

Wesley Park United Methodist Church

First Sunday After Christmas

9:15 am - December 30, 2018

We Gather Together

Prelude

Welcome

Entrance of the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship

Pastor: God of this new day, we open ourselves to your call to new life. As we anticipate the new year and all its possibilities, help us to always remember that nothing is ever finished, God is not done with us. Indeed, God is ever making our lives, our families, our communities, and our world a brighter place.

All: We close the year with thanksgiving for both the pain and the promise, and filled with hope for all that is yet to be. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation UMH #383

This Is A Day Of New Beginnings

We Receive the Word

Children's Blessing

Gift of Music

Beautiful Dawn

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Luke 2:41-52

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Sermon

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

We Respond to the Word

*Hymn of Response #174

His Name Is Wonderful

Offering Gifts to God and the World

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

We Go Forth Into the World

*Hymn of Hope UMH #103

Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

Benediction

Postlude

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

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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9:15 am Worship Servants:

- ☀ **Greeters:** Ron & Dolores Sanford, Pat Warren
- ☀ **Ushers:** Kathy DenHollander, Chuck & Sally Dear, Deb Hodges
- ☀ **Sound Tech:** Pat Carruthers
- ☀ **Computer Tech:** Kathy Carruthers
- ☀ **Acolytes:** Kiarra Jones
- ☀ **Nursery:** Skyler Maitner, Laura Reidel (9:15)
- ☀ **Information Desk:** Jane Johnson
- ☀ **Musicians:** Sara Kropp, Adrienne Prentiss, Dave Strumfeld

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