

**WEST BEND METHODIST CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP
FOR CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24, 2023, AT 10 AM**

OPENING PRAYER Pastor Gordon Fulton

OPENING SONG "Away In A Manger" Choir

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Joy To The World" #246

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please see announcements in your bulletin.) If you have a prayer request and/or praise report, please fill out a prayer request card even if you announce it so we can get the correct information. Visitors, please fill out a connection card. Cards may be placed in the offering plate.)

***THE AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH** (In Unison)
"The Apostles' Creed" #881

OFFERTORY PRAYER

MORNING TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "He Is Born" April Brown

DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Flow" #95

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Pink Candle by Hal & Gloria Johnson
Christ Candle by Gordon & Susie Fulton

SPECIAL MUSIC Susie Fulton

MESSAGE Pastor Gordon Fulton
**"Extraordinary Mission –
Through Ordinary People"**

SCRIPTURES Please See Insert

Joy vs. Happiness

HAPPINESS is when something good happens
TO you....
(This has a limited "lifespan.")

JOY is when something good happens
THROUGH you!
(This has long-term affect in life.)

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** #239
"Silent Night, Holy Night"

***THE BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

*Please stand as you are able

Special thank you to Susie Fulton for sharing her musical gifts with us.



**Please join us this afternoon at 4 PM.
Invite your friends and family members!**

Prayer Requests

Our Church Family

Carolyn Dotson
Harold Hill
Dave McGowan

Our Family & Friends

Frankie Brewer (Carol's niece's husband)
Karen Davis (Doris Davidson's daughter)
Cindy Ingold's friend
Our Church & Country
Ida Starr (Reagan Hill's grandma)
Those on their way to our church
Laila Tew (Debra Hill's niece)
Angie Toomes (Dare & Layne Campbell's daughter)
Unsaved
Unspoken Requests

Assisted & Skilled Living Residents

*=Church Member
Alpine: *Juanita Porche
Cross Roads: Marie Caldwell
Universal Ramseur: *Lena McMasters

Our Military

Logan Morris, Veterans

Prayer Requests will be left for 2 weeks unless notified otherwise.

A Budget Memorial Gift was given in memory of Margaret & Clarence Davis by Doug & Colleen Davis.

TOG served 90 & received \$100 in offerings last week.

TOG will be closed 12/26/23 & 1/2/24 so our volunteers can spend time with their families. Will reopen 1/9/24.

Hospice Snacks are due 12/31/23. Thanks for helping us with this community project.

Church Calendar

Sunday, December 24
9:30 AM Choir Practice
10 AM Worship
4 PM Worship

Tuesday, December 26
Office & TOG Closed

Wednesday, December 27
11 AM Bulletin Deadline

Tithes & Offerings Update for Last Sunday

Received \$2,085

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Thank you for your tithes and offerings to the Budget. Budget gifts help keep the church in operation so we can reach others for Christ.

Attendance: 46

Staff

Ministers	Every Member
Interim Pastor	Pastor Gordon Fulton
Office Manager	Mrs. Debra Y. Rogers
Lay Leader	Mrs. Carol Petty
Janitor	Mr. Tim Burrow

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Luke Ch. 1

26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

28 And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"

29 But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. 30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.

33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

34 Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

36 Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. 37 For with God nothing will be impossible."

38 Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Matthew Ch. 1

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.

19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.

20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

24 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, 25 and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus.

Conclusion...

2nd Timothy Ch. 1

7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God,

9 who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began.