

# Love

For God so loved  
the world that he  
gave his one and  
only Son, that  
whoever believes  
in him shall not  
perish but have  
eternal life.

*John 3:16, NIV*



WESTERN RESERVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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# Western Reserve United Methodist Church

December 21, 2025

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Joyce Hoile

Minister of Visitation: Rev. Don Christensen

Mission Statement: ***Western Reserve Church will develop disciples who reflect Christ's love through worship, fellowship, and service.***

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**

***\*Please rise in body or in spirit***

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: The time of waiting and preparation is almost over.

CONGREGATION: Our celebration of the Savior's birth is at hand.

LEADER: Today, we focus on the love God sent to the earth.

CONGREGATION: We focus on the love God sends each day.

LEADER: We want to feel that love in our lives.

CONGREGATION: surrounding us, infusing us, and pouring out from us as we share God's love with others.

***ALL: God, come be with us and fill us with Your love.***

### \*OPENING HYMN:

*"Love Came Down at Christmas"* (UMH #242)

### \*OPENING PRAYER (Spoken in unison)

God, Creator and Designer of us all, we look forward with hope, peace, joy, and love to the celebration of Your Son's birth. Be with us as we worship and prepare our hearts for His coming. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH - *The Candle of Love*

DEDICATION OF GIFTS, TITHES, AND OFFERINGS

\*Doxology (UMH #95)

\*Offertory Prayer

CHOIR ANTHEM: *"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"*

MORNING PRAYERS – Sharing our joys and concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

HYMN OF RESPONSE:

*"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"* (UMH #204)

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Isaiah 61:1-4

Romans 8:38-39

\*John 3:16-17

RESPONSE

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

***ALL: Thanks be to God.***

MESSAGE: ***"Chrismons: The Heart"***

\*CLOSING HYMN

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful"* (UMH #234)

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE:

*"In the Bleak Midwinter"* (UMH #221 vv. 1,4)

POSTLUDE

Thank you to those assisting in our worship services.

Sermon: Pastor Joyce (All Services)

Music: Leaha Marshall and the TOGGLE Praise Team (9:15 am)  
Leaha Marshall (11:00 am)

Liturgist: Doug Price (9:15 am)  
Kathy Simon (11:00 am)

Please keep the following friends in your prayers this week:

***Those in Nursing Homes:***

Park Vista of Youngstown: Linda Ward

Hampton Woods: Nancy Jarvis

Windsor House: Nancy Hull

St. Luke Lutheran Community: Margie Wagner

The Inn @ Glenellen: Richard Fox

The Addison @ Cornersburg: Ila Cochran

***Those serving in our military:***

Jeff Asch, Jared Eichert, JT Palmer, Riley Miller, Mark Kuntzman,  
Jared Muntean

***Those with other prayer concerns:***

Bill Helsel, Sandra Ellis, Billy Tarr, Betty Brunswick, Tim Treleven,  
Bill Robb, Ed Dambik, Dawn Owens, Terry Hassay, Jon  
Ramsbottom, Marjorie Nelson, Halle Wright, Kennedy Turek, Brian  
Hassel, Marian Doerr, Barb Rauschenburg, Stuart Hassel, Juanita  
Bloom, Chelsea (Schmidt) Kachelries, Laurie Grischow, Lugene  
Pezzuto, Doug Price

***Those mourning the loss of a loved one:***

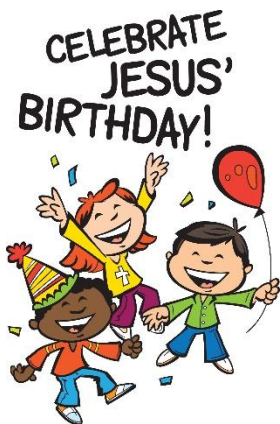
Bob Owens and family mourning the loss of his wife, Dawn.

The prayer list is updated weekly. If you would like to be included in the prayer list, please let the Church Office know and keep us updated as to the status of these prayer requests so that we can remain current on those needing special prayer. Thank you!



WELCOME TO ADVENT AT WESTERN RESERVE UMC!

We are glad you joined us today. Our theme for Advent and Christmas this year is Chrismons. Chrismons are symbols of Jesus' life and are often used to decorate Christmas trees. We will focus on one each Sunday, and following the services each week, you will have the opportunity to create your own Chrismon to take home. Our Chrismon today is the heart, and our Chrismon for Christmas Eve is the crown. Both are available for ornament making today as well as those from previous weeks.



**BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS:** Join us between and after services today for a Birthday Party for Jesus! Enjoy some fun and fellowship as we prepare to remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus!



WORSHIP WITH US THIS

*Christmas*

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

3:00 PM

7:00 PM

11:00 PM

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:** The office will be closed December 25 & 26 and January 1 & 2. Bulletin deadlines are as follows:

- Sunday, December 28 due tomorrow, December 22.
- Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> due Monday, December 29.



**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE:**

Thank you to all the members and friends of the church who turned in Commitment (Pledge) Cards. We received 58 cards with a total commitment of \$187,540. This, along with rental income and some planned fundraisers, will be used to create a budget

for ministry in 2026. Commitment cards are on the Welcome Center if you still need one.

**LITURGISTS NEEDED:** We are updating our list of Liturgists and preparing the schedule to lead the 11:00 worship service in 2026. Liturgists provide much needed leadership to our worship experience. If you are willing to serve or need to change your status, please contact Pastor Joyce or the Church office. Training is available for anyone who would find it helpful.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Sandy & Tim Treleven in memory of all family and friends and thankfulness for their love. Thank you to everyone who provided flowers this year! Flowers are needed for many Sundays in 2026, including all Sundays in January. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, please sign up on the sheet at the Welcome Center. The cost is \$20.



**WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE!** Thank you to Doug & Diane Price for their work in getting this new site up and running. To stay up to date on events and

missions of the Church visit [www.westernreserveumc.com](http://www.westernreserveumc.com).



THANK YOU to our children and their leaders, Laura Morlan and Wanda Misiasek, for their special presentation during worship this morning. We appreciate the joy and spirit you bring to our ministry.

### WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

- Men's Bible study – Meets in the Fellowship Hall every Tuesday at 8:30 am except for the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday when they meet at Trek Coffee House (1588 Mahoning Ave.).
- Adult Bible study & prayer group – Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Youth Room. If you would like more information or have any prayer requests for the group, please contact Laura (cell: 330-770-7017 or email: [walton32000@yahoo.com](mailto:walton32000@yahoo.com)). **PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Bible study on December 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. We will resume on January 6<sup>th</sup>.**

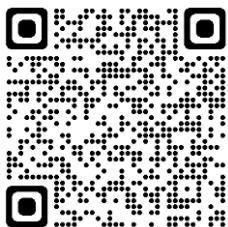


## ATTENDANCE AND GIVING FOR SUNDAY, December 14

Early Worship Service (8:30 am)	8
T.O.G.G.L.E. Service (9:15 am)	24
Traditional Service (11:00 am)	23
Total Worship Attendance	53

Amount needed to meet weekly budget: \$6,631

Total Giving amount: \$13,640 (This includes electronic giving)



Electronic Giving is available! Simply scan the QR code with your phone and you will be taken to the secure Vanco online giving platform where you can make your donation to WRUMC electronically and set up recurring donations if you would like. Credit cards are accepted. Thank you for your support of WRUMC and its ministries!

***Thank you for your continued faithfulness in worship and giving!***



**PARKING LOT/FRONT DITCH PROJECT**

**Received to date: \$13,777**

**(after payment for work completed)**

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GIVING TO  
THE PARKING LOT/FRONT DITCH PROJECT!  
WE STILL HAVE MORE WORK TO GET DONE!***



MERRY  
*Christmas*



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## TODAY

Worship Services (8:30, 9:15, 11:00 am)

Sunday school/Bible study (9:30 am)

Birthday Party for Jesus (After all services)

## TUESDAY

Men's Bible Study (8:00 am)

Helping Hands Closet (9:00 am - 1:00 pm)

Sewing Circle (9:00 am)

## WEDNESDAY

Christmas Eve Services (3:00pm, 7:00 pm, 11:00 pm)

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Church Office Closed

## FRIDAY

Church Office Closed

## COMING UP!

Happy New Year! (January 1)

Church Office Closed (January 1-2)