

## Sermon Notes

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## *Looking Ahead to 2021:*

**Sunday, January 3, 2021**, our worship will be a *Covenant Renewal Service with Communion*. This service is traditionally held near New Year's Day. This service was introduced by John Wesley to Methodist Societies as an important part of their spiritual life. We pray this service will bring renewal in the hearts and lives of the Lewis Chapel family as we commit to ongoing discipleship personally and as a church. The Wesley Covenant Prayer (found below) will be explored in a sermon series during January.

### **A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition:**

*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.*

**\*\*\*We Support Lewis Chapel with Our Presence, Our Gifts and Our Service:**

### SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Worship 10:15 a.m.  
M&M's 5:00 p.m.  
MYF 5:00 p.m.  
Choir 6:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

Study and Prayer 1:00 p.m.

### TITHES/OFFERINGS

Weekly Budget: \$3,141.51

ACOLYTES

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

NURSERY

OFFERING Counters

December 27, 2020

The Lord's Day  
The First Sunday of Christmas

WELCOME

*"So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God."  
Galatians 4:7*



LEWIS CHAPEL  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Established 1851  
Enter to Worship. Depart to Serve.

## Order of Worship

Greeting and Welcome

Prelude

\*Call to Worship: On Screen

\*Hymn of Praise *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

\*Opening Prayer (In Unison):

God of glory, your splendor shines from a manger in Bethlehem, where the Light of the world is humbly born into the darkness of human night. Open our eyes to Christ's presence in the shadows of our world, so that we, like him, may become beacons of your justice, and defenders of all for whom there is no room. Amen.

\*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

\*Gloria Patri

Children's Message

Pastor Nancy

Scripture: Galatians 4: 4-7

Sermon: "Your Inheritance"

Pastor Nancy

*Time of Silent Prayer*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

\*Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Congregational Joys and Concerns

\*Hymn of Dedication *Joy to the World*

\*Benediction

Postlude

\*Congregation standing

## Announcements

**Prayer Group Meeting:** No Meeting December 30, 2020. Group will resume Wednesday, January 6, 2021, at 1pm in the Bessye Brunson Hall. All are invited to come as we pray for our members, community, and world.

**Prayer Requests List for Bulletin:** Next week we will resume having the Prayer Request list printed on the back page of the bulletin. We need your help in compiling the list and keeping it updated. **Please submit names to be added to Pastor Nancy. Please notify her when the names you submitted can be removed, as well.**

**M&M's:** will resume January 10, 2021, at 5pm.

**Youth:** plans to be determined

**Hartsville District Virtual Training for Leaders:** will be Saturday, January 16, 2021, from 9am to 11:30am. All leaders are encouraged to attend. An email was sent with more details. Contact Pastor Nancy if you need more information.

**Church Council Meeting:** Sunday, Jan. 24, 2021 @ 3 PM

**Reminder:** *Please remember to wear masks and distance as you are entering and exiting the sanctuary and other gatherings. Enter though the front doors and exit through the side doors of the sanctuary. Side door with the handicap ramp is open for entry.*

*Thank you for turning off your WI-Fi during worship and silencing all devices.*