

**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: May God's Chosen One come in justice.

People: May God's appointed One come in righteousness

Leader: May Jesus lead us to defend the poor and deliver the needy.

People: May Jesus lead us to being true disciples as we work for justice wherever there is injustice.

Leader: May we find comfort, strength, and renewed faith as we gather today in Jesus' name. **Amen**

***HYMN #203** *"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"*

MORNING REFLECTION

Leader: Into the daily cycle of our lives
when all seems well
with us and the world
when our yoke is easy
and the burden is light
You break in,

People: and scatter our complacency.

Leader: Into the daily cycle of our lives
when we are comfortable and
at our ease
when the fire is lit
but our eyes are closed
You break in

People: and scatter our dependency.

Leader: You break into
our daily prayers
humble hearts
lay souls bare
You break in.

People: You break in.

Leader: You break in when our defenses are down
with an Angel's shout
or the quietest sound
You break in

**People: and we change
and all things change
when you break in.**

(From Faith and worship.com)

MORNING PRAYER

Eternal one, allow us to respond in faith when you break into our lives. Lift us from our complacency and dependency. Let your new Word speak to our hearts and inspire our actions. May the season of Advent give way to lives of change and renewal. Allow the one who would break into our lives to be seen and reflected in lives that are changed. Hear us as we pray, for we would be changed.

And hear us as we remember others, (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 2)*

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE

ANTHEM *"Servants of the Lord"* Purifoy

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 11:1-10; Matthew 3:1-3

SERMON *"Talking Heads"* Rev. Stinson

PRAYER

HYMN #211 *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

OFFERING *"Mary, Did You Know?"* Loury/Greene
Duet: Joanne Kant, Joe Swindon)

DOXOLOGY

***HYMN #670** *"Go Forth for God"*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *"Sleighride"* L. Anderson

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**.

Advent Candles were donated by the **Jaffe Family**.

Ushers: Jim Riling, Brian Sideleau

Scripture Reader: Elisabeth Berg

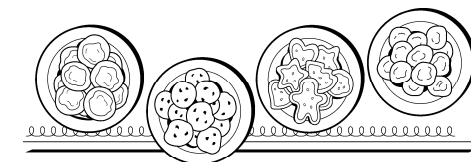
Save these Dates:

Today - 11:30 AM Administrative Council

**Today - 4:00 PM - Charge Conference at
Monroe UMC**

December 16 - 11:30 AM Annual Cookie Walk

December 24 - 7 PM - Christmas Eve Service



Cookie Walk

NEXT SUNDAY. We need your help. Bake your favorite cookies & bring them to the kitchen before the service. A container filled with cookies - \$5.00. Proceeds will go to a local charity

THANK YOU to all who helped to 'Green' the church.

THANK YOU also to those who brought food for the luncheon and Lorraine for organizing it.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today:

8:45am Choir Rehearsal - Bennett Hall
10:00am Worship Service/Sunday School
11:30am Administrative Council
4:00pm Charge Conference at Monroe UMC

Monday

9:15am Essentrics Exercise
7:00pm PAASD

Wednesday

9:15am Essentrics Exercise

Thursday

6:30pm Cub Scouts

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: December 2 - 41

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 9, 2018
10:00 A.M.