

Today at WSUMC

Hal Fisher Class – Fellowship Hall	9:00 a.m.
Worship Service – Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Fifteen – Café	11:00 a.m.
Advent Concert and Hymn Sing – Sanctuary	4:30 p.m.

Assisting with Worship -- GREETERS: Dana Payne, Mark Tooley. ACOLYTE: James Holladay. LITURGIST: Lindsey Davis. CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Grace Richards. COMMUNICANTS: Vickie Khambay & Conrad Woo. COLLECTION COUNTERS: Ed Lary and others.

A **Prayer Book** is available on the table at the rear of the sanctuary where worshipers may write the first name of anyone for whom they would like prayers during the coming week. (These names are also listed in our weekly email to members and friends so that the network of prayers may be broadened.)

Be sure to check the church website, www.wsumc.com, and the online calendar for up to date information about WSUMC activities.

To receive our weekly email, the eStreet News, simply indicate this on the flap (the tear off sheet of the Word on the Street insert) and include your email address.

*We hope you experience the love of God and
the presence of the risen Christ among us today.*

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Welcome

Washington Street United Methodist Church
Making a place for everyone

10:00 a.m. December 9, 2018
Second Sunday of Advent



109 South Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

(703) 836-4324 www.wsumc.com

Large Print Bulletins and Hymnals Available

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LIGHT A CANDLE FOR A PERSON OR SITUATION ON YOUR HEART TODAY,
YOU MAY DO SO BEFORE THE SERVICE BEGINS, OR DURING COMMUNION, SINGING OR PRAYERS.

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.

Words of Welcome and Parish Announcements

Prelude **Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming** arr. by Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill my promise to my people.
Justice and righteousness will fill the land and all will live in peace and safety.

*Hymn of Praise

Hymnal 196 **Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus**

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Sean & Christine Hagan

Reader: Today we remember Joseph, worn-out traveler and worried husband, doing what was necessary for the sake of his family, the burden of poverty stifling his hope in the promise of God. There was no room for him, yet he knows to whom he belongs.

People: Today we give thanks for the Josephs among us, migrating far from home when there is no choice, fiercely devoted to the ones they love, unwavering in their belief that there is room for all in the kingdom of God.

Prayer for Illumination *(unison)*

God our salvation, there is wisdom, peace, and joy for those who keep your Word. By the power of your Holy Spirit, lead us in your truth and teach us to do your will; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 1:18-25

Pew Bible N.T. 1

Leader: The Word of God, for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Invocation Chorus

Hymnal 207

Prepare the Way of the Lord

**Children are invited to join their teachers by the piano for Children's Church during the Invocation Chorus*

Sermon

"MAXimizing Christmas"

Pastor Thomas G. James

Baptism of Harper Madeline Kay Hall

Congregational response – With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this child with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her trust of God, and be found faithful in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

Reception of New Members – *Matthew & Molly Hall and Tim & Tracy Waters*

Congregational response – We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

*Hymn of Response

Hymnal 229

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Pastoral Prayer

Intercessory response: in your mercy, **Lord, save us.**

Offertory Anthem

Prepare the Way

Brad Croushorn

Offering

*Doxology

Hymnal 95

*Prayer of Confession and Pardon *(unison)*

Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

One: As people reconciled to God, let us extend Christ's peace to one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **The peace of Christ be with you.**

**You are invited to join in the exchange of signs and words of God's peace.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Hymnal 13

The Lord's Prayer *(unison)*

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Come and Fill Our Hearts

Taizé

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia.

The Sharing of Bread and Cup *(The bread is gluten free.)*

Hymnal 612

Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness

Prayer of Thanksgiving *(unison)*

Eternal God we give you thanks for this holy mystery, in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*Sending Hymn

Hymnal 706

Soon and Very Soon

*Benediction

Postlude

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

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Washington Street UMC
Attendance/Registration

December 9, 2018
10 a.m. service

Please fill out both sides of the flap and
drop in the collection plate

Name(s) please print _____

Address _____

zip _____

Phone # _____

e-mail _____

new address

Pray for:

Please communicate to the church
office any need in the congregation
for pastoral care.

Would like a call from the pastor

(phone number)

Please make a nametag for me:

(name)

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Milestones and Promises

It is with great joy that we receive new members into our church family. If you feel called to membership in our community of faith, you may contact the church office, 703-836-4324 or office@wsumc.com.

Monthly Budget Update: Each week, you will see the financial giving reported, comparing actual Year-To-Date income and expenses vs. Budgeted income and expenses. As a reminder, you can give online anytime at wsumc.com/give.

	October 2018		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income*	\$346,194	\$345,542	\$652
Less: Expenses	<u>\$345,548</u>	<u>\$344,066</u>	<u>\$1,482</u>
Net	\$646	\$1,476	(\$830)

*Income includes contributions and rental income

Please view our **E-giving page** — located on our website, www.wsumc.com/give.

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Word on the "STREET"

Join our Weekly Journey

December 9, 2018



Join in the Advent and Christmas season with music! Each Sunday during Advent at 4:30 p.m., WSUMC will host a 30 minute **seasonal organ concert**, followed by 15 minutes of singing hymns and carols, concluding with light holiday refreshments. All events are free and open to the public!

December 9 - Melvin Goodwyn of Woodbridge, VA

December 16 - Stanley Thurston of Washington, DC

December 23 - Kyle Miller & Melissa Peterson of Alexandria, VA

Save the Date - Pastor Thomas and Jen James will be having their Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 16 from noon - 3 p.m. (6717 Stoneybrooke Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306)

There will be a **Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols Candlelight Service** on December 24 at 5:30 p.m. Celebrate and embrace the promise of God delivered through the birth of Jesus at our candlelight Christmas Eve service. All in the community are welcome to attend as we celebrate the miracle of our Savior's birth.

Poinsettias will decorate the WSUMC sanctuary during Christmas. To purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out the flap and include \$10 per plant payable to "WSUMC" and labeled "Poinsettia" (or label an envelope of cash.) **Ordering deadline is TODAY Sunday, December 9**, and plants may be taken home following Christmas Eve worship. You may also order poinsettias online at wsumc.com/poinsettia.

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Gatherings for the Week of December 9		
Sun. (12/9)	Hal Fisher Class Worship & Children's Church Fellowship Fifteen Advent Concert & Hymn Sing	9:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary 11:00 a.m. Café 4:30 p.m. Sanctuary
Mon. (12/10)	Open Table	6:00-8:00 a.m. Church Café
Tues. (12/11)	Coffee House Chat	9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. Misha's (102 S. Patrick St.)
Wed. (12/12)	Mid-week Prayer	12:30-1:00 p.m. Sanctuary
Thur. (12/13)	Computer Lab Sewing Fellowship	1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall 7:00-8:30 p.m. Dana Payne's home
Fri. (12/14)	Open Table	6:00-8:00 a.m. Church Café
Sat. (12/15)	LSS Homework Project	9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall
Sun. (12/16)	Hal Fisher Class Worship & Children's Church Fellowship Fifteen Christmas Open House Advent Concert & Hymn Sing Youth/Choir Caroling Event	9:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary 11:00 a.m. Café noon - 3:00 p.m. The James' home 4:30 p.m. Sanctuary 6:00-7:00 p.m.

For more information, call the Church Office, 703-836-4324, or visit www.wsumc.com, to view the online calendar, read sermons from previous Sundays, or join us on Facebook. (Printed copies of sermons from prior weeks are also available in the narthex rack.)

Children and Youth

Families with small children: Children, of all ages, are a vital part of our community of faith and are welcome in the sanctuary for worship. Being in worship together helps children understand God's love and their identity as children of God. To help children engage in worship, children's bulletins, crayons, and books are available in the Children's Worship Center in the rear of the Sanctuary. Please return items from the Children's Worship Center to their bins following worship each week. There is also a Children's Activity Area in the balcony of the Sanctuary. Children and their parents are welcome there at any time.

Parents of children 4 and under can also utilize the Nursery, located on the main level just beyond the restrooms, for some or all of the worship service. The nursery is open from 9:30-11:30am.

Parents of infants should feel free to care for their needs wherever they are most comfortable. For a more private and quiet space, there is an Infant Corner located in the balcony with a glider, blankets, and other supplies. There are changing stations in both the men's and women's restrooms on the main level.

Children's Church: During the sermon time, Children's Church offers a faith-based lesson for preschool and elementary age children. Children going to Children's Church can meet their teachers by the piano during the Invocation Chorus, and will rejoin their parents before communion.

Outreach

Stuffing for the Christmas Stockings! There will be a collection bin in the back of the sanctuary for collecting items to go into our handmade Christmas stockings that will be distributed to residents of the Safe Haven shelters. In addition to various snacks and goodies, small items such as pens, pencils, notepads, travel size lotions, etc., are welcome that can be used by both men or women. Holiday items, including small ornaments, also are a wonderful surprise for those receiving these stockings. Please drop off your contributions by TODAY.

Rising Hope's Angel Tree – Gifts should be wrapped and returned to WSUMC by TODAY. If you have any questions about the Angel Tree, please contact Robert and Tracey Shenk (tracey@shenkfamily.com).

Christian Fellowship

Join in conversation and fellowship with Pastor Thomas at one of the **weekly Coffee House Chats**. Each week, Pastor Thomas will spend one morning at Misha's Coffee (102 S. Patrick St.). Check out the bulletin and online calendar for the next time.

Congregational Care

Midweek Prayer - Wednesdays @ 12:30pm - Whether praying for yourself, family, the community, nation, or world – or whether you are seeking silent solitude with God – the church will be open to the public each Wednesday. *All are welcome to come and commune with God.*

Today we welcome the Hall family to the WSUMC congregation. Matt and Molly Hall moved to Alexandria, VA, in January 2015. Matt works for the U.S. Army, and Molly works for an Educational non-profit. Molly is a native of Arizona, and Matt was born and raised throughout Latin America. Both Molly and Matt attended the University of Arizona and met in Scottsdale, AZ. In December of 2017, Matt and Molly welcomed their first child, Harper, into the world. Molly, Matt, and Harper enjoy getting out and exploring the variety of outdoor activities, shopping and restaurants the Alexandria and greater DMV area has to offer. The Hall family is very excited to be welcomed so warmly to the Washington Street United Methodist Church. They look forward to meeting other members of the congregation and participating in many of the activities the church has to offer.

WSUMC.LIVE — To help WSUMC stay connected with our growing and transient congregation, we are **Live Streaming Worship!** You can join in worship from around the world each Sunday morning at 10am by visiting <http://WSUMC.LIVE>.

Please note: While the camera's view for the live stream is directed to the platform area, if you are sensitive to your picture being on camera, please know only the first few pews are within view of the camera.

Attendance/Registration page 2 General Information

- Have children under 18?
Name(s) _____

- (DOB: _____)
- Would like to receive information from church by:
_____ email _____ U.S. mail
- 1st Time Guest. I found out about WSUMC from:

- Returning Guest
- Member/Regular Attendee
- Would like to know more about joining the church family
- Would like more information on:

Activities

POINSETTIA (last day to order)

Your name _____

poinsettias ___ @\$10 each

Amount enclosed \$ _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

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