

Raleigh Court United Methodist Church
11:00 am Christmas Pageant Service, December 24, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev Seungsoo Jun

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME VIDEO

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES The Handy Family

SONGS OF PRAISE Worship Team

"Joy To The World"
 "For Unto Us A Child Is Born/Open The Eyes Of My Heart"
 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing/King of Heaven"
 "Light of The World"
 "A Christmas Alleluia"

OFFERTORY "Mary Did You Know" Worship Team

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev Seungsoo Jun

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Julia Batty and Isabella Mather

CHILDREN'S SONG "I Saw Three Ships" Children's Choir

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The Prophecy: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
Carol: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" **UMH 211, Stanzas 1 and 5**

The Angel Visits Mary and Joseph: Luke 1:28-33, Matthew 1:20-21

Journey to Bethlehem: Luke 2:1-5
Carol: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" **UMH 230, Stanza 1**

Birth of Jesus: Luke 2:6-7
Carol: "Away in a Manger" **UMH 217, Stanza 1**

The Angels Visit the Manger
Carol: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" **UMH 240, Stanzas 1 and 3**
During the carol, all angels in the congregation are invited to come join our manger scene.

The Shepherds in the Fields
Carol: "The First Noel" **UMH 245, Stanza 1**
During the carol all shepherds in the congregation are invited to stand in the center aisle to watch the sheep in the field.

The Angels Visit the Shepherds: Luke 2:8-14
Carol: "Angels We Have Heard on High" **UMH 238, Stanzas 1 and 3**

The Shepherds Visit the Manger: Luke 2:15-19
Carol: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" **UMH 251, Stanzas 1 and 2**
During the carol all shepherds are invited to come join our manger scene.

The Wisemen Follow the Star
Carol: "The First Noel" **UMH 245, Stanzas 3 and 4**

The Wisemen Visit the Manger: Matthew 2:1-5, 7-9
Carol: "We Three Kings" **UMH 254, Stanzas 1 and 2**

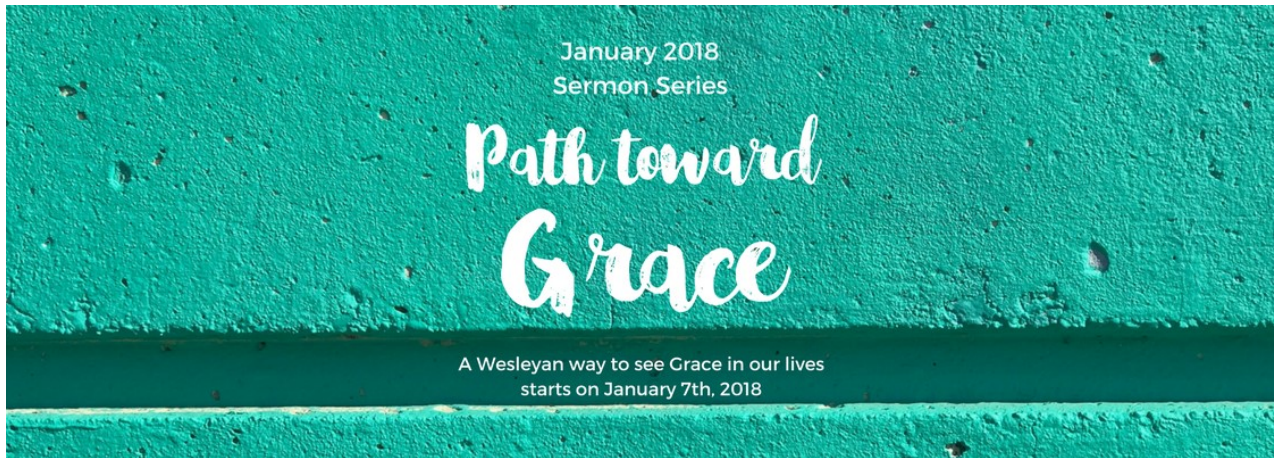
Worshipping the Christ-Child: Matthew 2:10-12
Carol: "Silent Night" **UMH 239**

***BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL** Children

POSTLUDE "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Michael Burkhardt
Parents, please come up front during the Postlude to gather your children.

CHOIR PAGEANT PARTICIPANTS

Narrators	Katherine Vaughan	Sheep	Maddox Handy
	Keira Realmuto	Star Bearer	Thatcher Dickenson
Mary	Maggie Bryant	Wisemen	Braelyn Handy
Joseph	Ben Realmuto		Eric Olsen-Gordon
Angel Gabriel	Isabella Mather		Liam Hayden
Lead Angels	Julia Batty, Colin Batty	Angels & Shepherds	Lennon Mather
Lead Shepherd	Aaron Olsen-Gordon		Children of the congregation



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We have a joyous & bustling **nursery** on Sunday mornings & we need your help! If you love little-people snuggles & have some love to give, join us in the nursery. With enough volunteers, you would only be asked to serve a few times a year. Talk to Emily Nester today! emily@rcumc.org

The new church **cookbooks** have arrived! Get yours today in the Gathering Area. \$20 each

We will host **Family Promise** January 7-14. You can help by providing or hosting a meal, spending time with the children, or spending a night at the church. Please sign up in the Gathering Area, on-line or talk to Kathi Hufnagel or Steve Gross for more information.

During 2018 Bishop Lewis challenges us to **read the Bible** chronologically. Our monthly bookmark is in your bulletin so you can follow along throughout the month of January.

Mosaic resumes on Wednesday, January 10, 2018. Adult options are “Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace”, John Ortberg’s study “If You Want to Walk on Water, You Have to Get Out of the Boat”, “Grief Sharing”, and we continue to study “The Story”.

On Sundays, adult faith builders include “3:16 The Numbers of Hope”. “Lifestyles of Faithfulness”, “Soul Keeping”, “When the Game is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box” and “A Living Faith in God”.

For information on any of our **adult small groups** contact Terri Urquhart at terriu@rcumc.org or Larry Dickenson at lbickenson@gmail.com.

The **altar flowers** are given today by Bill and Carla Taylor in honor of their son, Matthew, for his 38th birthday.



Love God With Us

Weekday Devotions Reading Schedule

Monday, Dec. 25—*Christmas Day* Matthew 5:43-48

Tuesday, Dec 26—*Lots Of Living To Do* Psalm 16:7-11

Wednesday, Dec 27—*A Moving Experience* Psalm 107:1-8

Thursday, Dec 28—*Christmas Is Not Over* Colossians 3:12-17

Friday, Dec 29—*Still Loving and Caring* Jeremiah 29:10-14

Prayer Focus for Week

Thank God for His devoted and undying love and for the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Look on our website (rcumc.org) or in our newsletter to see prayer requests & continue to pray with us!