

Westchester United Methodist

“A Friendly Family Church”

Celebrating over 200 years of Building up the Kingdom of God by Growing Disciples and extending our Ministries

2547 East Tremont Ave, Bronx ,New York 10461



1st Sunday of Advent

November 27th 2022 (10a.m Service)

Liturgical Color – Purple

Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton (Resident Bishop)

Rev. Simeon C. Law, (District Superintendent)

Rev. Beverly Hodges-Fairweather (Assistant to the Pastor)

Rev. Sonia Jermin (Ministries with Seniors & Spirituality)

Rev. Ivy Dawson(Evangelism Related Ministries)

Cora Doram - Lay Leader

Deaconess. Linda - Douglas Smith (Lay Minister Small Groups Ministries & Attendance Building)

Min. Earlwyn Benjamin(Lay Minister Prayer & Healing Ministries)

Min. Joshua Olabisi (Lay Minister Care Ministries)

Min. Jaslyn Challenger-Singleton (Family Life Ministries)

Rev. Gordon A.R. Edwards, Ph.D., Psy.D, Pastor

Pat Savage(Minister of Music) - Roland Samuels(Percussionist)

www.westchestermethodist.com

Phone: (718) 931 -8760 Email: westchesterumcbx@gmail.com

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Pat Savage (Minister of Music)

Call to Worship

L: I was glad when they said to me,

P: let us go to the house of the Lord!

L: In days to come, the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains.

P: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord!

First Sunday in Advent

Reader 1: Today is the first Sunday in Advent, a time when we get ready to celebrate Jesus' birth. Prophets spoke for God, saying that God would send a Savior

Reader 2: God's people hoped for a Savior. They waited a long time for the baby Jesus.

Reader 3: God sent Jesus into the world to bring light and hope for all people.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Reader 4: Today we light the first candle which reminds us of the light of hope that the prophets had as they looked forward to a Messiah who would bring peace and love to the world.

Prayer by All: Thank you, God, for Jesus who helps us when we are sad or afraid, who shows us that we can always trust you.

Opening Hymn "Come, thou long expected Jesus"

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

2. Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Opening Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed –a by thy name
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, hallowed-a be thy name
Done on earth as it is in heaven, hallowed-a be thy name
Give us this day our daily bread, hallowed-a be thy name
And—forgive all our debts, hallowed-a be thy name
As we forgive our debtors, hallowed-a be thy name
Lead us not, into temptation, hallowed-a be thy name
But deliver us from evil, hallowed-a be thy name
Thine is the kingdom, power, and glory, hallowed-a be thy name
For-ever and ever, hallowed-a be thy name
Amen, amen, amen, hallowed-a be thy name
Amen, amen, amen, amen, hallowed-a be thy name

Children's Moment

I need you, you need me
We're all a part of God's body
Stand with me, agree with me
We're all a part of God's body
It is His will that every need be supplied
You are important to me,
I need you to survive
You are important to me,
I need you to survive

Rev. Beverly Hodges Fairweather

I pray for you, You pray for me
I love you, I need you to survive
I won't harm you with words from my mouth
I love you, I need you to survive
It is His will that every need be supplied
You are important to me
I need you to survive
You are important to me
I need you to survive

Ministry of Music: Brother Gomes & the Rising Stars Steel Orchestra

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GENEROSITY

The **two buckets** located in the front and back are for our **Tithes/Offering** to cover our current expenses, Scholarship Fund, and the **Apportionment**.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RESPONSE

First Lesson

Isaiah 2:1-5

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 24:36-44

Ministry of Music

Sister Patricia Bligen

The Sermon: "The Unknown Hour"

Rev. Ivy Dawson

Call to Discipleship Then Pastoral Prayer/Intercessory Prayer

Opportunities for Ministry

SENDING FORTH

Benediction followed by the Threefold Amen

Closing Hymn "Take the name of Jesus with you"

1. Take the name of Jesus with you,
child of sorrow and of woe;
it will joy and comfort give you;
take it then, where'er you go.
2. Take the name of Jesus ever,
as a shield from every snare;
if temptations round you gather,
breathe that holy name in prayer.
4. At the name of Jesus bowing,
falling prostrate at his feet,
King of kings in heaven we'll crown him,
when our journey is complete.

Refrain:

Precious name, O how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of heaven.
Precious name, O how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

3. O the precious name of Jesus!
How it thrills our souls with joy,
when his loving arms receive us,
and his songs our tongues employ!

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

2:1 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2:2 In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

2:3 Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

2:4 He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

2:5 O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

24:36 *"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.*

24:37 *For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.*

24:38 *For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark,*

24:39 *and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man.*

24:40 *Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left.*

24:41 Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left.

24:42 Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

24:43 But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into.

24:44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

****Prayers for:**

Derix & Delvin Skelton(Brothers of Donald Skelton) Desmond Williams(brother of Francis Wright), Dwayne Williams, Francine Brown & family ,The Shaws, Eldra Petrus, Ms. Anglin (Kings Harbor - Room E216A Tel#718-944-3051

*** * Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Today Nov 27th Anniversary Karen& Patrice Telfer





NEWS FLASH

NEWS FLASH

*The Hospitality Committee members are asked to meet after service today for a brief moment,

* If you are interested in Liturgical Dancing, see Rev. Fairweather.

*Confirmation Classes are held in the Chat Room Sundays after Worship Service

* Steel Pan Rehearsal on December 3rd (12pm Radicals. 3pm Rising Stars)

*Sunday December 18th – After worship service (Church sponsored Luncheon)

*The Auction planned for November 12th is cancelled 'til further notice. Stay tuned!

Chancel Choir Rehearsals

December 3rd 2022

December 17th 2022

January 14th 2023



Chancel Choir Ministry of Music Sundays

December 4th 2022

December 18th 2022

January 1st, 2023

January 15th 2023

NOVEMBER God's Renewing Word of Thankfulness and Praise



Date _____ Reading

First Sunday of Advent

- 27 Psalm 24**
- 28 Isaiah 11:1-16**
- 29 Isaiah 12:1-6**
- 30 Jeremiah 10:1-16**

DECEMBER God's Renewing Word of Joy

1 Psalm 30

2 Psalm 136

3 Psalm 138

Second Sunday of Advent

4 Exodus 12:1-14

5 Exodus 12:15-36

6 Exodus 12:37-51

7 Exodus 13:1-10

8 Exodus 13:11-22

9 Exodus 14:1-18

10 Exodus 14:19-31

Third Sunday of Advent

11 Exodus 15:1-18

12 Exodus 15:19-27

13 Exodus 16:1-21

14 Exodus 16:22-36

15 Exodus 17:1-16

16 Psalm 75

17 Isaiah 38:1-20

Fourth Sunday of Advent

18 Isaiah 7:1-25

19 Isaiah 8:1-20

20 Isaiah 8:21—9:7

21 Luke 1:1-25

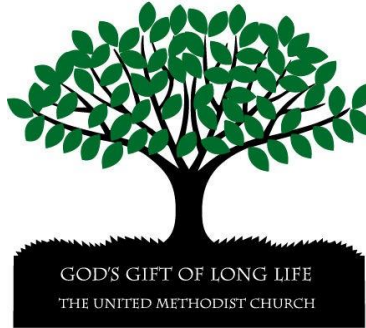
22 Luke 1:26-56

23 Luke 1:57-80

24 Luke 2:1-20

Christmas Day

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY



Calendar 2022

Trip to Hunterdon Dinner Theater- December 12th 2022 to see “Christmas at the Playhouse 2022. The Cost is \$125. Deposits due now, Final Payments due on November 14th 2022.

Advent Luncheon Program – December 17th 2022 at 10am. (“Blue Christmas”). Please bring something to share.

2023 Upcoming Events

- Seniors Day Apart – May 2023
- Seniors Retreat – Spring or Fall 2023. The theme is “Sabbath”. Facilitator: Rev Tisha M. Branch

All Seniors are invited to participate in our meetings and activities. We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month. We look forward to having you with us.

Shalom, Rev Sonia A Jermin.



**Westchester
United
Methodist
Church
Presents**

A Bang Up Christmas Concert

**Featuring City South Steel Orchestra + more
Saturday Dec 10th 4pm**

@2547 E. Tremont Ave, Bronx NY

Donation: Adults (\$20)
Children (12&Under) (\$10)



*Sounds
of the
Season*

Get Tickets Online @

<https://secure.myvanco.com/YQ1H/home>

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD NEEDS YOU!

Get paid \$17/hr
to help clear
snow and ice
from bus stops,
fire hydrants,
and crosswalks



**We
Need
You!
Now
Hiring**

**SNOW LABORERS NEEDED
LEARN MORE AT [NYC.GOV/SNOW](https://nyc.gov/snow)**



Emergency Snow Laborers 2022-2023 Season

Snow laborers must be at least 18 years of age, be eligible to work in the United States, and capable of performing heavy physical labor.

Additionally, candidates must be vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus.

All applicants must bring the following items at the time of registration:

- Two small photos (1 ½ square)
- Original and copy of two forms of identification
- Social Security card
- Proof of COVID-19 vaccination

Those interested in becoming a Snow Laborer must register for an application appointment at nyc.gov/snow.

Worship Sermon Notes

Date: _____ Preacher: _____

HEARING GOD'S WORD IN THE SERMON

Since we quickly forget 90% of what we hear; it has been suggested that note-taking will double the percentage of our take-home knowledge. I encourage you to try and see.

Theme: _____

Scripture Passages: OT: _____ Gospel: _____

INTRODUCTION:

Transitional Statement:

MAIN POINTS

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

CONCLUSION:

What is the main idea?

What is God asking me to do right now?

What am I going to do about it?