# Wesley United Methodist Church December 7, 2025 – 8:30 a.m.

To Love God with all our Heart-To Love the World as Jesus Does

**PRELUDE** 

WELCOME

(Visitors, Members, and Friends of Wesley, please sign the "Friendship Pad" to register attendance with us today. We are glad you are here!)

HYMN "He Is Born" (UMH#228)

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Advent reminds us that we are people who share a story, the story of Jesus, who enacts peace as a Righteous Judge. We long for the day when the "wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down the with kid, the calf and the lion will feed together and a little child shall lead them" (Isaiah 11:6) Today, we choose to live the story of peace, experiencing that true peace comes when we seek God's Kingdom.

We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to bring Light to the world and look toward the day when all creation lives together in harmony and abundance.

\*HYMN

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

(UMH#218)

## OFFERING OURSELVES, OUR LIVES, AND CONCERNS

(Our Altar is open for anyone to pray and bring their petition to God. Ask, knock, kneel, and allow God to answer.)

**MORNING PRAYER** 

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

### GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "O Come O Come Emmanuel" Jendy Way
\*DOXOLOGY (UMH#95)

(Kids are invited to come down to the front during the Doxology)

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE Matthew 1:18-24

MESSAGE "A Haunting Advent Series: Haunted By The Past?"

Rev. Dr. Shalom Renner

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (UMH#230)

### FLOWER CELEBRATIONS AND MEMORIALS

\*BENEDICTION

\*Stand as you are able.

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SONG OF CELEBRATION

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

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LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

\*MUSIC OF PRAISE

PRAYER TIME

Personal Time of Prayer (*Please remember those on our prayer list.*) Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power,

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

and the glory forever. Amen.

Children Preschool through 5th Grade are invited to Children's Church on the first Sunday of the month.

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HOLY COMMUNION \*CLOSING MUSIC

\*BENEDICTION \*Stand as able.

# Wesley United Methodist Church Canton, IL



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