

# The Lord's Day

December 24, 2023

Lighting of the Advent Candle:

Call to Worship: Choir

Welcome/Announcements: Pastor Jordan Wright

Invocation: Pastor Jordan Wright

Worship: "While Shepherd Watch Their Flocks" #272

Pastoral Prayer: Danny Janes

Special Music: Jennifer Jordan

Sermon: Pastor Danny Janes

**"What's So Special About Christmas?"**

Scripture: Selected

Communion:

Closing Prayer: Pastor Danny Janes

## Prayer Requests

Frances Caldwell, Lynn Durham, Nancy Friddle, Cindy Greeson, Jean Holland, Sophie Holland, Angela Holt, Darlene Jackson, David James, Barbara McCormick, Julie McCormick, Tana Mills, Donnie Overman, Linda Overman, Gary Pruitt, Barbara Sebastian, Edd Sebastian, Carla Sharpe, Jill Strader, Kay Tingen, Shirley Valentine, Peace in Israel

## HOLIDAY GREETINGS AND THANKS: On



behalf of the Liberty Wesleyan Church staff, **Tanna & I, Jordan & Madison**, and **Amy** would like to wish our entire

Liberty Wesleyan Church family a **Blessed Christmas** and **New Year's** celebration. Thank you for all the cards, gifts, kind words, Christmas bonuses, and love you've extended to us this Christmas – and throughout 2023. We pray that God will multiply the blessing and return them to all of you. May your New Year be filled with the power of His presence and peace! God Bless!  
**Your Pastoral Staff**

**CHRISTMAS TREAT BAGS:** If you were not able to join us last Sunday, a few treat bags are available for you to pick up on your way out this morning. Again, thank you to our Liberty Wesleyan Men for providing these treat bags. Merry Christmas!



**CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION:** Since Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, our Sunday morning service will **include** the Christmas Communion service. There will **not** be a separate evening communion service tonight.



**YEAR-END GIVING:** For tax purposes, many people like to designate the church in their year-end giving. To assist our treasurer in closing out the church books, contributions for **2023** should be received by today, **Sunday, December 24**. Thank you for your faithful stewardship.



**SCHEDULE CHANGE:** Due to the Christmas and New Year holidays, we will not have Awana, or Youth, or Adult Bible Study on **Wednesday, December 27**. We will also have **No Sunday School on December 31**. We will have normal morning service at **10:00 a.m.** on New Years Eve. We hope those of you going to be with family will enjoy safe travel, and all will be blessed with wonderful Christmas and New Year celebrations!

**OFFICE HOURS:** Due to the holiday week, our office hours will be limited. Please call before coming to ensure someone is there.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING REPORT:** Thank you for your giving! As of last Sunday, our annual "March to the Manger" Christmas Offering has received **\$32,227.53**. If you were unable to give your Christmas Offering last Sunday, it is still greatly appreciated today. You can also designate your Christmas Offering by giving online through our Givelify app. **GOD BLESS YOU!**



**FOLLOW 2023 - YOUTH CONFERENCE:**



On **Thursday, December 28, 21** of our Liberty

youth and adult sponsors will be leaving for the **FOLLOW 2023** Youth Conference, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Thousands of Wesleyan Youth from across the nation will gather for this three-day event which only happens every four years. Those planning to attend from Liberty are: **Abby Suggs, Rachel Durham, Olivia Durham, Haylee Carrol, Anna Angel, Addison Messinger, Cole Messinger, Ava Cox, Jasmine Kehr, Alleyah Rousseau, Dakota Rousseau, Sullivan Mize, Hunter Dunlap, Bayden Shelton, Daniel Grimmitt, Ethan Carter, Coby Alley, Danielle Angiulli, Erika Kallam, Madison Wright, and Jordan Wright.** Please keep our youth and leaders in your prayers this week for safe travel and a life-changing experience in Cincy!

**“CUP of GRACE” LADIES BIBLE STUDY:**



Please join us **January 2, at 6:30 p.m.** for a “Cup of Grace”. “To **RSVP** or for more information contact **Marti Hyatt (336-706-0074), Tanna Janes (336-482-8246), or Trish Naylor (336-202-8546).**

**WESLEYAN WOMEN:** All ladies are invited to



join us on **January 11, at 6:30 p.m.** for our January monthly Wesleyan Women’s meeting.

We will have a special presentation on safety and the ways to positively navigate the world we live in. Sign-up sheets will be available January 8.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:**



The American Red Cross will be holding a **Blood Drive** on **Monday, January 15,** from **2:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** Please

contact **Tricia Durham 336-269-1453** or **Donna Durham 336-587-4637** to sign up or if you have any questions.

**WINTER WEATHER POLICY:** In the event



of Sundays or Wednesday nights where our services might be delayed or canceled, we will do our best to keep you informed. **First,** we will post any service changes on our Liberty Wesleyan website and Facebook page. **Second,** we will try to send out a Phone Tree message as early as possible. **Third,** we will send an e-mail to everyone we have an address for. **Fourth,** we will list cancellations on the following television stations: **WFMY Channel 2, WGHP Channel 8, & WXII Channel 12.**



A poinsettia was placed In Memory: **Jimmy McCraw,** Miss you every day! Irene Clodfelter

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**



Dec 27 No Evening Services  
Dec 31 No Sunday School  
Dec 28-31 Youth Follow 2023

Conference

- Dec 31 New Year’s Eve
- Jan 2 Cup of Grace
- Jan 11 Wesleyan Women’s Meeting
- Jan 15 Blood Drive

**Offering for Sunday, December 17, 2023**

Sunday School	\$18.00
Missions	\$160.00
Offering	\$30,958.00
Online	<u>\$1,269.53</u>
Total Received	\$32,405.53
Youth	\$1,047.95
Children	\$25.00
In As Much	\$125.00
Reimbursement	\$48.00
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Budget Conf. Year 2023-2024	\$339,115.00
December 2023 - Budget Assigned	\$32,607.21
Weekly Budget Assigned	\$6,521.44
Amount Rec 3 Sunday(s) in Dec.	\$45,555.35
Amt Rec’d as of Dec. 17, 2023	\$247,631.28
Budgeted amount for week 33	\$215,207.60

Tellers: Patsy Nicholson and Carla Sharpe



**Date:** December 24, 2023

**Text:** Selected

**1. RELEVANCE: God** \_\_\_\_\_

*“(Jesus) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created. . . He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.” (Colossians 1:15-17)*

*“He became like men and was born a human being.”  
(Philippians 2:7, Amplified Bible)*

**2. REASON: He came for** \_\_\_\_\_

- He came to show us what \_\_\_\_\_  
*“I am the **truth**.” (John 14:6)*
- He came to show us how to \_\_\_\_\_  
*“I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.” (John 10:10)*
- He came because \_\_\_\_\_  
*“God showed how much he loved us by sending his only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love—that God sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.” (1 John 4:9-10, NLT)*

**3. RESULT: You can** \_\_\_\_\_

*“. . . the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”  
(Romans 6:23)*

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