

# Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Dedication of Jesus

9:30 am - December 31, 2017

## We Gather Together

Welcome

\*Call To Worship

One: Creative God, you make all things new in heaven and on earth.

**All: We come to you on the eve of a new year with new desires and old fears, new dreams and old weaknesses.**

One: Because you are a God of hope, we know that you create all the possibilities of the future.

**All: Because you are a God of love, we know that you accept the mistakes of the past.**

One: Because you are the God of our faith, we enter your gates with thanksgiving and praise,

**All: We come into your presence with gladness and a joyful noise, and we serve and bless you. Amen.**

\*Singing UMH #249

**There's a Song In The Air**

Children's Blessing

Gift of Music, Keith Warren

***Gesu, Bambino***

## We Receive the Word

Scripture

Luke 2:21-24

When eight days had passed, Jesus' parents circumcised him and gave him the name Jesus. This was the name given to him by the angel before he was conceived. When the time came for their ritual cleansing, in accordance with the Law from Moses, they brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (It's written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male will be dedicated to the Lord.") They offered a sacrifice in keeping with what's stated in the Law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

***The Rest of the Story***

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

## We Respond to the Word

Singing UMH #189

**Fairest Lord Jesus**

Offering Our Selves and Gifts to God

Stewardship Invitation

Offertory

\*Doxology #64

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**

**Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord of Peace and Hope, we thankfully give these generous gifts as an expression of all that you have given us. As the prophets foretold, your son was born for the redemption of our sins. We humbly acknowledge that of all the gifts we have received, your gift of a babe in a manger is the one that truly matters. We prayerfully ask you to increase our ability to help others discover anew the best Christmas message ever, the promise of salvation through Jesus Christ. In His name, we pray. Amen.

## We Go Forth Into the World

\*Singing

**Joy To The World (Unspeakable Joy)**

\*Benediction

May the Christ who by his Incarnation gathered into One things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Postlude

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*\*Please stand as you are able or comfortable.*

This series is based on the book Faithful: Christmas through the eyes of Joseph by Adam Hamilton.

Our Mission is to build a Christian community with all people.

Our vision: by 2018, Wesley Park will strive to inspire from the youngest to the oldest and everybody in between to live out the greatest commandment: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself.

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**9:30 am Worship Servants:**

- ☀ **Greeters:** Lynda Edsall, Barb DeCan
- ☀ **Ushers:** Sally Dear, Kathy DenHollander, Deb Hodges
- ☀ **Acolytes:** Ava Kropp and Kiara Jones
- ☀ **Computer Tech:** Paula Hartley
- ☀ **Nursery:** Skyler Maitner
- ☀ **Sound Board:** Pat Carruthers
- ☀ **Video Tech:** Steven Carruthers
- ☀ **Welcome Desk:** Tabi Fischer
- ☀ **Musicians:** Sara Kropp, Adrienne Prentiss, Dave Strumfeld, Keith Warren

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