

# WESLEY WINDOW

DECEMBER 7, 2023

## WORSHIP SERVICES

DECEMBER 10, 2023

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ADVENT

### Traditional

8:30AM

Sanctuary  
Greg Porterfield

11AM

Sanctuary  
Greg Porterfield  
Music Program

Scripture  
*Luke 2:1-7*

### Modern

9:30AM

Celebration Space  
Scott Harris

11AM

No Service

Watch live at  
[www.wesleyumc.net](http://www.wesleyumc.net)

Livestream on  
YouTube & Facebook

Video will be available



**WESLEY  
CHURCH**

## MEET ME AT The Manger

Who will you invite to join us  
in worship this advent? Make sure  
to tell them "Meet me at the Manger!"

12/10: Innkeeper  
12/17: Mary  
12/24: Jesus  
12/31: Angels  
1/7: Wisemen



## CONFIRMATION

Last Sunday we recognized our 2023 Confirmation Class. These middle-schoolers have spent the past 12 weeks examining their faith and committing anew to God and the church.

Layne Adcox  
Natalie Balaban  
Aidan Bridges  
Cord Canady  
Ellison Caywood  
Fiona Craighead  
Derek Dabrowski  
Maeli Durham  
Maribel Durham  
Emerson Finch  
Alice Floyd  
Elle Gaine

Beau Gee  
Russell Harris  
James Hollan  
Jax Hutchinson  
Ainsley Landmann  
David McCrery  
Wills Mooney  
Brayden Oard  
Jackson Raymond  
Liz Russell  
Grayson Travis  
Emma Williamson

Many thanks to the wonderful leaders  
of the 2023 Confirmation Class.

Ellyn Gilbert  
Makayla Rittwage  
Stephanie Teague

## The Sounds of Christmas

What makes Christmas come close for you? A hurried step because there are a million things to do? Perhaps it is the decoration. A canopy of lights and greenery always put me in the spirit. And then there is the shopping for everything. In our house, even the dogs receive gifts.

However, if you were to ask, I would tell you it is the sounds that make me sure I've arrived at the manger. This Sunday, I encourage you to worship at Wesley. It is our Christmas program, and you will hear such a sound that you are certain Christmas is near. The mixture of more than 60 voices and the orchestra all blending in one sound, proclaiming, "Christ is born! Our Savior has come!"

There is nothing quite like it - and when you experience it you will know Christmas is here.

Join our choirs  
& orchestra for

*Ring Out,  
Ye Bells!*

December 10, 2023  
11AM, Sanctuary



## OUR PRAYERS

Alcohol/Drug Addiction	Dolore Eckles	Susie Miville
Tony Altman	Amy Eubanks	Earl Morgan
Nate Anderson	Bret Evans	Daryl & Sharon Morse
Lisa Atchley	Gordon & Betty Fair	Jamie Moxley
Armed Forces	Jerry French	Jane Moxley
Baker Family	Homer Gaither	Scott Noss
Danny Barton	Dee Gebhard	Frank & Peggy
Beery Family	Greg Gelinis	Ondrea
Skylar Bernstein	Sue Haas	Jared Ondrea
Gena Berry	Sulli Hajek	Julie O'Neal
Rose Mary Bishop	Bob Hall	Donna Palmer
Jim & Judy Bowman	Deborah Hall	Rusty Palmer
John & Darlynn	Mark Hall	Debbie Parker
Bradley	Kris Hardy	Eunice Parker
Pam Buckus	Jessi Hickey	Sam Passmore
Tim & Cindy Bufford	Shaun Hickman	Lily Patterson
Vickie Bufford	Dave Hinner	Gloria Prather
Garry Burkhart	Don & Betty Holck	David Radford
Benjamin Butler	Joe Jackson	Family
Diana Butler	Patricia Jameson	Susan Reitz
Gilbert Caride	Jimmy & Patsy Johnson	Steve Samborne
Branch Carter	Roger Johnson	Johnny Seals
Gloria Cawley	Jerry & Teresa Kelly	Lonnie Servais
Frances Chandler	Jeri Key	Stephen & Debra Shockley
Cherland Family	Olivia King	Richard Shouse
Chris & Lisa Childs	Taylor Laurson	Jack Smith
Christy Family	Wanda Lee	Gary Sonnedeker
Megan Clark	Linda Linder	William & Marietta Steele
Kim Diane Cliett	Amy & Ava Litka	Bobby Strozier
Marie Creasy	Juliet Maddox	Family
Audrey Dawe	Allyson Malcom	Melissa Tobakos
Ann Dockal	Dan Marshall	Cynthia Trammell
Hannah Dodson	Michelle Mashak	Jackie Troupe
Walter & Linda Dodson	Haley McPhail	Waddell Family
Katherine Dore	Tony Medina	Debi West
Draper Family	Jeffrey Mims	Megan Williams
Raynetta Drinnon	Miller & Margaret Mims	Bonnie Wilson
Jennifer Earlenbaugh	Bob Minton Family	Timothy Wirz

## OUR WEEKLY BREAD

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.  
Luke 2:7

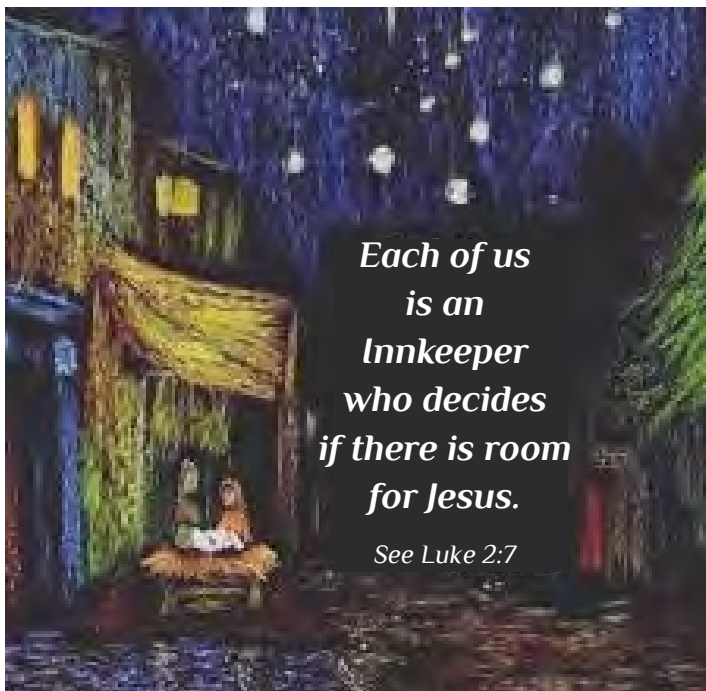
### THE INNKEEPER

We really don't know the details, but we do know that Mary and Joseph ended up in an innkeeper's stable. This particular innkeeper thought differently than the others. With no room in the inn, he offered them the only other place he had. He wasn't going to turn a weary pregnant woman away. He had no idea that she was carrying his Messiah. He didn't know that his stable would become a sanctuary. We just know that he offered what he had and it was more than enough to be the setting for the birth of the King of Kings.

How many times have we not had time or room for people in our lives? How many times have we been like the other innkeepers in Bethlehem? What if some of them were sent by God? God gives us daily opportunities to open up and let others into the inns of our lives, but too often we are busy and full so we turn them away. Many times, we also shut God out in the cold without ever realizing it. We become so preoccupied with trivial matters; even as we celebrate the Lord's birth, He sometimes gets left out.

Christmas or not, it is business as usual for most of the world. Nevertheless, as for the innkeeper, this special day may come to those who are not seeking it. Hence, how can we, as believers, take this opportunity to share the glad tidings of our faith with others? Moreover, in what ways can we make more room for God in our personal lives?

*Father, we thank You for the precious gift of Your Son Jesus. May we always have room for Him in our hearts so that others will see His love reflected in us.  
In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.*



*Each of us  
is an  
Innkeeper  
who decides  
if there is room  
for Jesus.*

*See Luke 2:7*



## FOOD & SUPPLY COLLECTION

### DECEMBER: BABY FOOD & DIAPERS

If you can donate any non-perishable foods and household staples, please place them in the Mission Cart in the Biscuit Area.

### OUR GIFTS - DECEMBER 3, 2023

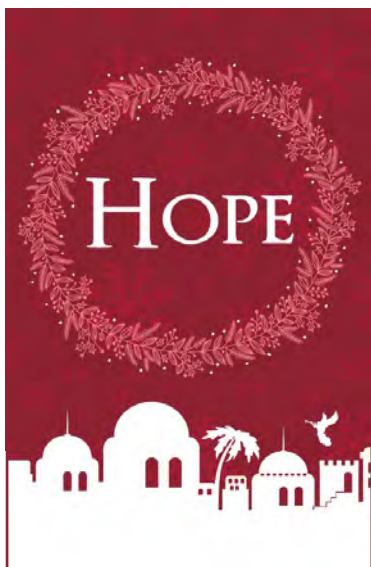
• Operating	\$ 76,924
• Received Through This Week:	\$ 2,010,514
• Budgeted Through This Week:	\$ 2,457,130

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SECOND SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT









## THIS WEEK AT WESLEY

### Sunday - 10<sup>th</sup> SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30a Traditional Worship  
9:30a Modern Worship  
11:00a Traditional Worship  
"Ring Out, Ye Bells!"  
3:00p Christmas Bingo Party

### Monday - 11<sup>th</sup>

7:00p Scout Troop 615  
7:00p Wesley Foundation

### Tuesday - 12<sup>th</sup>

8:00a Men in Mission  
5:00p Faith Care Clinic  
7:00p Scout Troop 1615

### Wednesday - 13<sup>th</sup>

10:00a Women's Bible Study  
6:00p Handbells  
7:00p Celebration Choir

### Thursday - 14<sup>th</sup>

6:00a Men's Breakfast/Riverwood  
9:15a Mom's Group  
6:00p Pickleball

### Saturday - 16<sup>th</sup>

12:00p Nativity Set Drop-Off  
1:00p Caroling

## An Easy Way to Help Wesley Preschool

Kroger has given us a simple way to earn cash rewards for Wesley Preschool! Shop as usual and a portion of what you pay goes to our school! You'll need your Kroger Card (available at the customer service desk) to register for the Community Rewards program by visiting [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com) or using the QR Code. Follow the instructions, then enter DE476 or scroll until you find Wesley Preschool, Play Care and Kindergarten. Click "enroll" and you're all set!



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FOR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES.  
EMAIL [LINDSEY@WESLEYUMC.NET](mailto:LINDSEY@WESLEYUMC.NET)  
IF YOU CAN HELP.

December 10th  
3-5pm

# Christmas Bingo

Hosted by  
Wesley  
Students

*Fun planned for the night:*

Bingo (With awesome prizes)  
Christmas refreshments  
Entertainment & Caroling  
Ornament Decorating

We would love to know  
if you're coming!  
email or call/text aaron

706-466-9508  
[aaron@wesleyumc.net](mailto:aaron@wesleyumc.net)

## REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE

You may have noticed the return of the teal attendance pads in traditional worship. Members and visitors, please print your name, then pass it to other people in your row. Visitors can receive Wesley information by providing street and email addresses and phone number. By doing this, we can better record your presence, and you might just meet some new people!



## WESLEY CHURCH

Helen Bissell.....Senior Adult Outreach  
Rebekah Bryant ext 207.....Modern Music Director  
Lisa Clayton.....Custodian  
Laura Croft ext 210.....Preschool Director  
Michelle Dodson ext 221.....Evangelism/Program Secretary  
Amanda Ellis ext 203.....Finance Director  
Ellyn Gilbert ext 224.....Student Ministries Coordinator  
Jose Gonzales.....Custodian  
Mark Haddon ext 206.....Facilities Manager  
Scott Harris ext 205.....Associate Pastor  
Laura Lowe.....Interim Assistant Music Director  
Elaine Maxwell.....Pianist  
Kate Morris ext 211.....Family Ministry Director  
Greg Porterfield ext 201.....Senior Pastor  
Makayla Rittwage.....Student Discipleship Coordinator  
Carol Shikle ext 211.....Assistant Family Ministry Director  
Kelley Sleeper ext 202.....Missions Assistant  
Lindsey Solomon ext 223.....Associate Pastor  
Aaron Talbott ext 213.....Pastor of Student Ministries  
Jeff Wickell ext 225.....Music Ministries Director  
Hillary Williamson ext 220.....Care Director

For a complete listing of staff contact information, visit [wesleyumc.net](http://wesleyumc.net).

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## Senior Adult LUNCHEON

Thursday, Dec. 14, 12PM

The Will & Dorie Show  
from Millen, GA

Wife Saver Chicken  
Bring a side dish \$7.50

[helen@wesleyumc.net](mailto:helen@wesleyumc.net) to register.