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9:00am Adult Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship

6:00pm Thursday Prayer Time

Our Staff:

Bishop Al Gwinn, Senior Pastor

Anne Willis, Director of Music

Susan Riggs, Choir Accompanist

Tracy Gillespie, Director of Little Learners

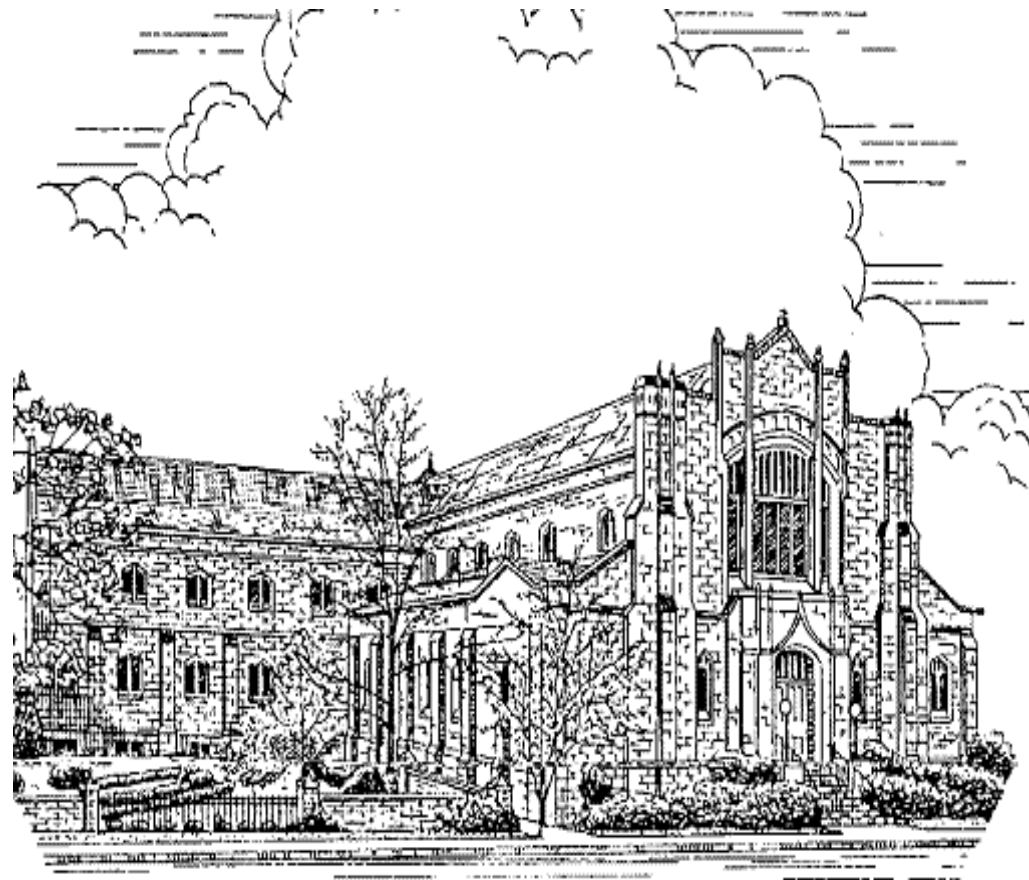
Sarah Beth McClure, Administrative Assistant

Eric Caudill, Custodian

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**Order of Worship
December 11, 2022**

Prelude *He is Born, the Divine Christ Child*
arr. Dale Wood

Greeting & Welcome **Bishop Gwinn**

Lighting of the Advent Candle **Larry & Carole Oldham**

Bringing Forth of the Crèche

***Hymn** *Angels We Have Heard on High* **UMH 238**

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed* **UMH 881**

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer **UMH 895**

Anthem *The Hands That First Held Mary's Child* **Chancel Choir**
Dan Forrest **Merrilee Elliot, flute**
Rebecca Kiekenapp, cello
***See enclosure for text.**

Offertory *Mary Did You Know*
arr. Mark Lowry

Offertory Response **UMH 221**
*What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.*

Offertory Prayer

Anthem *Still* **Chancel Choir**
Kathleen M. Basi **Merrilee Elliot**
Rebecca Kiekenapp

This anthem is a gift from Cindy & Eddie Williams
in honor of their granddaughter, Charlotte Eleanor Wentz.

***See enclosure for text by the composer.**

Scripture **John 3: 1-21**

Sermon *A Love that Will not Let Me Go* **Bishop Gwinn**

***Closing Hymn** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* **UMH 384**
Vs. 1 & 2

Benediction

Postlude

***Stand as you are able.**

*There are candles at the altar. If you have prayer requests, please light one
(or several) to lift those prayers to God.*

Welcome and thank you to our guest musicians for today: Merrilee
Elliot, flute and Rebecca Kiekenapp, cello.

Welcome to our visitors! We feel very honored to have you with us this
morning! We hope you have felt warmly received and you will leave
knowing that God has been in this place! Your willingness to complete
the Connection Card found in the pew rack will give us an opportunity to
share more of our appreciation for your presence.

Please remember to use the blue **Connection Card** in the pew racks for
any prayer requests or thoughts you may have. Be assured that your
requests are prayed over every Thursday evening in our Prayer Gathering!
We begin at 6:00pm and pray until 7:00 and every week sense the Lord's
presence in a special way. Come and experience this mid-week blessing!

Will you share the good news? Our worship service is now streamed
online each Sunday! So, please share this word with your family and
friends. The web address is www.winfumc.org/video-stream/. You may see
a recording of the service by using the same address. Thank you to Ryan
Jackson for operating our streaming equipment today!