

**Please stand, as able*

PRELUDE "Mary's Little Boy Child" J. Hairston

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

Reader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name; Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Reader: The voice of God is powerful; the voice of God is full of majesty.

People: Let everyone praise the name of the Lord, for God's glory is above the earth and heaven, may the Lord give strength to the people! May the Lord bless God's people with peace!

(Based on Psalm 29)

***HYMN #117** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

MORNING PRAYER

Loving God who loves and accepts us, yet longs for us to be our best; you see the potential in us that we often miss. We hear with joy in the Scriptures how your voice proclaimed your pleasure in Jesus at the time of his baptism. Remind us again that you find great joy as we live into our baptism, when we act selflessly, when we give without expecting in return, when we love without limits, when we accept all others as our sisters and brothers. Remind us again that you love us as we are, and even so expect more of us than we give. Lead us to bring joy to others and therefore to you. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Hear these prayer and hear us as we remember those that are near and dear to us. (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 #383 "This is a Day of New Beginnings"

ANTHEM "Frankincense, Myrrh, & Gold" P. Choplin

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 60:1-6

SERMON "Stories, Stories, and More STORIES"
Rev. Stinson

PRAYER

***HYMN #384** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

OFFERING "Believe" Ballard & Sylvestri

DOXOLOGY

HOLY COMMUNION #13 (begin with Great Thanksgiving)

***HYMN #2051 (TFWS)** "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Pat-A-Pan" C. Davis

COFFEE HOUR IN BENNETT HALL

Everyone is invited and encouraged to share in a time of fellowship at 11AM, depending on when our Worship Service ends.

Welcome to Jesse Lee Church:

Find hope, joy, peace and the love of God here.

Front Door Wreaths are given by an **Anonymous Donor**.

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by **Jesse Lee United Methodist Church**

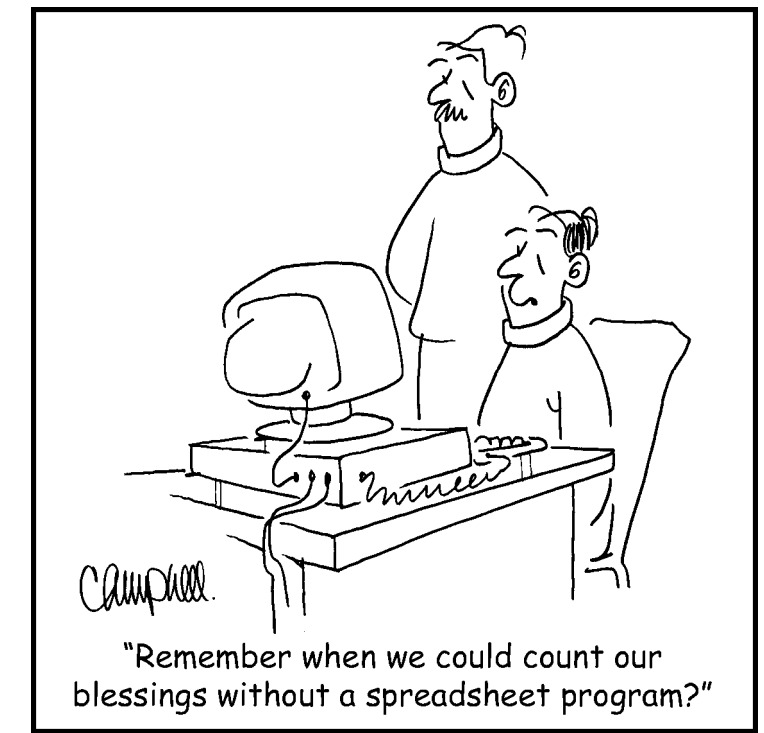
Ushers: Jim Riling, Brian Sideleau

Scripture Reader: Suzanne Herlihy

Communion Steward: Joanne Kant

LOOKING FORWARD

Today; The Wednesday Afternoon Musical Club presents a Young Artists Concert featuring their scholarship winners. Jesse Lee UMC at 3PM, free and open to all. Reception to follow. Questions: Contact Joanne Kant.



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today:

8:45am Choir Rehearsal - Bennett Hall
10:00am Worship Service/Sunday School
11:15am Coffee Hour - Bennett Hall
3:00pm WAMC Scholarship Concert,
All welcome

Monday

9:15am Essentrics Exercise Class
6:30pm 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
11:15am Fellowship in Bennett Hall

Attendance: December 30 - 26

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

ITEMS FOR BULLETIN: Send to Lois by **Tuesday morning to:** jesselee.umc@gmail.com AND lmhalzack@gmail.com

Due to changing needs of the church, beginning January 2, 2019:

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS: Rev. Stinson in and out of office office. He can be reached by email at jstinson4242@aol.com or 203-984-0141(cell)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Office Open 8:30am - 12:30pm Wednesday & Thursday. At other times please leave a voice mail message. For emergencies, please call Rev. Stinson as 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."

*Nations shall come to your
light, and kings to the
brightness of your dawn.*

Isaiah 60:3, NRSV



Jesse Lee United Methodist Church

At Worship

January 6, 2019

10:00 A.M.