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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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“Joseph” Matthew 1: 18-25, NRSV

This Sunday we continue our sermon series “The People of Advent” and we are talking about Joseph. There is little information about Joseph in the gospels. We are almost tempted to think of him as a “bit part,” a minor player. But there is much we can learn about ourselves and God’s plan for our own lives by learning about Joseph. Sometimes, it is the minor players that have a major impact on the story. What does that say about how God works in the world? What does that say about how God works in our lives? 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, 12.17.23

- 10 am **Traditional Worship**
Sanctuary/Online
- 10:20 am **Children's Sunday School**
Library
- 11:30 am **Chancel Choir Luncheon**
Kraft Friendship Room

Mon, 12.18.23

Charles Wesley's Birthday

Tues, 12.19.23

- 1:30 pm **Tuesday with Art & Music**
Wesley Lounge
- 5 pm **Messy Church**
Wesley Lounge

Wed, 12.20.23

- 7 pm **Advent Study**
Online

Thurs, 12.21.23 *Winter Solstice*

- 2 pm **Staff Meeting**
Conference Room
- 5 pm **Jubilant Bells**
Bell Room
- 6:30 pm **Longest Night Service**
Sanctuary
- 7:30 pm **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**
Choir Room

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

In-Person:

Sunday, December 3, 2023: **61**
Sunday, December 10, 2023: **155**

Online:

Sunday, November 26, 2023: **129**
Sunday, December 3, 2023: **114**



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



December 31, 2023 — January 14, 2024

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