

WELCOME!

RESTROOMS are located on each floor. An **ELEVATOR** is located inside the door near the playground. **PARKING** is free on Sundays in the town parking garage at 25 W. Market Street. **NURSERY** is offered during all worship services. The Parlor has been equipped as a **CRY ROOM** for parents who need a quiet place to go with young children to listen to the service. **SUNDAY SCHOOL** is at 9:45 with classes for children (1st and 3rd floors), Youth (Aldersgate) and Adult (AG). **WORSHIP BAGS** are available for children to use during the worship services. They are in a box under the pew in the hallway at the rear of the Sanctuary. Please return bag to "Used Worship Bags" box at the end of service so we may refill and reuse the bags. **HOSPITALITY TIME** is held each Sunday between services in Wesley Hall.

HEARING ASSISTANCE devices and **LARGE PRINT** bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

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Acolyte

11:00: Colette Young

Ushers:

11:00 Joe Marker, Rich Horvath,
Carl Collis, Jim Rives (head)

For Last Week: December 18 2011

Worship Attendance	410
Sunday School	85

Giving

Operations	\$23,565.51
Mortgage Fund	\$2,510.00
Designated & memorials	\$3,235.00
Total	\$29,310.51



Staff:

Ministers-	All
Senior Pastor-	The Rev. Jim Wishmyer
Director of Christian Education-	Angela Becek
Minister of Administration-	Wayne Reynolds
Children's Ministry Coords.	Laura Van Leliveld and Pam Bentley
Admin Assistant -	Linda Stoutenburgh
Custodian -	Linda Flood
Lay Leaders-	DeWayne Leslie, Kim Domin, Carl Collis
Music Director -	Barry Simpson
Organist-	Debbie Buttery
Praise Team-	Chris Shelton
Handbells-	Judy Roberson, Jeff Frazee, Lee & Elaine Gladwin
Treasurer -	Jim Moran
Financial Secretary-	Linda Stoutenburgh
Preschool Director -	Barb McDermott
Nursery Coordinator-	Laura Van Leliveld
Dist. Superintendent	The Rev. Larry Thompson
VA Conf. Bishop	Bishop Charlene Kammerer

December 25, 2011 - 11:00 am

Welcome to Worship at Leesburg UMC!

Making disciples who live transformed lives
and influence their generation, and the next, with God's love!

Christmas Day

11:00 am

December 11, 2011

Christmas Day*

*We lift our praise and give thanks on Christmas Day for the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ! Praise and thanksgiving focusing on the incarnation continue through the season of Christmas 'til we reach the Day of Epiphany (January 6). The word "Christmas" literally means, "Christ Mass" – our first response of worship in obedient, yet joyful, service. Immanuel, God-with-us, has come; rejoice and be glad!
(*adapted from U. M. Book of Worship, p. 269)*

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

Gathering for Worship

A silent prayer to prepare for worship: "Holy God, you have come near us and among us in Christ Jesus to fulfill your covenant promise. May I know your presence with me – with us – as we draw near to you in worship. Fill me with the joy that comes from knowing that Christ has been born in me. May my life thus reflect his light and love to all. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God, Creator of all life, you made us in your image to enjoy fellowship and friendship with you. In our willfulness, we turned from you to go our own way.

God, Restorer of all life, you took on our image when you sent your Son. He took on our nature, that your nature might be restored and renewed in us. In this glad season of Christmas, continue to re-form us and re-shape us; and may we daily find our joy through you.

Amen.

* Please stand as you are able

***Singing of Carols by request** (*first and last verses*)

Lighting the Christ Candle

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.

The Word was with God in the beginning.

Everything came into being through the Word,
and without the Word nothing came into being.

What came into being through the Word was life, and the life was the light for all people.

The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light.

Lighting the Candle

We light this candle as a sign to us of God's love made real in Christ Jesus. He is God's promise fulfilled; God's presence revealed; God's love confirmed. Through Christ, may God's promise be fulfilled, God's presence revealed, and God's love confirmed in and through our lives.

Amen.

Response

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

UMH 251

Offering/Offerory

Response

"Gloria" (*refrain from "Angels We Have Heard On High"*)

UMH 238

Sacrament of Christian Baptism

Baptismal Covenant I

UMH 33

Receiving our Newest Members

Scripture

Luke 2:25-35

Sermon

"The Christmas Promise"

Rev. Jim Wishmyer

*Closing Hymn

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

UMH 224

*Blessing

Postlude