

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pre-ordered **Christmas Greens** may be picked up **today in the COTS Café**.

**United Methodist Student Day** is today, November 28, 2021. It's a day when we celebrate our United Methodist students and receive an offering to support scholarships for qualified United Methodist applicants. Please use enclosed envelope.

**EMBARK: New Membership Orientation** - If you've been attending online or in person and you're ready for the next step, we would love to invite you to experience the joy that comes with *going deeper by becoming a member*. The next session will take place on Sunday, Dec. 12 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. via Zoom. Please register in the church office or use the link in The Chimes.

**Different Perspective of Thanksgiving:** *All in God's Image: A Study in the History of Indigenous Peoples* is a series of guides to help non-Native adults and children learn more about specific days that are widely observed in this country so that we can grow together in our knowledge and respect for the Native American Tribal Nations in the United States. This study is available through the link in The Chimes. *(Developed by COTS church member, Corinne Dunn)*

**Angel Tree reminder:** Our elves need time to shop, so today is the last day to contribute to the Angel Tree project through your offering this morning (please note "Angel Tree") or online through our website. If you selected a child's name and will shop yourself, please return the gift(s) to church by Dec. 5. Questions? Contact Kristi Bergren: 216-702-0043.

**Sanctified Art Advent Devotionals** for home study and reflection are available in various locations throughout the church and in the hallway rack by the office.

Join us on Wednesday mornings for *All the Good: A Wesleyan Way of Christmas*. This **4-week Advent study** starts on Wednesday, December 1 at 10 a.m. via Zoom. A study book and a daily devotional are available for purchase on Amazon and Cokesbury but neither are required to participate. Contact Rev. Amanda Moseng at [amoseng@cotsumc.org](mailto:amoseng@cotsumc.org) to sign up.

**Holiday Grief Group:** The holidays are a joyous time but can also be a time of sadness for those grieving the loss of a loved one. You are invited to a 3-week holiday grief group on Wednesdays in December (1, 8, 15) at 7 p.m. that will take place via Zoom. Please contact Rev. Amanda Moseng at [amoseng@cotsumc.org](mailto:amoseng@cotsumc.org) to receive the Zoom link.

United Methodist Women have graciously provided small scale **poinsettia plants for delivery to the homebound** members of our church family. Plants will be available for delivery beginning Sunday, December 5. Stop by the Welcome Desk in the Tower Entrance to pick up a plant and sign up to make a delivery!

# CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR

*United Methodist*

*Bringing New Life to Greater Heights*



November 28, 2021

11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Rev. Andy Call, Lead Pastor  
Rev. Amanda Moseng, Pastor of Discipleship

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY

11:00 a.m.

## OPENING TO GOD

PRELUDE *The Hills Are Bare at Bethlehem* David Paxton  
(from "Southern Harmony")

*Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending* arr. Forrest Hill

WELCOME The Rev. Andy Call

## CHORAL INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Deserie Miller

One: Can one be homesick for something you've never known?

**All: We are homesick for a just world, for peace like rivers,  
for the end of suffering.**

One: Yes, we are homesick -

**All: for joy that is contagious, for nations that feel like neighbors,  
and for hospitals that run empty.**

One: We are homesick for the world God promises.

**All: We are homesick, but we are on our way.**

One: God is here. God is still creating.

**All: Let us worship Holy God.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #213 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* Truro

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE The Newman Family

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Call

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God,**

**We find ourselves with two options every day—**

**to stay homesick for the world you had in mind, or to allow cynicism to win.**

**Do we hope against hope, or do we throw in the towel?**

**Do we insist on a better world, or do we assume it's impossible?**

**Forgive us for the days when cynicism wins.**

**Forgive us for numbing our homesick hurt**

**instead of using it to fuel a better world.**

**Kindle in us a hope that won't let go.**

**Gratefully we pray. Amen. (Silence is kept.)**

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *Be Joyful in the Lord* Robert J. Powell  
Chancel Choir

\*THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 21:25-36 (CEB) Ms. Miller

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE "Homesick" Rev. Call

## OFFERING OUR LIVES IN DISCIPLESHIP

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *Come Home* Craig Courtney  
Madison Hurst, tenor; Robert Day, piano

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (#895)  
The Rev. Amanda Moseng

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Rev. Moseng

\*The Doxology (#95) & Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #729 *O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines* Jerusalem

\*BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE *Episode on "Truro"* arr. Lani Smith

\*The people may stand.

David Gilson, Director of Music

Robert Day, Organist

Please register your attendance at today's worship service here,  
or on the church's website. Thank you!

