



# **Welcome to Westchester Methodist**



A GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH  
A friendly family church that's  
building up the Kingdom of God  
by growing disciples and  
extending our ministries



## **4th Sunday of Advent December 21st 2025 Service**

Rev. Gordon A.R. Edwards, Pastor

Join us Every Sunday for Children Sunday School @ 9AM and Church Service @ 10AM

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## Interlude

Pat Savage

### Call to Worship

*LEADER: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,*

*ALL: And in the Lord's word I hope.*

*LEADER: Advent is here – but Christmas is coming!*

*ALL: I will prepare for God's Chosen One*

### Opening Hymn

*“Hail to the Lord's anointed”*

OGRP 165

*1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.*

*3. He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruited earth;  
love, joy, and hope, like flowers,  
spring in his path to birth.  
Before him on the mountains,  
shall peace, the herald, go,  
and righteousness, in fountains,  
from hill to valley flow.*

*2. He comes with succor speedy  
to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
are precious in his sight.*

*4. To him shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end.  
The tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand forever;  
that name to us is love.*

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Reader: Today is the fourth Sunday in Advent. We light this first candle to remind us to wait in anticipation for the coming of the Lord. (Lighting of the first candle)*

*Reader: We light this candle of preparation as we would learn to be builders of a highway for God. (Lighting of the second candle)*

*Reader: We light this third candle of joy as we wait patiently yet excitedly for the joy that will transform our lives. (Lighting of the third candle)*

*Reader: Today we light the fourth candle, the candle of annunciation. We hear angel voices telling us of the coming of the Christ Child, just as shepherds did years ago. (Lighting of the fourth candle)*

**Song: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel v. 4**

*4) O come thou Root of Jesse's tree  
an ensign of thy people be,  
before thee rulers silent fall  
all peoples on thy mercy call..*

*Refrain:*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel*

**Opening Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer (sung)**

***Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed—**a be 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, amen hallowed-a be thy name (repeat)*

**Welcome & Sharing the Peace**

***“Won't you greet somebody in Jesus' name”***

*Won't you greet somebody in Jesus' name,  
Won't you tell them that you love them in Jesus' name  
Tell them we can work together in Jesus' name  
Everybody smile, Jesus loves you  
Everybody smile, Jesus loves you.*

**Children's Moment**

**Dr. Denis Wright Hamilton**

**Steel Pan Ministry**

**Brother Roy Gomes/Shayne Houston**

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GENEROSITY**



*As you march joyfully forward with your Tithes & Offerings to participate in this generous undertaking, be reminded that EVERY SUNDAY your tithes & offerings cover our Current Expenses, Apportionment and the work of our ministries. ~ “WE GIVE because God gave first” **Donate online** by scanning the QR Code or go to: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YQ1H/home> Or send via ZELLE using westchesterumcbx@gmail.com*

## **Offertory Selection**

**“God is good”**

## **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

### ***First Lesson***

***Isaiah 7:10-16***

***Jayden Myer***

*7:10 Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying,*

*7:11 "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven."*

*7:12 But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test."*

*7:13 Then Isaiah said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also?"*

*7:14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel.*

*7:15 He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.*

*7:16 For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.*

### ***Second Lesson***

***Matthew 1:18-25***

*1:18 Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit.*

*1:19 Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly.*

*1:20 But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.*

*1:21 She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."*

*1:22 All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:*

*1:23 "Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."*

*1:24 When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife,*

*1:25 but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.*

## **Ministry of Music**

## **Chancel Choir**

**Sermon: "Christ was born for this"**

**Rev Gordon AR Edwards**

**Call to Discipleship**                    ***"O come, O come Emmanuel"***

*O come, O Bright and Morning Star,  
and bring us comfort from afar!  
Dispel the shadows of the night  
and turn our darkness into light*

*Refrain:  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.*

## **Opportunities for Ministry**

### **Benediction**

### **Closing Hymn**

***"Go tell it on the Mountain"***

**OGRP 203**

*1- While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold throughout the heavens  
there shown a holy light.*

*2- The shepherds feared and trembled,  
when lo! above the earth,  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed the Savior's birth.*

*Refrain:  
Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain,  
that Jesus Christ is born.*

*3- Down in a lowly manger  
the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn.*



**LET'S PRAY FOR:** *Family of Marjorie Maynard, The Adeniyi Family, Jennifer Onomo & Family, Charles & Myrna Ovrnam, Elizabeth Amankwah & Family, Comfort Myer & family, Elnaurice Williams & family, Pamela Martin and family, Valerie Smith, Rev. Fairweather, Charmone Peets, Marian Johnson, Huburn Edwards, Roy Gomes, Sister Drew, Brother Chapman & Family, Gladys Thompson, Ms. Gladys Pryer, Theresa Irish, Dwayne Williams.*

Please submit your Birthdays Anniversaries photos @ westchesterumcbx@gmail.com



Mon Dec 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Jayden Myer
Wed Dec 24 <sup>th</sup>	Hartley Humphreys
Fri Dec 26 <sup>th</sup>	Samuel Oliver
Sat Dec 27 <sup>th</sup>	Manulita Lettsome



**Nurses on Duty –December 21<sup>st</sup>**  
 Zadie Salmon (RN), Dr Angela Douglas-Staley(Adult- PMHNP)  
**Nurses on Duty –December 28th**  
 Patience Nwanko(RN) , Dr Fiona Smith-Cambry(FNP/MHNP)

Attention all Global Methodist Women -Start the new year with a new Attitude! Join us for our first meeting in 2026. Wed. January 14<sup>th</sup> 7PM "Your Future is Calling You "Guest speaker: Rev. Gordon A.R. Edwards  
 Zoom meeting ID: 81460908538 Passcode: 182053  
 or telephone:(646)876-9923 Meeting ID:81460908538# (Meetings are open to all women who are members of a Global Methodist Church)





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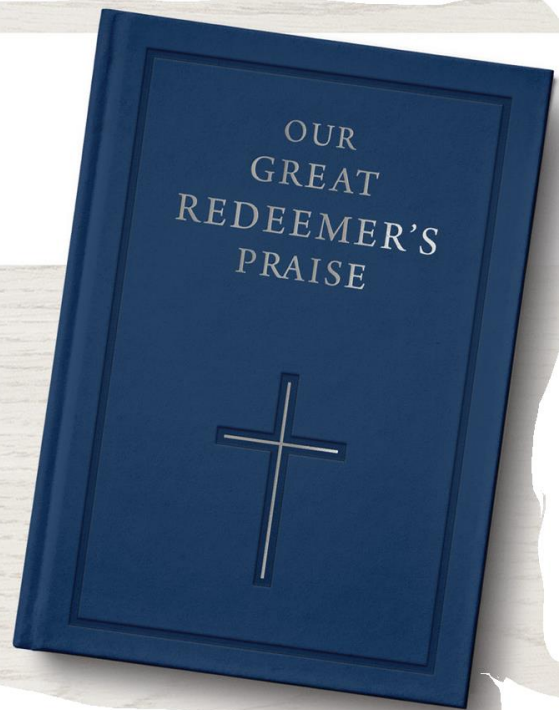
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- Service music for various occasions
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Event*





Will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 9am beginning September 28th. Please join us and bring your Bible. For more info see Rev. Linda Douglas Smith / 917-992-5306

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS



### Fourth Sunday of Advent

- ☐ 21 Luke 1:1-25
- ☐ 22 Luke 1:26-56
- ☐ 23 Luke 1:57-80
- ☐ 24 Luke 2:1-21

### Christmas Day

- ☐ 25 John 1:1-18
- ☐ 26 John 1:19-34
- ☐ 27 John 2:1-12
- ☐ 28 Zechariah 9:9-17
- ☐ 29 Zechariah 10:1-12
- ☐ 30 Revelation 19:1-10
- ☐ 31 Psalm 30

## WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY



Monday Night Bible Study -- Mondays @7PM via Zoom  
Meeting ID: 864 7317 7424 -- Passcode: 008617



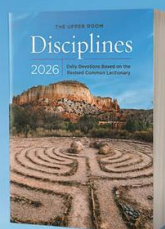
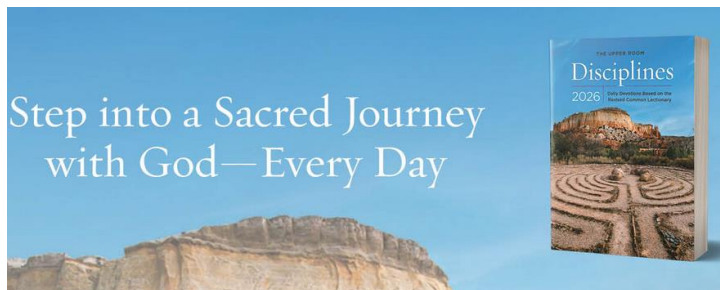
Wednesday Midday Bible Study - Wednesdays at 12noon via  
Conference call Number: (609) 746 -1136 Passcode: 961974#



Sister to Sister Bible Study -Fridays 7PM  
Zoom: 844 3853 5673 Passcode: 895339 Or Dial646-876-9923  
Contact -Rev. Linda Douglas Smith: 917 -992-5306

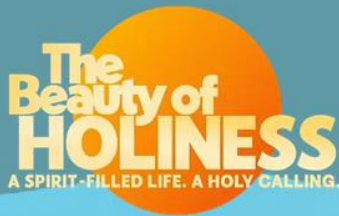


(Men's Bible Study) - Saturdays At 4PM via Conference call  
Number: (609) 746 -1136 Passcode: 961974#



If you're looking to steep yourself in God's word and presence every day, *The Upper Room Disciplines 2026* is your essential guide to daily spiritual renewal. All those who are in need of Upper Room Disciplines books for 2026, each copy cost \$ 22 + \$27 (large print) . please talk to Ms. Dick





# 2026 General Conference

Global Methodist Church | 2026 General Conference

August 30-September 5, 2026

Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa

This the first time the denomination's General Conference will be held on the African continent and the ENTIRE Westchester Methodist Church Family is going so START SAVING.

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CHURCH!  
INVITE A FRIEND

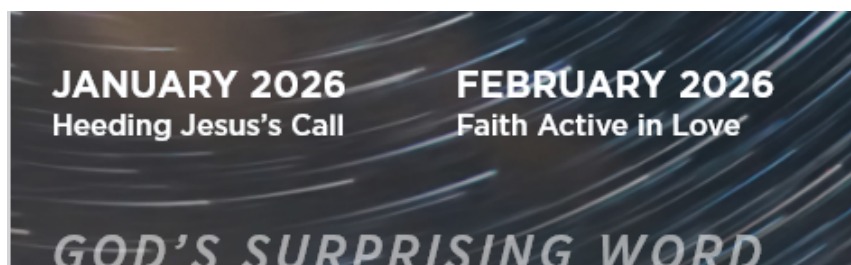
**82%** of people  
say they would  
attend church

...if a friend simply invited them,  
but only 2% of churchgoers ever do.

Andrew Sunday - January 11, 2026

"One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus." John 1:40-42a

So invite: family members, your neighbors, your co-workers with you to church on Andrew Sunday.'



- ☐ 1 Hebrews 1:1-14
- ☐ 2 Hebrews 2:1-15
- ☐ 3 Hebrews 3:1-19
- ☐ 4 Hebrews 4:1-13
- ☐ 5 Hebrews 4:14-5:10
- Epiphany**
- ☐ 6 Matthew 2:1-12
- ☐ 7 Matthew 2:13-23
- ☐ 8 Matthew 3:10-17
- ☐ 9 Matthew 4:1-11
- ☐ 10 Matthew 4:12-25
- ☐ 11 Matthew 8:1-17
- ☐ 12 Matthew 9:18-34
- ☐ 13 Matthew 12:22-32
- ☐ 14 Matthew 14:1-21
- ☐ 15 Matthew 14:22-36
- ☐ 16 Matthew 15:1-20
- ☐ 17 Matthew 15:21-39

**Week of Prayer for  
Christian Unity Begins;  
Ecumenical Sunday**

- ☐ 18 Matthew 16:1-12
- ☐ 19 Matthew 16:13-28
- ☐ 20 Matthew 17:1-13
- ☐ 21 Matthew 17:14-27
- ☐ 22 Acts 3:1-10
- ☐ 23 Acts 3:11-26
- ☐ 24 Acts 4:1-22
- ☐ 25 Acts 4:23-5:11
- ☐ 26 Acts 9:1-19a
- ☐ 27 Acts 9:19b-31
- ☐ 28 Acts 9:32-42
- ☐ 29 Acts 14:8-20
- ☐ 30 Acts 16:1-15
- ☐ 31 Acts 16:16-40

- ☐ 1 Philippians 1:1-11
- ☐ 2 Philippians 1:12-30
- ☐ 3 Philippians 2:1-11
- ☐ 4 Philippians 2:12-30
- ☐ 5 Philippians 3:1-11
- ☐ 6 Philippians 3:12-21
- ☐ 7 Philippians 4:1-9
- ☐ 8 Philippians 4:10-23
- ☐ 9 Philemon 1-25
- ☐ 10 Exodus 1:1-22
- ☐ 11 Exodus 2:1-10
- ☐ 12 Exodus 2:11-25
- ☐ 13 Exodus 3:1-22
- ☐ 14 Exodus 4:1-17
- ☐ 15 Exodus 4:18-31
- ☐ 16 Exodus 6:1-13
- ☐ 17 Psalm 136

**Ash Wednesday**

- ☐ 18 Psalm 51
- ☐ 19 Exodus 13:17-22
- ☐ 20 Exodus 14:1-18
- ☐ 21 Exodus 14:19-31

**First Sunday in Lent**

- ☐ 22 Exodus 15:1-18

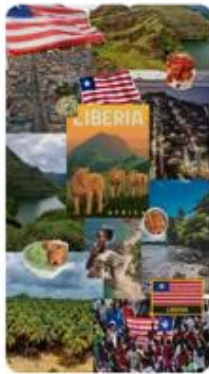
**Great Lent (Orthodox)**

- ☐ 23 Exodus 15:19-27
- ☐ 24 Exodus 18:1-12
- ☐ 25 Romans 8:18-39
- ☐ 26 Romans 12:1-21
- ☐ 27 Romans 14:1-23
- ☐ 28 Romans 15:1-13





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August 28th – September 15th

**SOUTH AFRICA- AUG 29<sup>TH</sup> –SEPT 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**GHANA- SEPT 5<sup>TH</sup> –SEPT 9<sup>TH</sup>**

**SIERRA LEONE- SEPT 9<sup>TH</sup> –SEPT 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**LIBERIA- SEPT 11<sup>TH</sup> –SEPT 14<sup>TH</sup>**

**Estimated Cost: \$5,000 –\$6,500**



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## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Transitional Statement:

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### MAIN POINTS

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

### CONCLUSION:

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What is the main idea?

\_\_\_\_\_

What is God asking me to do right now?

\_\_\_\_\_

What am I going to do about it?