

# Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m. Service

## We Gather

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You may leave them at the Prayer Center in the back of the sanctuary  
or place them in the offering plate. Please prepare your heart for worship.*

- PRAISE SONGS
- OPENING PRAYER
- PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST & WELCOME
- LIGHTING THE THIRD CANDLE OF ADVENT
- CHILDREN'S TIME
- OFFERING PRAYER
- OFFERTORY
- PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
- THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Shelhamer Family  
JD Herrera

## We Hear God's Word & Respond

- SCRIPTURE I Thessalonians 5:16-24
- MESSAGE "Forever Time" Dr. Lynn Barton

## We Go Out Into the World

- INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP & CLOSING SONG
- RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
- SENDING FORTH
- GO NOW IN PEACE

## Westlake United Methodist Church

We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us today. We hope that you can be with us often. Please ask the ushers and greeters for any help you need. We want you to feel at home. In the narthex, you will find information on our ministries, missions, programs and activities. For further information call 327-1335, or [www.westlake-umc.org](http://www.westlake-umc.org).

### Become a Part of Westlake UMC

You may join WUMC by giving this completed form to one of the pastors as you come forward to be introduced during the concluding hymn of any worship service. If you are a newly professing Christian, or if you or your children have never been baptized, please call the church office in advance to speak with one of the ministers.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Name(s)	Occupation/Place	Birth Date	Baptized? Yes or No
1) _____	_____	_____	_____
2) _____	_____	_____	_____

Child Name(s)	School and Grade	Birth Date	Baptized? Yes or No
1) _____	_____	_____	_____
2) _____	_____	_____	_____
3) _____	_____	_____	_____

I am/ We are transferring from: \_\_\_\_\_

I am/We are joining a church for the first time.

I am/We are new in the area, moving from \_\_\_\_\_

### STAFF

- Dr. Rev. Lynn Barton, Pastor
- Rev. James Austin, Associate Pastor
- Dr. Diana Sanchez-Bushong, Worship and Music Director
- J. D. Herrera, Director of Youth Ministries
- Hilary Martin, Director of Children's Ministries
- Frank Webster, Foundation Director
- Susan Fimmigan, Director of Handbell Ministries
- Sheryl Stack, Organist and Accompanist
- Tonya Creamer, Program Director, The Point
- Helen Marrow, Business Manager
- Tanya Wyche, Bookkeeper
- Sharon Coleman, Preschool Director
- Shevawn Eisman, Newsletter Editor
- Vinh-Nghi Luu, Nursery Coordinator
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## Westlake United Methodist Church



# Third Sunday in Advent

## December 11, 2011

### Following One, Serving All

This Week at Westlake United Methodist  
Welcome to our Guests!

# Sunday Worship



Good morning and welcome.  
**Third Sunday of Advent**  
11:15 a.m. Service

## We Gather

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### GREETING

GATHERING MUSIC *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* Fred Bock

•HYMN OF PRAISE *People, Look East* 202

### •CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

**In your Christ, O God, we discover salvation coming to all who need.  
Our past has been made new, our futures restored, the earth  
rejoices with your spiral of beauty—grant, we pray, that our lives be  
fulfilled in this your fulfillment for us; through Christ Jesus. Amen.**

### PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST AND WELCOME

LIGHTING THE THIRD CANDLE OF ADVENT  
**The Lord is my light, my light and salvation.  
In God I trust, in God I trust. (repeat)**

CHILDREN'S SONG *I Am the Church* 558

A TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN Jenny Deen

SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM for Maybelle Yarbrough pg. 39

Congregational Response: 2249

**Maybelle, Maybelle God claims you  
God helps you, protects you and loves you too!  
We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE JD Herrera

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## We Hear God's Word & Respond

SCRIPTURE I Thessalonians 5:16-24

MESSAGE "Forever Time" Dr. Lynn Barton

HYMN OF REFLECTION *Hymn of Promise (verse 3)* 707

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS  
*God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* Dobrinski  
Sanctuary Bell Choir

### •PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God, above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.***

## We Go Out Into the World

### •INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

•CLOSING HYMN *Go Forth for God* 670

*Congregational Response to receiving new members:*

*We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church and welcome  
you to this congregation of the United Methodist Church. With you we renew our  
vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our  
witness.*

### •BENEDICTION

Please join hands in blessing during this closing.  
***Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know God will guide you in all you do.***

•POSTLUDE *Prelude on The King Shall Come* Charles Callahan

**Sunday – December 11**  
9:00 am  
10:10 am  
10:10 am  
11:15 am  
12:15 pm  
12:15 pm  
3:00 pm  
4:30 pm  
6:00 pm  
**Third Sunday of Advent**  
Worship Service  
Sunday School Classes  
Confirmation Class  
Worship Service  
Bell Choirs Lunch  
Lyon's Garden  
ML&F Commissary  
Disciples I Class  
Handbell Concert  
Youth Rm. M  
Wyatt Hall  
Meet in 403  
Library  
Sanctuary

**Monday – December 12**  
11:30 am  
12:00 pm  
6:00 pm  
6:00 pm  
Qigong  
Bosom Buddies  
Disciple III  
Sr. High Dinner Crew  
M 133  
Library  
Library  
TBA

**Tuesday – December 13**  
8:00 am  
10:30 am  
Ladies Yoga  
Staff Meeting  
M 133  
Library

**Wednesday – December 14**  
7:30 am  
1:00 pm  
5:30 pm  
6:00 pm  
6:00 pm  
6:00 pm  
6:30 pm  
Men's Bible Study  
Circle of Quiet  
Deborah Circle  
Jr. High Bible Study  
Weight Watchers  
Methodist 101 Class  
Chancel Choir Practice  
Rm. 407  
Library  
Rm. 403  
Starbuck's  
Rm. 401-402  
Library  
Music Rm.

**Thursday- December 15**  
7:00 am  
10:00 am  
4:00 pm  
6:30 pm  
Senior High Breakfast Crew  
Heart to Heart Bible Study  
New Horizons Band  
Trustees mtg.  
Texas Honey Ham  
Library  
Var. areas

**Friday – December 16**  
9:30 am  
12:00 pm  
8:00 pm  
Ladies Yoga  
AI Anon mtg.  
Youth Lock-In  
M 133  
M 134  
Youth Rm.

**Saturday – December 17**  
10:00 am  
Family Advent Party- Parker Lane UMC

For a more detailed calendar please visit our website: [www.westlake-umc.org](http://www.westlake-umc.org)

### Assisting with Today's Worship

9:00 am	11:15 am
Scripture Reading: Libby Box	Sarah Tapley
Acolytes: Will Bundrant, Travis Thornhill Emma Kate McCutcheon	Alex Cazares, Natasha Fagelman
Greeters: Jeanne and Jay Brim	Janie and Jerry Lehmann
Ushers: Corey Blahuta, Harrison Berrier Terri Twomey	John Knowles, Gerard Vandewerken
Altar Flowers: Provided by Margaret Briley in loving memory of Clyde Briley.	

PLEASE respect our worship time and space: Turn off all cell phones, beepers and electronic devices;  
leave all drinks outside the Sanctuary.

## Announcements

*And Upcoming Events*

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

#### Church Website

**Check out our website.** The most current Westlake UMC newsletter is available on our website [www.westlake-umc.org](http://www.westlake-umc.org); find the link to the newsletter.



Join us in from 9:45 a.m. to 10:10 a.m. in the *Gym* (between the end of the first service and the beginning of Sunday School and after the second service. Guests and members, young and old – all are welcome to eat healthy snacks and drink fair trade coffee or juice. This is a great way to meet people and make new friends.



#### **Handbell Concert**

**TONIGHT, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**

**“A Dickens Christmas: God Bless Us Everyone”**

*Childcare will be provided*



#### **Workshop on Baptism**

**When:** TODAY at 10:10am during Sunday School

**Where:** In the Youth Rm. Build M with the Confirmation Class

**What:** Pastor Lynn will provide a brief overview of what this sacrament means and how to help children grow in the faith.

**Who:** Anyone who has questions about baptism for themselves or their children



#### **POINT IN THE WORLD:**

Caroling at Lyons Garden Apartments **TODAY**. Meet at 12:15 p.m. in Room 403 of the Taylor Building for practice and lunch and then go to E. Austin for a party for low income seniors (Family Eldercare) from 1:30-3:00pm. Spanish speakers encouraged to attend! Participants can come and sing (all ages welcome), contribute small loaves of holiday bread or cookies, or just come to distribute food and cheer residents.



#### **Lessons and Carols-- December 18th**

The Foundation/Praise Band and the Chancel Choir will present a service of *Lessons and Carols* on Sunday, **December 18th** at both worship services. You are invited to share in this special worship service which originated in England. The service centers on the scriptures which prophesy the coming of the Christ, the annunciation of Mary, the adoration of the shepherds, and the song of the angels. The 9:00 a.m. service will be led by the Foundation and Youth Fuego while the 11:15 a.m. service will feature the Chancel Choir with Orchestra performing a variety of carols and choruses from Handel's Messiah. The service concludes with the singing of the “*Hallelujah Chorus*.”



#### **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

Beautiful poinsettias will soon fill the sanctuary in celebration of Advent, and your opportunity to claim one of these plants in honor of someone special is here. The plants are grown at Fredericksburg farms and this year is available in RED and WHITE. Each plant is \$10.00 and you can put your check in the collection plate or take it to the church office. Quantities are limited. Please consider leaving your poinsettia in the sanctuary following the Christmas Eve service and the Flower Ministry will deliver them to some of our home-bound or ill members. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board across from the church office.



**Special Offering Staff Love Offering** The Staff Parish Relations Committee reminds the members of our congregation that we have the opportunity to contribute towards a Christmas love offering for our staff as a token of our appreciation for their efforts on our behalf. There will be a basket for the love offering in the Narthex on Sunday mornings. Contributions can be made in cash or by check made payable to WUMC and designated “staff love offering,” or you can put a check in the offering plate and designate it for this purpose. All funds raised will be distributed to the various staff members at WUMC. We encourage anyone who desires to do so to participate in the offering. Thank you for your support of our staff!



#### **METHODIST 101**

**When:** Wednesday, December 14, 6-8 p.m.

**Where:** Library (just inside the front door, next to the worship center)

**What:** How we Methodists follow Christ by our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness

**Who:** Anyone who wants to get started or restarted in the Christian faith  
Childcare provided in the gym

Meal provided for \$5/person with reservation at 5:30 p.m. in Wyatt Hall.

Email Diana at [Dsanchez-bushong@westlake-umc.org](mailto:Dsanchez-bushong@westlake-umc.org) for a reservation.

Taught by Pastor Lynn, [Lbarton@westlake-umc.org](mailto:Lbarton@westlake-umc.org)



#### **TREASURES OF THE TRANSFORMED LIFE**

On Sunday, January 8, we will begin a churchwide study and worship emphasis called *Treasures of the Transformed Life*. Over a period of 6 weeks, we will look at satisfying our soul's thirst for more than just material things. We will talk about belonging to God and to community, praying, giving, serving, and making a difference in the world. Beginning December 18, individual study books may be obtained in the narthex for a suggested gift of \$9.00.



#### **Christmas Crafting Party with PLUM**

Join us at Parker Lane UMC on Saturday, December 17 for a morning of Christmas creativity, food and fun with our PLUM friends from 10-12:30 am. Crafts are designed for elementary age children, but the whole family is welcome. Sign up at [www.hmartin@westlake-umc.org](http://www.hmartin@westlake-umc.org)