Winchester UMC

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1st Sunday of Advent



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WINCHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Lighthouse of Hope: Reaching, Sharing, Teaching,
Caring: United to Reflect God's Love to All!

Gathering

Prelude & Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome & Connection

Centering Words

"They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us? …Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread." *– Luke 24:32, 35*

Opening Prayer (Unison Prayer)

Holy God, we give thanks for this time of worship. We pray that as we gather this morning you would give us a sense of your presence. Grant us gratitude as we remember your goodness, and joy as we remember your love. Enable us to lift up our hearts in humble prayer and fervent praise, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Lighting the Advent Candles — Ben and Krysta Coon, Kylar and Cade

* Praise Video *"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"* — Matt Maher & Sarah Kroger

*Prayer of Confession (Unison Prayer)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. As we take time to reflect now on all the things we've done and left undone, in silence we confess the ways we have turned aside from your call…

*Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Proclaiming God's Word

Children's Sermon

*Hymn *"O For A Thousand Tongues…"* *(UMH #57 vs. 1-4, & 7)*

Wesley Heritage Tour Presentation

Precursors to Revival: (Epworth)…… Revelation 2:1a, 2a, 4-5a
Longing for Holiness: (Oxford)…… 1 Peter 1:13—16
A Crisis of Faith: (Georgia & Aldersgate)……Romans 4:3-5; 5:1-2a
The Necessity of Grace: (Bristol)……Ephesians 2:8-10
Works of Mercy: (The Foundry, London)……James 2:14-18
Persevering to the End: (City Road Chapel, London)……. Matthew 5:10-12

Responding to God's Word

Pastoral Prayer and
The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

*Doxology (UMH #95)

*Prayer of Dedication

Sending Forth

*Hymn *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* (UMH #384)

*Benediction

Postlude

* Please stand if able

In Our Prayers

Terry Aossey, Michael Cody, Jade, Grandma Marta, Jackie Barber, Eric Gregory, Lanise Kirk, Jack Kunz, Sarah Riggs, Michael Ryan, Samara White, Friends in Area Nursing Centers, Friends who are Homebound, Those in the Military: Blake Clayton, Chris Dukett, Haley Westermayer, Christian Wells, and All who are Looking for Work**.**

Worship Online

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- YouTube: youtube.com/@winchesterillinoisunitedme213
- Facebook: facebook.com/winchesterumc

Online Giving

"If you'd like to make an offering electronically, you're welcome to use the QR code provided. Regardless of how you choose to participate today, we're grateful for your presence in worship."