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Whittier First UMC

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IN-PERSON & ONLINE Worship every Sunday @ 10am

 **Whittier First United Methodist Church**

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“The Shepherds” *Luke 11: 8-20, NRSV*

Have you ever been so frightened that you could not move? You were literally paralyzed with fear? This Sunday we continue our sermon series “The People of Advent” and we are talking about the shepherds. The shepherds were petrified when they first encountered the angel that was bringing them the “good new of great joy for all the people.” But their fear quickly turned to joy when they learned that the Savior had been born. Believe it, or not, we can learn a lot from the shepherds about trusting in God. Join us this Sunday as we continue “The People of Advent.” -Pastor Jon

Christmas Eve Services: 10am traditional, 7pm & 11pm Candlelight with 10:40pm Musical Vespers

THIS WEEK AT WHITTIER FIRST UMC

Sun, 12.24.23

- 10 am **Traditional Worship**
Sanctuary/Online
- 10:20 am **Children's Sunday School**
Library
- 7 pm **Christmas Candlelight Service**
Sanctuary & Online
- 10:40 pm **Musical Vespers**
Sanctuary
- 11 pm **Christmas Candlelight Service**
Sanctuary

Mon, 12.25.23 **Merry Christmas!**

12:00 am **Young Adult early Christmas breakfast**
Denny's 11891 Whittier Blvd.

Office Hours next week:

Mon-Wed & Fri Closed, Open Thurs, 8:30am-5pm

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

In-Person:

Sunday, December 17, 2023: **59**

Online:

Sunday, December 10, 2023: **173**



CHRISTMAS EVE VESPERS

Dabney Ross Jones and David Leehy prepare for their presentation of Mary's Lullabye from Berlioz' L'Enfance du Christ during the **Musical Vespers at 10:40 pm**. In addition to organ music by Dr. Strout, the Jubilate Bells, under the direction of Brent Almond, will present beautiful Christmas favorites. Plan to arrive early for the 11 pm Candlelight Service featuring soloists, choirs, handbells and organ. The service of lessons and carols will conclude with the singing of Silent Night in the darkened but candlelit sanctuary of the church.



Thursday, December 21st, 6:30 PM,
in our Sanctuary

KEY COLLECTION It's that time of year when leadership and committee changes take place. If you have a key or two based on your position, and that position is changing, it's time to turn in your key/keys. If you continue to need your key/keys, you need to sign it/them out again for 2024. Those people entitled to hold keys are Trustees, the 10 Ministry Team Leaders and Committee Chairs. Starting in January come to the church office and check in your keys.



December 31, 2023 — January 14, 2024

Look for upcoming sign ups to volunteer with overnight monitoring or serving a meal or two.