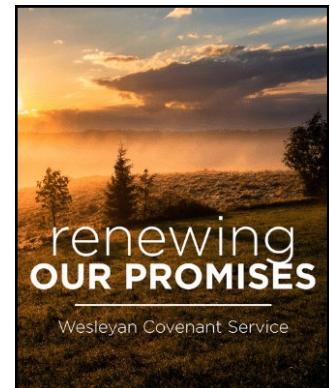


**Highland Avenue  
United Methodist Church  
Wesleyan Covenant Renewal Service  
January 11, 2026  
9:30 a.m.**

**GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD**

Words of Welcome



The Prelude : **“Gather Us In”** *Composer, Ralph Cheney Lyrics: Sandy Nisbet*

The Call to Worship: *(by Rev. Angela Rotherham):*

Christ is born!

**Let us have humble hearts before the Lord.**

The Messiah is come!

**We open the doors of our hearts to the Savior.**

Emmanuel – God is with us!

**Come, Holy Spirit, Come.**

\*The Opening Hymn: **“In the Bleak Midwinter”** UMH #221

Opening Prayer *(by David Tripp)*

**O God, Searcher of all our hearts, you have formed us as a people and claimed us for your own. As we come to acknowledge your sovereignty and grace, and to enter anew into covenant with you, reveal any reluctance or falsehood within us. Let your Spirit impress your truth on our inmost being, and receive us in mercy, for the sake of our Mediator, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

***LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD***

The Scripture Lessons: **Jeremiah 31: 31-34**  
**Luke 2: 25-32, 36-38**

A Time for Children **“What Is A Covenant”**

The Message: **“Wesley’s Covenant Renewal”**

Meditation in Music **“Come to the Table”** *Music and Lyrics: Ralph Cheney*

A Time of Prayer

Celebrations and Concerns

Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer **UMH # 895**

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## *RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD*

The Great Thanksgiving for Covenant Reaffirmation (*insert*)

The Offering

\*Doxology **UMH # 95**

\*The Prayer of Dedication (*insert*)

\*The Closing Hymn: "**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**" **UMH # 240**

Benediction

Announcements and Prayer

Postlude: "**Go Forth in Peace**" Composer, Ralph Cheney      Lyrics: Sandy Nisbet

*LEAVING TO LOVE AND SERVE*



### *Please pray for:*

Harold Aziz  
Trisha Aziz  
Tom Bailey  
Geneva and Norman Beckwith  
Michael Breed  
Cathy Brissette  
Russell Brown  
Kendal Buck  
Cameron (Ralph's grandson)  
Gretchen Clark  
Dwight Cooper  
**Betty Crocker**  
Karen Crommett  
Danielle  
Barbara Dill  
Donna & Mike DiTaranto  
Crystal Farris  
Armand Fournier

**Phil Garwood**  
Harold and Lynn Gerard  
Todd Goode  
Connie Greenleaf  
Kay Gregory  
**Russell Hickey**  
Nancy Holmes  
Vicky Kelley  
Ray Ladd  
Michael LaPlante  
Ann LeClair  
Kevin Lee  
Cathy & Mark Leonard  
Audrey Littlefield  
Emily Long's gram  
Lois, sister-in-law of Pat O'Connor  
Jerry Lucas  
Steve McNelly  
Judy Meserve's cousins  
**Jim Meserve**  
Kathy Meserve  
Ellen Minotty  
Tony Morgan  
Pat O'Connor  
Dennis O'Driscoll  
Olivia & Jed  
Silvia Palmer  
Linda Pare  
Carla Parsons  
Peggy Philips  
Jessie Powell  
**Garry Prosser**  
Sylvia Quint  
Judy Quintal  
Alton Ranks  
Tanya Russell  
Sherman Family  
Sandy Smith  
Sullivan Smith  
Flo Sutter  
Laverne & Tim Tardiff  
**Michel Tessier**

Patsy Tessier  
Randy and Lisa Thibeau  
Rhoda Thombs  
Rick Thombs  
Tracy Trott  
**Family of Stefanie Truman**  
Samantha Dunn Walker  
Lorna Ulmer's brothers  
Jane Weir  
Jonathan Williams  
Bert Winslow  
Irene Wise

**People of the Middle East**  
**The Military**  
**Border Concerns**  
**People of Ukraine**  
**Victims of Violence**  
**Victims of Natural Disasters**