

WOOSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Order of Worship ~ November 24, 2024

Christ the King Sunday

Gathering Music ~ "Amazing Grace" ~ Maddy Clow, baritone and Deb Clow, piano
(cannot be livestreamed due to licensing requirements)

Greeting ~ Pastor David Wilcox

Special Music: "He Is Exalted" by Twila Paris ~ Praise Band

Call to Worship ~ Liturgist

L: Come, sing and dance before the Lord.

C: Praise God with the sound of music and dancing!

L: Let every soul sing God's praises!

C: Let the mountains tremble and the seas roar!

L: Praise the King of glory who guides our lives.

C: Praise the Lord of hosts who watches over us. Amen.

Praise Song: "Majesty" by Jack Hayford ~ UMH #176 *(sung twice)*

Affirmation of Faith ~ UMH #881

Psalm Reading: Psalm 93 ~ Liturgist

Special Music: "Hallelujah to My King" by Brenton Brown and Paul Baloche ~ Praise Band

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "Come Thou Almighty King" ~ UMH #61 *(Dismissal for Children's Church after the hymn)*

Sermon (The Story #11): "Heroes, Kings, and Jesus" ~ David Wilcox, Guest Pastor

Main Scriptures: selected verses from 1 Samuel 16 — 2 Samuel 7 (NIV)

Impact Moment

Doxology ~ UMH #95

Offering Prayer: **Great and Glorious Savior, we listen attentively to your voice. We place our trust in your truth and grace. We generously give in gratitude for your truth in our spiritual journey. We pray that these monetary gifts may help others to see your kingdom, to draw closer to you, and to find ultimate peace. We pray in the name of the One who sustains us throughout life's journey, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" ~ UMH #139

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude



Serving in worship today

Greeters: Kay Bergen & Cindy Rohrbaugh | Organist: Steve Gerber | Liturgist: Kathy Kapp

A/V: Dave Braddock, Nathan Greene, Steve Grenert, Dave Riley

Ushers: Jack Bardall, John Crouch, Jim Gallander | Welcome Center: Beth & Lake Poremba

Holy Grounds invites you to Wesley Hall after the service. Thanks to Nancy & Richard Zimmerman for their support.



Wooster UMC will once again host a free holiday concert with Burning River Brass on Saturday, December 21, at 1:30p in the WUMC sanctuary (doors open at 12:45; seating is first-come, first-served until capacity is reached).

A free will offering will benefit the WUMC Giving Tree (providing winter accessories to Meals Together patrons) and the "Lift Her Up" Africa University female student sponsorship.

Volunteers are needed as WUMC welcomes the public to this event. It takes many hands to make it happen smoothly—can you help?

- **Cookie Providers:** provide home-baked or store-bought cookies
- **Greeters:** welcome & direct visitors
- **Reception Support:** refill cookie trays and water pitchers, help with clean up

Sign up at the "What's Up?" table or contact Nancy Franck.



If you haven't yet turned in your 2025 Estimate of Giving card, please take some time to pray about how you will choose to give at WUMC and invest in God's work that is happening through the WUMC congregation and in the United Methodist Church. Mail in cards or submit to the church office.

Please be aware that there may be heat fluctuations in the sanctuary and other rooms around the church while upgrades are being made.

The WUMC office will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29.

Would you like to place a poinsettia in the Sanctuary for Christmas in memory/honor of a loved one or celebration of a special occasion? Each plant is \$8; order forms are available at the What's Up Table. A list of the dedications will be published in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

Plan to stay after worship TODAY to decorate WUMC for the Advent/Christmas season! Pizza will be provided!

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS

Looking for meaningful Christmas gifts? Visit Wesley Hall on December 1, 8, 22, and 29 to purchase alternative gifts that support several local organizations. Your gift will make a lasting impact while honoring loved ones with the true spirit of giving.

WUMC IN THE COMMUNITY

WUMC will partner with the College of Wooster and other area businesses for the December 7 "Green and Giving" event, a holiday gift swap/rummage sale and sustainability-focused community event. **We will collect new/gently used toys, clothes, and household goods.** The event will be held at Cornerstone Elementary school and will allow community members with limited resources a chance to select gifts that they otherwise might not be able to afford. **Bring items to the What's Up Table in Wesley Hall through December 1.**

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT
Friday, December 6

Parents! Do you need a night off to do some shopping, have a quiet dinner, or just sit in silence? Plan to drop your kids off at the church gym on December 6 from 6:00-8:00p for some fun activities planned and provided by WUMC youth!

Advent & Christmas AT WUMC

Stop by the What's Up Table in Wesley Hall today to pick up a WUMC Advent & Christmas brochure! It's filled with all the exciting events and worship opportunities happening this season. Take a brochure to plan your Advent activities and invite friends to join us in celebrating the joy of Christmas!

Birthday Person of the Week!

You are encouraged to send a note or card.
Doris Millhuff (celebrating a birthday!)
1521 Morgan St.
Wooster, OH 44691

Main Street **WOOSTER**
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN
CHURCH TOUR
Friday, December 6th
4:00 to 7:00p.m.
SPONSORED BY:
104.5 THE RIVER

WUMC will be a stop on this year's Church Walk on Friday, December 6, 4:00-7:00p. The Cleveland Carolers will again perform on the WUMC front lawn from 5:00-7:00p, in addition to the performers inside the sanctuary:

4:00: Vicki Moore, piano
4:30: Steve Gerber, WUMC organist
5:00: Aaron Miedel, violin;
Steve Gerber, piano
5:30: WUMC Campanile Bell Choir
6:00: Tom Shaw, organ

GREETERS/USHERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP WELCOME THE PUBLIC AND PROVIDE DIRECTION. IF YOU CAN HELP, SIGN UP AT THE WHAT'S UP TABLE IN WESLEY HALL OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE.

WUMC will ring the bell for the Salvation Army on Thursday, December 19, 8:00a-8:00p at Buehler's Towne Market. Sign up for a slot at the What's Up Table in Wesley Hall or call the church office.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Middle East conflict
- People and churches of Ukraine
- Becca McCready, ongoing blood cancer recovery
- That we would "do unto others as you would have them do unto you" during this election season
- Dick Smith (retired UMC pastor) at LifeCare Hospice
- Harris family on the November 12 passing of Ishwar's brother, Hadden Kiran Harris

Prayer requests remain on the list for two weeks unless otherwise requested.