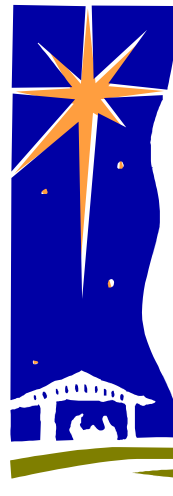
Merry Christmas  
from the staff of  
Leesburg UMC!

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Barry Simpson  
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**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, 8:00 pm**


# *Welcome to Worship at Leesburg UMC!*

## *Christmas Eve*

8:00 pm

December 24, 2011

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

<b>Prelude</b>	 <p style="text-align: center;">"Oh Holy Night"</p>	Raising Praise
<b>Greeting</b>		Pastor Jim Wishmyer
<b>Opening Prayer</b>		
<b>The prophet announces the birth of a King</b>	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7	Ariel Haase
<b>Opening Song</b>	"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vs. 1, 2 & 3)	
<b>Birthplace of the Messiah</b>	Micah 5:2-5a	Polly Downey
<b>Song</b>	"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (vs 1 & 2)	
<b>The King will bring justice</b>	Isaiah 11:1-4a, 5-9	Nick McCaffrey Kelly McCaffrey
<b>Christmas Offering</b>	<i>United Methodist Family Services &amp; Heifer International</i>	
<b>Offering Song</b>	"Born That We May Have Life"	Raising Praise
<b>An angel appears to Mary</b>	Luke 1:26-38	Amy Denicore
<b>Song</b>	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vs 1, 7)	Raising Praise
<b>The Birth of Jesus</b>	Luke 2:1-7	Marty Bartels

<b>Song</b>	"Light of the Stable"	Raising Praise
<b>The Word became flesh</b>	John 1:1-4, 9-14	Elsie Letendre
<b>Song</b>	"Mary, Did You Know?"	Raising Praise
<b>Angels appear to the Shepherds</b>	Luke 2:8-14	Abby Downy
<b>Song</b>	"Angels We Have Heard on High"	
<b>For to us a Child is born</b>	Luke 2:15-20	Mark Denicore
<b>Message</b>	"Where Can We Find Him?"	Pastor Jim Wishmyer
<b>Holy Communion</b>	<i>singing of carols during Communion :</i> <i>"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" (No Congregation)</i> <i>"Away in a Manger" (all sing)</i> <i>"What Child Is This" (all sing)</i> <i>End with everyone singing "The First Noel" (all sing)</i>	
<b>Lighting of the Christ Candle</b>		
<b>Passing the Light of Christ and Peace of Christ</b>		
<b>Song</b>	"Silent Night"	Insert
<b>Blessing</b>		Insert
<b>Carol</b>	"Joy to the World"	Insert



### **THE FIRST NOEL**

1) The first Noel the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields where they lay;  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

2) They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east, beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

3) And by the light of that same star  
three Wise Men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

4) This star drew nigh to the northwest,  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;  
and there it did both stop and stay,  
right over the place where Jesus lay.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

5) Then entered in those Wise Men three,  
full reverently upon the knee,  
and offered there, in his presence,  
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

### **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!

### **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!

### **O COME, O COME EMMANUEL**

1) O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

7) O come, Desire of nations bind All people in one heart and mind.  
From dust thou brought us forth to life; Deliver us from earthly strife.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel



## ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

1) Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains;  
And the mountains in reply,  
echoing their joyous strains.

Glo- - - - - ria, in excelsis Deo!  
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2) Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be;  
which inspire your heav'nly song?

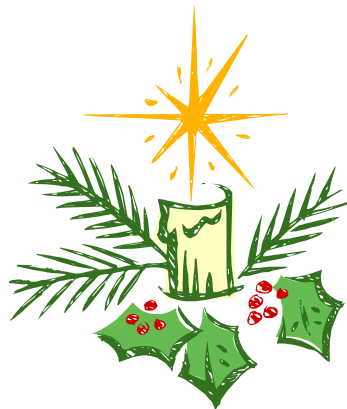
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3) Come to Bethlehem and see,  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Glo- - - - - ria, in excelsis Deo!  
Glo- - - - - ria, in excelsis Deo!

4) See within a manger laid,  
Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
with us sing our Savior's birth.

Glo- - - - - ria, in excelsis Deo!  
Glo- - - - - ria, in excelsis Deo!



## 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, a sleep 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



## WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

1) What child is this, who laid to rest  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet, with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

2) This, this is Christ the King  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud  
The babe, the son of Mary.

3) Why lies he in such mean estate  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.

4) This, this is Christ the King  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud  
The babe, the son of Mary.

5) So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king, to own him;  
The King of kings salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone him.

6) This, this is Christ the King  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud  
The babe, the son of Mary.

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
The Great Thanksgiving

8:00 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!

Tonight, 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.**

**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”

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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!