

**Please stand, as able*

PRELUDE *Advent Carols & Hymns*

For your prayer concerns, please use the forms inserted in your bulletin. The ushers will collect them during the first hymn to be included in our Morning Prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Our eternal God, our beginning and our end, has gathered us in this place of worship.

People: We are here to find wisdom and grace to be open to living as those who know this God.

Leader: The eternal One seeks to create new people of us.

People: We open ourselves now to that gift or new life.

Leader: With that desire in our hearts, let us begin our worship.

***HYMN #213** *"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"*

MORNING PRAYER (based on #2092 (TFWS))

(after each ðCome, Jesusð reflect on where God is needed in your life and the life of the world)

Like a child love would send to reveal and to mend, like a child and a friend - "Come, Jesus."

**Like a child we may find claiming heart, soul and friend
Like a child and a friend, and mind, like a child strong
and kind - "Come, Jesus."**

Like a child we will meet, ragged clothes, dirty feet, like a child on the street. - "Come, Jesus."

Like a child we once knew coming back into view, like a child born anew - "Come, Jesus."

Like a child born to pray and to show us the way, like a child here to stay - "Come, Jesus."

Like a child we receive all that love can conceive, like a child we believe - "Come, Jesus."

Light of the world, hear these prayers and hear the personal prayers we now offer. (After each request is read, the response is 'God of love, hear our prayer')

We ask these things in the name of Jesus who taught his disciples to pray: 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

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN #2090(TFWS) *"Light the Advent Candle" (vs 1)*

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE

ANTHEM *"My soul Glorifies the Lord"* Larson

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Luke 21:25-36

SERMON *"While We Wait"* Rev. Stinson

PRAYER

HYMN #206 *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*

OFFERING & DOXOLOGY *"See Amid the Winter's Snow"* Larson

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation
Confession
Thanksgiving
Acknowledging the Gift of Christ
Breaking and Receiving the Bread
Leaving the Table

***HYMN #202** *"People, Look East"*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *"Star of Bethlehem"* M. Rozsa

Welcome to Jesse Lee Church:
Find hope, joy, peace and the love of God here.

Front Door Wreaths are given by the Collis Family in memory of Howard Collis.

Ushers: Jim Riling, Brian Sideleau
Scripture Reader: Barbara Stinson
Communion Steward: Jenn Nolle-Berg

Save these Dates:

TODAY - Greening of the church AND Potluck Lunch following worship.

December 5 - 7:00PM - Vigil to End Gun Violence

December 9 - 4:00 PM - Charge Conference at Monroe UMC

December 24 - 7 PM - Christmas Eve Service

Immediately following worship we will be 'greening' the church. Everyone who is able is welcome to help, especially the children to set up the crèche in the narthex. After the greening, we will enjoy a luncheon in Bennett Hall.

**The mark of
a great church
is not how many
people come,
but how many
people live
differently
for having
been there.**

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today:

8:45am Choir Rehearsal - Bennett Hall
10:00am Worship Service/Sunday School
11:00am Greening of the church
12:00pm Italian Lunch

Monday

9:15am Essentrics Exercise
5:00pm Pack 166 Cub Scouts

Wednesday

9:15am Essentrics Exercise

Friday

9:15am Essentrics

Next Sunday:

8:45am Choir Rehearsal - Bennett Hall
10:00am Worship Service/Sunday School
11:00am Fellowship in Bennett Hall

Attendance: November 25 - 47

CIRCUIT WRITER: Items for the newsletter should be sent to Suzanne Herlihy (suzannevherlihy@gmail.com).

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PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS: Rev. Stinson in office Tuesday - Thursday, 9am-12pm. He can be reached by email at jstinson4242@aol.com. Emergency: 203-984-0141(cell) or 203-378-4702(Home)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Office Open 8:30am - 12:30pm Tuesday - Thursday. At other times please leave a voice mail message. For emergencies, please call Rev. Stinson at numbers listed above.

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Jesse Lee Church is the direct descendent of the oldest continuously operating Methodist Society of New England. Our church traces its origin to 1789 when Jesse Lee, A Methodist Circuit Rider (traveling preacher), was appointed to spread the Word of God to New England. The congregation has met in this warm colonial sanctuary since 1813.

The United Methodist Church is a Protestant Christian denomination of 10 million members in the USA and around the world. It is affiliated with Methodist Churches in 87 countries in the world. We confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and the historic Christian faith.

Our Vision

Jesse Lee United Methodist Church seeks to be a compassionate congregation whose members, through word and deed, live the Great Commandment of Jesus Christ to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and your neighbor as yourself."



Jesse Lee United Methodist Church
At Worship
December 2, 2018
10:00 A.M.