

## Wesley Covenant Prayer

“I am no longer my own, but thine.  
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,  
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and heartily yield all things  
to thy pleasure and disposal.  
And now, O glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven.  
Amen.”

**REMINDER:** If you would like to donate to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, please **make your check payable to Curlew UMC** and indicate on the **MEMO LINE** where your funds should go.



**Curlew United Methodist Church**

2210 Cathedral Drive ♦ Palm Harbor, FL 34683

Tel: 727.784.3424 Fax: 727.771.1449

Senior Pastor: Rachel Hughes Phone: 727.488.3570

Website: [www.CurlewUnitedMethodistChurch.com](http://www.CurlewUnitedMethodistChurch.com)

E-mail: [CurlewUMC@Verizon.net](mailto:CurlewUMC@Verizon.net)



Friends of Curlew United Methodist Church



*Curlew United Methodist Church*

*December 17, 2023*

*10:30 AM*

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP - Third Sunday of Advent**

All are welcome as we come together to worship in the House of the Lord.

Organ Selections

Announcements

\*Greeting and Sharing the Peace

\*Opening Hymn "Angels From the Realms of Glory" UMH 220

Advent Candle Lighting - **JOY**

Choral Response "Light the Advent Candle"

Opening Prayer

**GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED**

Prelude

\*Call to Worship Helen Hershman

Leader: Holy Father, we ask that you let our hearts not carry the weight of this world but the joy found within it.

**People: Let us look upon the world with gratitude, remembering how you care for everything and everyone.**

Leader: Help us to weave this practice of gratitude into our ordinary days, and in doing so, find the unexpected gifts of joy you give.

**People: Give us listening ears, noticing eyes, compassionate hearts and open hands.**

**All: May we know the joy that comes from you, a joy complete, and share it with the world.**

\*Affirmation of Faith Wesley Covenant Prayer (Back of Bulletin)

\*The Gloria Patri

Prayers and Praises Helen Hershman

Tithes and Offerings  
\*The Doxology UMH 95

Special Music

Scripture 1 Thessalonians 5: 12-28 NSRV

The Message "Be Joyful" Pastor Rachel Hughes

Closing Hymn "Joy to the World" UMH 246

**WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS**

\*Benediction Pastor Rachel Hughes


~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Pastor Rev. Rachel Hughes  
Director of Music Ministries Ben Winkler

*\*Stand if you are able*

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

***Praise Band, "The Relics"***  
***Guitar: Pastor Rachel Hughes***  
***Keyboard: Linda Wells, Piano: Ben Winkler***

<b>Birthdays:</b>		
<b>Terry Lee Bechtle</b>	<b>December 19th</b>	
<b>Tom Gibbs</b>	<b>December 22nd</b>	



Pastor Rachel & Family,  
Healing prayers for: the Aguinaga Family, the Dunson Family,  
Walt Anderson, Denise Claudette, Paul, Tom, Mike, Natalie Dodge,  
Kim, Sandy Fika, Anthony Akapo, Tess, Marilyn and Max,  
Traveling mercies for Pam & Pete Dane, Prayers for Our Military,  
the Curlew Church Family, The United Methodist Church, Our Country