

Wesley United Methodist Church

December 21, 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 “Angels from the Realms of Glory” (UMH#228)

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader: Today we come face to face with the scandal of Advent: Mary, the unmarried mother, God incarnate growing in Mary’s womb as a vulnerable baby; Joseph contemplating leaving Mary because of her pregnancy; God’s love at work in ways providing Eternal Salvation, God calling Mary and Joseph to faithfulness.

All: With Mary and Joseph, we choose to wait, watch and listen for the way of Love.

Leader: We light this candle of love as a sign of our commitment to seek, find, and follow Emmanuel, God with us.

*HYMN “Love Came Down at Christmas” (UMH#242)

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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC “Listen” Chancel Choir

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY (UMH#95)

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

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Lisa Renner

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:5-25

MESSAGE “A Haunting Advent Series: Haunted by the Future?”
Rev. Dr. Shalom Renner

MARCH TO THE MANGER

*SONG OF RESPONSE “Once in Royal David’s City” (UMH#250)

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

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CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Lisa Renner

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Children Preschool through fifth Grade are invited
to Children’s Church **on the first Sunday of the month.***

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:5-25

MESSAGE

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MARCH TO THE MANGER

*CLOSING MUSIC

*BENEDICTION

**Stand as able.*

Wesley United Methodist Church Canton, IL

*A Haunting
Advent Series*



*Drawing Closer to God Shouldn't
Scare the “Dickens” Out of Us!*

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