

Prelude Phil Haga, organist
What Child Is This?.....16th Century Melody

Words of Greeting

Advent Candle Lighting

Opening Prayer UM Discipleship Resources

Holy God of Joy,

**We rejoice in the reality of who you are.
We live within the joy of your love for us.**

**Our contentment comes and goes.
Our happiness ebbs and flows.**

**Our feelings depend upon our circumstances,
our health, our minds.**

**But our joy is deeply rooted
in our identity as your beloved children.**

And we give you thanks. Amen.

Hymn of Praise Phil Haga
Hail to the Lord's Anointed **UMH 203**

*At this time, we invite you to bring forward your weekly offering
to the plate and your missions giving to the basket.*

Doxology **UMH 95**

First Scripture Reading *Isaiah 61*

Prayer Concerns Rev. Casey Irwin
Silent Prayer

*We invite you to name aloud anyone you are praying for. Prayer request cards
can be brought to the altar rail or left at the exit near the bulletins.*

Pastoral prayer
The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

Responsive Song *Prepare the Way of the Lord*

Second Scripture Reading *Luke 1:18-24*

Musical Presentation by the Chancel Choir

Gregory Allen, accompanist/soloist

Please join us in singing Joy to the World **UMH**

Hymn of Benediction Phil Haga
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates **UMH 213**

Benediction

Postlude Phil Haga, organist
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing....by Wm Cummings



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Announcements

Bristol United Methodist Churches rotate **noon worship and luncheons** through Advent. Join us:

November 29 at Aldersgate **December 6 at Three Springs**
December 13 at Trinity **December 20 at Reynolds**

Choir rehearsal will resume after worship on Sunday, January 7th.

Tuesday morning Bible Study will continue through December 19th.
Wednesday night Bible Study will not be meeting in December and will resume at Virginia Avenue on January 3rd.

Church Office Hours: Tuesdays and Fridays 1-3 PM

Weekly Schedule

Sundays	9:30 a.m.	First UMC Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Common Ground Fellowship Worship (Chapel)
	10:45 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Addilyn Memorial UMC Bible Study
Tuesdays	10:00 a.m.	First UMC Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.	Virginia Avenue UMC Bible Study
Thursdays	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
1st & 3rd Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Man-Hu Ministries Shabbat Worship

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, December 20	12:00 p.m.	Noon Worship at Reynolds
Sunday, December 24	9:30 a.m.	Christmas Eve Worship
Sunday, December 31	9:30 a.m.	New Years Eve Worship
	7:00 p.m.	AA Drop-in New Years Event
Wednesday, January 3	6:30 p.m.	Virginia Avenue UMC Bible Study resumes
	5:30 p.m.	Fresh Start Family Yoga
Sunday, January 7	10:45 a.m.	Choir rehearsal resumes
	5:30 p.m.	Fresh Start Family Yoga

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First United Methodist Church, Bristol

Building A Community Where Anyone Can Become A Deeply Committed Christian



9:30 AM Worship

December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome to worship, both in-person and online!

All are invited to this time of worshiping God as a community of faith.

Children and Youth Worship Boxes are available in the West lobby.