



**Prelude** *Advent Medley* Organist: Robert Lee Adams

**Greeting – Announcements** Pastor Amy D. Yarnall

**Ministries that Matter** **Trustees** Garry Courtney

**A Time of Silence and Centering** - We use this time to make the transition from "getting here" to "being here."

**Opening Hymn** *People Look East* UMH 202

**Advent Candle Lighting<sup>1</sup>** Lay Reader: Michele Dryda  
 “As for you, Bethlehem of Ephrathah, though you are the least significant of Judah’s forces, one who is to be a ruler in Israel on my behalf will come out from you.” Through the ages God’s people have longed for a righteous ruler who will speed the day when God’s will is done on earth as it is in heaven. We light the first Advent candle as hopeful citizens of God’s kingdom, awaiting the arrival of the Anointed One. Jesus, you are King.

**Call to Worship<sup>2</sup>** Lay Reader: Michele Dryda  
 O that God would tear open the heavens and come down! Of that day or hour, no one knows, only God. Be alert! Keep awake! The time is drawing near: The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

**Opening Music** *No Greater Love* Josh Bogus  
 Matt Maher CCLI 5553671

**Opening Prayer<sup>2</sup>** Lay Reader: Michele Dryda  
 God of power unexpected, we want you to tear open the heavens and come down; to make mountains quake, water boil, and stars to fall until all nations tremble at your presence! Isa. But you, you will not perform according to our wants and whims. Instead you come like the sound of sheer silence: Thin. Quiet. Instead you are born among us as an infant. Instead you show us how love is made perfect in weakness. So we will stay alert, or at least we will try, because we are your people and there is no other God besides you. Amen.

**Special Music** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* Jacob Yarnall, Saxophone  
 Arr. Viktor Dick Tune: Veni Emmanuel

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**Prayer for Illumination<sup>2</sup>** Lay Reader: Michele Dryda

<sup>1</sup>Micah 5:21 and adapted from the *Incarnation: Leader Guide*, by Mike Poteet  
<sup>2</sup>*Feasting on the Word, Year B, Vol. 1*  
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**Psalter Lesson** *Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19* Lay Reader: Michele Dryda

<sup>1</sup>Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth <sup>2</sup>before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us! <sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved. <sup>4</sup>O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people’s prayers? <sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure. <sup>6</sup>You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves. <sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved. <sup>17</sup>But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself. <sup>18</sup>Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name. <sup>19</sup>Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

**Gospel Lesson** *Matthew 13:24-37* Lay Reader: Michele Dryda

<sup>24</sup>He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; <sup>25</sup>but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup>And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ <sup>28</sup>He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ <sup>29</sup>But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” <sup>31</sup>He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup>it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” <sup>33</sup>He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.” <sup>34</sup>Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. <sup>35</sup>This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: “I will open my mouth to speak in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world.” <sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” <sup>37</sup>He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man;

This is the Word of the Lord.  
 Thanks be to God.

**Sermon** Pastor Amy D. Yarnall

**Musical Offering** *Glorious Day* Josh Bogus  
 Matt Hall CCLI 5638022

## Announcements

**The Chancel Flowers** are presented to the glory of God by Becky Davis in honor of her sister, Pat Root's Birthday.

**Communion During Advent:** We will have communion in the Sanctuary each Sunday during Advent at 9:45 am, and in the parking lot after worship. So if you worship virtually, and would like to celebrate communion outside at 11:15 am, you're invited to drive-thru the Portico and we will hand you the communion cup and wafer. If you want to participate in communion during the service, have your bread and juice ready and Pastor Amy will consecrate them as she does the element on the Lord's Table during the Live Stream.

**Virtual Coffee Hour:** Today at 11:00 am, you are invited to join us on Zoom with your mug of coffee, tea or hot chocolate, a cookie or muffin and share in fellowship together. We may not be able to physically gather in-person to share a hot drink and conversation like we do in Grace Fellowship Hall, but we can via Zoom.

**Online Worship Registration:** Due to the current health crisis, we will be requiring pre-registration for Worship to help us all stay safe with a limited number (50) of congregants on one day. Temperature checks, masks, and social distancing will be required. Please register everyone in your household who is planning on attending either by: Calling the church office 678-9626 (before 1 pm Friday), or you can register online using this link <https://signup.com/go/GuTDyJx>. Online is the preferred method if you are able since it is a current list. You will receive an email reminder, and you can cancel your registration if needed.

**Help wanted:** Christian Education is looking for a few people to help out as needed in the nursery.

**Benefits include:** 1) Instant hero status, 2) Exercise during worship, 3) All you can eat animal crackers, 4) Unlimited high 5's, 5) Free crayons. If you are interested in helping, please call Joe Young at 302-678-9626 ext. 114, or email [youth@wesleyumc-dover.com](mailto:youth@wesleyumc-dover.com).

**Ushers Needed:** Wesley Church is in need of Ushers to help during Worship for the upcoming months. Ushers will be responsible for making sure our members and guests receive a bulletin, are socially distanced, and wear a mask. Please contact the church office at 678-9626 or use this link to sign up for any Sunday: <https://signup.com/go/PWbRtNz>.

**Check-In Volunteers Needed:** Wesley Church is in need of Check-In Volunteers to help before Worship for the upcoming months. Our Check-In Team will be helping with the process of checking in our members and guests, taking temperatures with a touchless thermometer, and asking screening questions. Please contact the church office at 678-9626 to sign up for any upcoming Sunday or use this link: <https://signup.com/go/kPQdsgT>.

**Altar Guild:** Would you be interested in assisting in preparing the sanctuary for worship? Currently, we have a January, May and October without a servant. To learn about this ministry, contact Nancy Vaughan at [nancyvaughan@comcast.net](mailto:nancyvaughan@comcast.net).

Hymnals are now available on loan for those who are worshiping online and wish to follow along with the service in a traditional way. Please contact the church office at 302-678-9626 or email [church@wesleyumc-dover.com](mailto:church@wesleyumc-dover.com) to arrange for one to be delivered to you.

**Wesley Clothing Closet** is in need of All WINTER clothing. -- men, women and children. (No summer items, since storage space is limited.) Donations accepted Monday and Friday 9 - 11:30 am. Saturday sales will be on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays in December to see how things go.

**The United Methodist Men** are holding drive-thru food pantry donation collections on Wednesday mornings from 10 - 11 am. They will collect donations without you leaving your car. Just drive thru the Preschool Portico, one of the men will take your donation from your car, so you don't have to get out.

**Sunday School Parent Meeting:** Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Enter the hyperlink into your computer or Smartphone browser to join the meeting. <https://zoom.us/j/5089053238?pwd=MnZRcTdrUDJKc3E3TWJ2cGk1dEJZjZz09>.

**Women's Bible Study:** Join us online on Wednesdays at 10:30 am as we watch and discuss the video series, *Breathe*, by Priscilla Shirer. All women are welcome to join us via Zoom. Week #1 - The Freedom of Sabbath; Week #2 - Stops Along the Sabbath Journey; Week #3 - Double-Portion Friday; Week #4 - Coming Into Focus; Week #5 - Sabbath Margin. Contact Diane Boyce at 697-6020 with questions and to sign-up. Enter the hyperlink into your computer or Smartphone browser to Join the Zoom Bible Study: <https://zoom.us/j/2654880378>.

**ZOOM ADVENT STUDY:** *In Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas* by Adam Hamilton. Join Pastor Amy on Wednesdays, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, & 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm. Enter the hyperlink into your computer or Smartphone browser to Join the Zoom Study: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2654880378?pwd=VDhaZENRaWZ2M1NPbUVLYittWGdwQT09>.

Learn the meaning behind the names of Christ and the difference He makes in our lives this Christmas. His parents gave him the name Jesus. But the prophets, the shepherds, the wise men, and the angels addressed him by other names. They called him Lord, Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, Light of the World, and Word Made Flesh.

This Advent season church families will come together to remember what's important. In the face of uncertainty and conflict, Christians reclaim the Christ child who brings us together, heals our hearts, and calls us to bring light into the darkness. Now more than ever, we invite you to reflect upon the significance of the Christ child for our lives and world today!

All are welcome to join us in this Virtual Advent Study.

**Church Conference:** Wesley's Church Conference is scheduled for **Friday, December 18, 2020 at 6:30 pm** via Zoom. Each year the Charge Conference (the people of Wesley church) meets with the District Superintendent, (or representative) and pastor to review the work of the church. We also review and evaluate the mission and ministry of the church, set salaries for the pastor and staff and elect the members of the Church Council. Members of the Church Council are members of the Charge Conference. **It is very important that chairpersons of all committees attend. All members are encouraged to attend the meeting.**

**ONLINE GIVING:** We have an important update regarding online giving at Wesley, and we need your help! Your generosity and financial partnership with Wesley United Methodist Church is immensely appreciated. We are now in the process of transitioning our E-giving with Pushpay to Vanco. You will still be able to give by setting up a scheduled gift, text, or use the mobile giving app which we will be supplying all this information to you within the next two week.

It is our goal to get all recurring giving switched over so that the **last** Pushpay gift will be **December 31, 2020**. You will be able to start sending your online gifts with the Vanco app before the end of December.

**Salvation Army Bell Ringers:** Bell ringing will be at Redners at Greentree Shopping Center again this year. However it will be only outside of the store and w COVID-19 Liability Release form must be signed. Wesley UMC dates and times are December 15<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> from 1 - 7 pm, in one-hour intervals. To sign-up or if you have questions please call Jim Short at 302-270-7535.

**Blue Christmas Service** Are the holidays not as joyful as they were? Is there a loved one you are missing this time of the year? Do memories of the holidays bring mixed feelings? Come to our Blue Christmas Service - A service of healing and hope. Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at 4:00 pm. If you know anyone who might benefit from this service, please invite them. Please register everyone in your household who is planning on attending either by: Calling the church office 678-9626, or you can register online using this link: <https://signup.com/go/GuTDyJx>.

**Christmas Eve Services** – Depending on pre-registration numbers, we will be having two "in person" services for Christmas Eve at 4 pm and 7 pm, with the possibility of a third at 9 pm. We will be live streaming and Facebook live streaming the services. There will be communion at all services. Registration for Christmas Eve opens on December 1, 2020. Please make sure to register every member in your family that plans to attend the "in person" service. If at a later date you find you are unable to attend, please go back into the registration and cancel your registration.

**Is Wesley Church in your Will?** We hope that you will include Wesley in your estate planning. Your generosity helps ensure that we will serve the community for generations to come. Most commonly, gifts go to the General Endowment Fund. There are also funds for Capital Expenses, Missions, and Scholarships, if you would like to designate your bequest.

In addition, there are ways to set up giving instruments like Charitable Remainder Trusts and Donor Advised Funds. For more information on this type of giving, contact the Mid Atlantic United Methodist Foundation for free consultation. Visit their webpage at <http://maumflegacy.org/> or Telephone: 484-762-8211. The Mid-Atlantic Foundation Headquarters, P.O. Box 820, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0820

**Please keep the following people uplifted in prayer:** Angela, Baby Norah, Barbara, Caroline, Mary Pat, Roy and Charlotte, Paul Barker, Marty Berny, Cathy Berry, Abigail and Ed Bickham, Doug Boyce, Thurman Bruffey, Marie Burgoyne, Tom & Soni Davis, Debbie DuBreuil, Adaline East, Lynn Egloff, Becky Falkowski, Happy Floyd, Leona Hutchins, John Kelly, Cathi Kopera, Julie & Paul Light, Sara Lyon, Maureen Miller, The Mitchells, Sandy Nelson, Bill Nutt, Bruce Obenshain, Brian Page, John & Pat Riddleberger, Todd Riddleberger, Jean & Wes Ritter, Bill Schaffer, James Schindler, Brian Wasko, Stanley & Doris Wilkos and the family of Jean Peters.

We want our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and civilians, as well as their families, to know of our

prayers and support for them while they are deployed overseas: James Lieske. Please notify the Church Office if your family member/friend is no longer serving overseas.

**November 29 – December 6, 2020**

**Let Us Pray....**

**Sunday:** and praise God for the greatest gift ever given, our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. Pray that as Scripture is read and proclaimed people will hear truth and their lives will be changed. Ask God to bless all the children learning at home. Pray for the Youth and Youth Leaders responsible for teaching Sunday School and leading Youth Group. Ask God to bless the Evening Prayer Time each night this week.

**Monday:** that as we read, study, memorize, and practice the Word of God we will more fully understand the eternal attributes of God and our need for forgiveness. Pray that the Coronavirus will begin to abate and that the treatments that have been developed will be successful in saving many lives. Ask God to comfort those who are grieving.

**Tuesday:** for the Staff as they meet to prepare for worship. Ask God to give them strength and energy to meet their responsibilities. Pray for La Caminante to be an encouragement and blessing to our Spanish speaking friends. Ask God to give wisdom and discernment to the Church Council as they meet.

**Wednesday:** for the Women's Bible Study as they learn more about the Sabbath and resting. Pray for the Men collecting food for those in need to be safe and well. Ask God to bless those attending the Advent Study based on the book Incarnation, Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas. Pray for the Hand Bell Choir and Director meeting to prepare for worship.

**Thursday:** for our Organist, Chancel Choir, Director, Praise and Worship Ensemble, and Leader as they meet via Zoom and as they provide wonderful music for our worship service. Pray for the Staff/Parish Relations Committee as they meet to encourage our staff.

**Friday:** and ask God to continue to bless our country and to give wisdom to those in authority. Pray for truth to be spoken by all in authority and by the media. Pray that that people with opposing political views will be able to find some common ground upon which they can agree.

**Saturday:** for Christ's church to be light and salt in this world. Ask God to equip and prepare us for witnessing for Him and sharing the Gospel with any and all who would ask us about the hope that we have. Pray that we would never stop trusting God more than anything else. Pray God's blessing upon the Mama Tola School.

**Sunday:** and prepare our hearts and minds to worship our Creator, Savior and Sustainer God. Pray that the technology required will work well for those worshiping remotely. Ask God to keep safe those attending church in person.

Pray for our Pastors every day. Ask God to fill them with an unquenchable thirst for His Word and time alone with Him in prayer

**UMH 202*****People Look East***

Written by Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

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## Verse 1

People, look east. The time is near  
 Of the crowning of the year.  
 Make your house fair as you are able,  
 Trim the hearth and set the table.  
 People, look east and sing today:  
 Love, the guest, is on the way.

## Verse 2

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
 One more seed is planted there:  
 Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
 That in course the flower may flourish.  
 People, look east and sing today:  
 Love, the rose, is on the way.

## Verse 3

Birds, though you long have ceased to build,  
 Guard the nest that must be filled.  
 Even the hour when wings are frozen  
 God for fledging time has chosen.  
 People, look east and sing today:  
 Love, the bird, is on the way.

## Verse 4

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim  
 One more light the bowl shall brim,  
 Shining beyond the frosty weather,  
 Bright as sun and moon together.  
 People, look east and sing today:  
 Love, the star, is on the way.

## Verse 5

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth  
 Christ who brings new life to earth.  
 Set every peak and valley humming  
 With the word, the Lord is coming.  
 People, look east and sing today:  
 Love, the Lord, is on the way.

**UMH 722*****I Want to Be Ready***

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## Refrain:

I want to be ready,  
 I want to be ready,  
 I want to be ready  
 to walk in Jerusalem just like John.

## Verse 1

O John, O John, what did you say?  
 Walk in Jerusalem just like John!  
 That you'd be there on judgment day.  
 Walk in Jerusalem just like John!  
 (Refrain)

## Verse 2

John said the city was just foursquare.  
 Walk in Jerusalem just like John!  
 And he declared he'd meet me there.  
 Walk in Jerusalem just like John.  
 (Refrain)

## Verse 3

Now sinners, mind how you step on the cross.  
 Walk in Jerusalem just like John!  
 Your foot might slip and your soul get lost.  
 Walk in Jerusalem just like John!  
 (Refrain)



THE  
*Nativity*  
 STORY

*A Musical Worship Service*

*Sunday, December 20, 2020 at 9:45 am*

*Presented by*

*Wesley UMC Music Department*



**2020 CHRISTMAS GIVING FORM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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With the Advent Season fast approaching we are asking for all Poinsettia(s) orders to be received in the church office by Monday, December 7, 2020.

Poinsettia(s) \$10.00 each Red \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to **Wesley UMC**. Please note "Poinsettia" on memo line and mail or bring to the church office.

**DEADLINE FOR Monetary donations, Monday, December 14, 2020.**

**PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Please make check payable to **Wesley UMC**. Please note "Discretionary Fund" on memo line and place in offering plate, mail or bring to the church office.

**Kent Ecumenical Food and Crisis Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Please make check payable to **KEFCF** and place in offering plate, mail or bring to the church office.

Please print below the wording you would like in the bulletin. (Example: Joseph Carpenter in loving memory of his parents, Mary and Joseph Carpenter Sr.)

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Please pick up your poinsettia(s) after the 9:45 am Church Service on December 27, 2020. Any plants left after December 31, 2020 will be disposed of. Thank you!