



# CHIMES

## Whittier First UMC

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IN-PERSON & ONLINE Worship every Sunday @ 10am

 Whittier First United Methodist Church

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# THE HEART THAT GREW THREE SIZES

“There’s a song in the air! And in our hearts too; song is what caused the Grinch’s heart to grow! What is it about hearing, singing, and joining in the music that brings so much joy and transformation. This week’s Scripture is often called “Mary’s Song” and is an uplifting hymn, not only of praise but a powerful call for change often overlooked.” ~C-J Conklin

**11.28.21**

The Heart that Grew Three Sizes, Part I:  
When Everything is Wrong, *Luke 1:8-20*

**12.5.21**

The Heart that Grew Three Sizes, Part II:  
When Christmas isn't Christmas, *Luke 3:1-6*

**12.12.21**

The Heart that Grew Three Sizes, Part III:  
When Light Shines, *Luke 2:8-15*

**12.19.21**

The Heart that Grew Three Sizes, Part IV:  
When Joy is Our Song, *Luke 1:46b-55*

Greetings in Christ,

As we are approaching the end of the year, with the celebration of Christ's birth, I want to invite you to think about 2022. Believe it or not, it is just a couple of weeks away. In our Christian Calendar, we celebrate Christ being born in this world and we are born again into our Christian values and commitments. With all the hustle and bustle of the season, I too haven't had the opportunity to turn in my commitment card to Christ and the church. I imagine some of you out there are in the same boat.

James and I want to start off the year knowing that we are placing God first in our lives with our gifts (tithes), presence, prayer, service and witness. I am grateful for James for making a commitment, almost every Sunday, to be there in Church with me. He too believes in the ministry of this church, and we choose to give back financially. As I've taken a look at our Church budget, we feel confident in giving a little bit more to support our church during one of the hardest times of its existence. Praise be to God that we are taking steps forward in keeping our doors open and our ministry vibrant.

For your convenience, an easy way to fill out the commitment card is to go to our website, [WhittierFirstUMC.com](http://WhittierFirstUMC.com).

Prayerfully consider what God is calling you to commit to for 2022.

Grace and Peace,  
Rev. Dr. Angela Galanis Price



*Christmas 2021*

## CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP

- In-person 7pm & 11pm, online 7pm
- Special Music: Rutter, Wood, Bizet & more, 10:40pm in-person
- Children's Activity Bag

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### **Early morning Christmas Breakfast**

December 25 @ 12:30pm at Denny's Restaurant on Whittier Blvd near Philadelphia Street  
All are invited to join us after the 11pm Christmas Eve Service for this annual tradition.

Prayers go out to the family of **Gordon McEwen** who entered into Everlasting Life on December 13, 2021. A celebration of his life will be held in the sanctuary on Monday, December 20, at 12:30pm.

## **HOLIDAY SHOP**

**DECEMBER 18, 10AM-12PM**

**WESLEY PATIO & PARKING LOT**

Each year local schools sponsor a “gift store” for student to purchase items for parents and relatives. Depending on the district, PTA may craft items or buy downtown— or in the case of several school we’ve worked with in the past, collect gently used items that can be “re-gifted.” This year, Whittier City School District sites will not be hosting this special sale.

At WFUMC we’ve been quietly collecting for this purpose. Community children (parents too) are invited to choose from our selection of wrapping paper, bags, bows, costume jewelry, totchkes, figurines, candles, Christmas décor, stationary, for as little as a 25 cents. Please note, this is not really a fundraiser, but a way to repurpose and reuse really good stuff! It is touching to see the pride and joy when kids pick out a plant for grandma or a tie for Dad all on their own while we keep goodies out of the landfill!

Spread the word and encourage friends to attend! We can still accept congregational donations until the day of. Please no clothing or dirty, torn or broken items. And we’d love a few hands to help “sell’ and greet! Contact C-J for more information, LilySilverheart@yahoo.com.

Join us for our final (and most spectacular) **Messy Church** of the year!

## **Christmas Craft Workshop**

**Tues, Dec 21, 5-7:30 pm, Wesley bldg**

We will be combining our annual Advent activity with song and story. Come make decorations, create gorgeous gifts and more, eat a hotdog dinner, and learn about the Birth of baby Jesus.



Make sure to bring a jacket as we will be eating outside in a Winter Wonderland!

Masks and temp check required

All ages and stages welcome and wanted!

There will be no zoom option for this session. C-J can still deliver supplies, but grab-and-go bags with instructions for 10 activities will be available at the door for pick up.

We'd love to see you in person!

## **RECYCLED NEWSPAPERS**

The Whittier Y's Service Club is in need of newspapers for recycling. Bring your papers to church on Sunday and leave them in the Narthex or to the office during the week, Mon-Thurs, 8:30am-4pm. The Club appreciates your help!