

# Being Salt and Light

February 5, 2023  
5th Sunday after Epiphany

## WESTMINSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Attendance — text “HERE” to 443-234-0806.  
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WELCOME

Pastor Sue Shorb-Sterling

PRELUDE

*“Festivity on “Holy Manna””*

arr. Wagner

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Matthew 5:13-20 (written by Rev. Mindi)    Pastor Sue Shorb-Sterling

We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.

**We are the salt of the earth.**

We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.

**We are the light of the world.**

We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

**The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.**

Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

**Come, let us love one another with the love of God.**

**Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.**

\* HYMN

*“For the Healing of the Nations”*

UMH 428

GATHERING PRAYER — The Rev. Iona MacLean    Pastor Sue Shorb-Sterling

God of compassion and justice, the worship you choose for us is to loose the bonds of injustice, to let the oppressed go free, to share bread with the hungry, to shelter the homeless poor.

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn and your healing shall spring up quickly. So in praise and wonder, we come to worship you not just with our words but with our hearts and our lives. Glory and honor be to you, O God, Creator of a new heaven and a new earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\* PASSING THE PEACE

The Peace of the risen Christ be with you; **And also with you.**

KIDS' TIME

ANTHEM

*"You Are the Salt and Light"*

Choplin

PASTORAL PRAYER/COMMUNITY PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER (UMH 895) Rev. Sue Shorb-Sterling  
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GOD'S WORD IS READ

Isaiah 58:1-12 (The Message)

Pastor Sue Shorb-Sterling

REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD

Pastor Malcolm Stranathan

God asks, "What have you done for me, lately?"

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastors Sue Shorb-Sterling & Malcolm Stranathan

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith. **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and for ever. **Amen.**

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"*

UMH 614

*"I Need Thee Every Hour"*

arr. Kim

Text your offering 844-307-2876; Give online at [www.wumcmd.org](http://www.wumcmd.org); or Mail to:  
Westminster UMC, P.O. Box 2316, Westminster, MD 21158-2316. Thank you.

\*Doxology

*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

UMH 95

\*Offertory Prayer

\* HYMN

*"Bring Forth the Kingdom"* (Leader - Choir)

FWS 2190

\* SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE (please be seated)

*"Postlude"*

Brosig

## ...AND, MORE GIVING!

In 2022, members of our congregation gave over \$15,200 towards missions, including help for Ukraine, hurricane relief, and contributions to the WUMC Missions Fund which is administered by our Missions Committee. These gifts are in addition to our tithes and offerings given to support the church budget. More next week...

## — SAVE THE DATE — VBS Summer 2023

Sunday, June 25 - Thursday, June 29

6 - 8:30 pm Yes, evening VBS!

We'd loved this to be an all-church event,  
so put the dates on your calendar  
and keep a lookout for more information!

## 2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Our 2023 Offering Envelopes are delayed due to supplier issues (Covid and unforeseen mechanical issues). When delivered, 2023 Envelopes will be available for pick-up in the Narthex. In the interim, feel free to use pew envelopes, 2022 envelopes, or no envelopes. Please watch the eHerald and bulletins for further updates.

Questions? Please contact Belinda Norton,  
Financial Secretary, at 410-848-8325 X15  
or by email at [FinanceSec@wumcmd.org](mailto:FinanceSec@wumcmd.org).

## EDUCATION OPPORUNITIES

Linda Wood, Chairperson [education@wumcmd.org](mailto:education@wumcmd.org)

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays, 9am

3yrs through 5th grade—Sunday School Tower  
Children's Ministry Emily Gibbs:  
[childrensminister@wumcmd.org](mailto:childrensminister@wumcmd.org)  
or 410-848-8325, x17



6th-8th grade—Youth House *Register online*

9th-12th grade—invited to attend our adult  
classes, at this time (more info, coming soon).

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Sundays, 9am

New Life in Christ Class—NLiC Room  
THE TWELVE APOSTLES, a Bible study  
Teaching & small group table talk.  
Leader: Rev. Dr. David A. Highfield

Adult Discussion Class—Disciple Room  
Women of the New Testament  
Leader: Anne Dorwart.

## CHILDREN OF HOPE BELL CHOIR

3rd through 6th grade bell choir

Rehearsals—Sundays, 11:45am, Alex Olson Ste

Performance—Sun, Apr 30, 10:30am  
during worship service

For more info, please contact:  
Linda Wood, Director, [llwood@gmail.com](mailto:llwood@gmail.com)  
410-596-1258

VBS—June 25-29, 6-8:30pm

## SERVICE NOTES INFORMATION BOX

*Masking is optional; we respect your personal health choice.*

Music: Peggy Brengle, CAGO-Organist Chancel Choir: Kyler Brengle, Director ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond

Slides: Katherine Scherck, Kyler Brengle AV Techs: Maddie Schryer, Bill Eckles, Mark Gieselman

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling Leading Worship: Rev. Dr. Malcolm Stranathan

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Contact Kyler Brengle, Director of Music Ministries, for additional details, if needed.

*Our Mission: "Changing lives through Jesus Christ to make a difference."*

## BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

### Our Church Family

Mary Louise Poole	<i>Long-term:</i>
Jeff Kimble	Chris Clise
Wayne Olson	Grace Justice
Gayle Dix	Dave Taylor
Ron Grill	John Carbaugh
Hank Diener	Christy Swartzbaugh
Dan & Carol LaFon	

### Those in mourning

Teresa Shipley and family on the death of her father, Howard Wisner, Sr.

### Our Family and Friends (requests in the past two months)

Kathy Bare, friend of Mary Louise Poole  
Killian Kenney, grandson of Conni & Dave Highfield  
Dawn Hull, daughter-in-law of Ann Hull

### Our Global Ministries Missionaries & World Vision Child

Nan McCurdy, Miguel Mairena (Puebla Mexico) - GBGM  
Onney Khosa (Zimbabwe) - World Vision/WUMC UMYF

### Those in Military Service

Bailee Stevens, Air Force, Germany  
(granddaughter of Ann & Steve Hull)  
Alex Gray, Air Force, Ft. Gordon, GA  
(son-in-law of Steve & Darlene Sadowski)  
Jason Marusiak, Fort Riley, KS  
(son-in-law of The Flinn)

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY—WEEK ENDING 1/22/23

Weekly Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 12,593
Last Week's Receipts	\$ 15,167
Last Week's Disbursements	\$ 8,309
YTD Operating Receipts	\$ 38,409
YTD Operating Disbursements	\$ 29,063

We thank you for your continued financial support during this challenging time. Monthly financial reports available on request from the Financial Secretary.

*1/29/23 financials unavailable; 1/22/23 financials shown*

## REACH

OUR MISSION: To reach out to those within our congregation who are reaching out to us in need of help.

Are you a church member in need of:

- Funeral Lite Fare
- Meals following recovery or mourning
- Transport to local medical appointments

Please contact REACH, directly, for help:

### REACH—FEBRUARY

Donna Myers—(410) 259-2480

Dee Roush—(443) 398-5473

## MONTHLY 90's BIRTHDAYS

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We celebrate our WUMC nonagenarians!

Feb 20 awaiting permission

Feb 21 Nancy Coats  
230 St. Mark Way  
Westminster MD 21158

If we missed you, reach out to Sherri,  
s.haines@wumcmd.org.

## TEXTING OPTIONS IN WORSHIP OFFERING

Text amount  
to 844-307-2876



Mail to POB 2316, Westminster 21158

Online offering—please scan QR code

## ATTENDANCE

Text "HERE" to 443-234-0806

## REQUESTING PRAYER

Submit prayer requests:

- Online, [www.wumcmd.org/prayer-requests.html](http://www.wumcmd.org/prayer-requests.html)
- Email Pastor Malcolm,  
[m.stranathan@wumcmd.org](mailto:m.stranathan@wumcmd.org)
- Email Rev. Ken, [revkenh@starpower.net](mailto:revkenh@starpower.net)
- Call the church office, 410-848-8325.