

August 11, 2024

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Kenny Smallhorn, Jr.

Loud and Clear

Psalm 130



Welcome to Wesley, Your Home on Campus.
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Welcome to Wesley Church!
We invite you to worship, grow, and serve with us
as we seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Gathering

Prelude

Variations on "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
setting by Hal H. Hopson
Sharron Mies, organ

Welcome & Greeting

Rev. David Fuquay

***Call to Worship**

Congregation

Wait for the Lord, like those who hope in God's mercy.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Watch for God, like those who eagerly await the morning.

We watch for God, whose power redeems us.

Hear God's hopeful word, like those who long for pardon.

Sing praise to God and rejoice in God's love.

***Opening Hymn #66**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Congregation

***Opening Prayer**

Congregation

Loving God, we are yours. We come as we are, with our cares and concerns. We long to touch you and find healing in your embrace. Strengthen our faith and heal our brokenness, that we may worship you with joy. Amen.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Congregation

A Time for the Child in Each of Us

Rev. Yiwen Bi

Centering

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Rev. David Fuquay

Call to Prayer #534

Be Still, My Soul (v.1)

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. David Fuquay

The Lord's Prayer

Congregation

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.

Response to Prayer #534

Be Still, My Soul (v.2)

Prayer for Illumination

Bob de Jong

Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens. Open wounded hearts to the balm of your Word. Speak to us in clear tones so that we might feel our spirits leap for joy and skip with hope as your resurrection.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 130

Scriptural Response

Words inspired by God for the inspiration of the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Preparation #700

Abide with Me

Loud and Clear

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Thanksgiving

Offering Invitation

Rev. Yiwen Bi

Offertory

improvisational medley

Jacob Laurel

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Yiwen Bi

***Doxology #61**

Come, Thou Almighty King (v. 4)

To Thee, great One in Three,

eternal praises be

hence, evermore.

His sov'reign majesty

may we in glory see,

and to eternity

love and adore!

Sending

Closing Hymn #474

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

***Opportunities to Connect and Serve**

Rev. David Fuquay

***Benediction**

Postlude

Chaconne

Louis Couperin

Sharron Mies, organ

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Kenny graduated from UIUC in 2020 with a bachelor's in social work. He was involved at Wesley as a peer minister and member of Illini Fighting Hunger. In 2021, he moved to Atlanta to pursue a Master of Divinity at Candler School of Theology. Having graduated in May of 2024, Kenny now serves as a local pastor at County Line UMC Griffin. Eva Smallhorn currently works as a nurse at Northside Hospital in the neonatal unit. Eva and Kenny were married at Wesley in 2022.

Opportunities to Connect and Serve

ADOPT A STUDENT, FIND A MENTOR

Calling all Students! Discover your home away from home at Wesley with our 'Adopt-a-Student' program. Connect with a church member for 2 hours a month, September through December. Share stories, laughter, and friendship while engaging in activities you both enjoy. Join us for orientation on Sunday, 9/15 at 10:45am at Wesley to meet your mentor. Email Pastor Yiwen at yiwen@wesleyui.org.

HANDBELL CHOIR GROUP

If you are interested in ringing handbells this year, please consider joining us. This is a casual group. No pressure. Not tied to performance in church. Not difficult. Day and time flexible. Open to anyone, any age, any skill level! Please contact Sharron Mies (spmies@gmail.com).

MOVIE SCREENING: COMMON GROUND

Wesley Social Action Mission's team is excited to announce a special movie screening at Wesley theatre on **September 1st at 3 PM**. We will be showing "**Common Ground**," a thought-provoking film on the topics of climate and agriculture. Everyone at Wesley and in the community is welcome to join us for this event. Light refreshments will be provided. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please contact: yiwen@wesleyui.org. We hope to see you then!

FRIENDS OF PRAIRIE AT WESLEY PRAIRIE POCKET

Join our Friends of Prairie team at Wesley Prairie Pocket. Whether you enjoy pulling weeds or taking pictures of the beautiful flowers and insects in the garden, we welcome your help! You can help at any time convenient for you. If you have any questions or would like to join, please contact Jim Fay: jimfay7@gmail.com Thank you for your support!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

AT THE WESLEY AND PARKLAND COLLEGE FOOD PANTRIES

All Wesley Food Pantry locations need volunteers this summer. You can help! Go to <https://wesleypantry.org/volunteer.html>, then click on the "Sign-Up Here" button.

Staff News and Updates



INTRODUCING DR. LAURIE MATHESON DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Dr. Laurie Matheson will be joining Wesley as Director of Music on August 12. A search team composed of choir members, musicians, and Wesley UMC leaders unanimously recommended Dr. Matheson to our personnel committee with great enthusiasm.

Dr. Matheson is a singer, composer, choral conductor, organist, and director of the University of Illinois Press.

From 2000-2019 she served as the organist and adult choir director at First Congregational United Church of Christ, Decatur, IL. She holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in choral music from the University of Illinois, a Master of Music in choral conducting from Westminster Choir College, and a Bachelor of Arts with high honors in English Literature from Swarthmore College.

We will welcome Dr. Matheson with a reception next Sunday, August 18 at 10:30 am in Watseka Lounge. Read more: wesleyui.org/post/introducing-dr-laurie-matheson

WITH APPRECIATION, WE ANNOUNCE DONNA CAMP'S DEPARTURE FROM WESLEY STAFF ON AUGUST 15

Due to her mother's increasing care needs, Donna Camp will be transitioning away from her staff role as Director of Advancement & Engagement on August 15. She will remain an active and beloved member of our congregation. If you know Donna and her passion and commitment to all things Wesley, you know she did not come to this decision lightly. We will miss her wisdom and experience on our staff but are grateful for all the ways she will contribute to the life of our congregation as an active member and volunteer.



THE STUDENTS ARE COMING! A WORD ON HOSPITALITY

A new academic year is fast approaching and that means new students and community guests will join us for worship. We want Wesley to be a place where everyone can “believe, belong, become, and be you.” To quote former Archbishop of Canterbury, William Temple, “*The Church is the only institution that exists primarily for the benefit of those who are not its members.*” Perhaps we should add one word to his quote – “who are not **yet** its members.”

Hospitality and welcoming guests are core spiritual disciplines of every church and are vital for the mission of Wesley as new students, staff, and faculty members move into our community every year. Engaging worship and intentional follow-up processes are important, but what compels guests to return to our church is the warmth of our welcome and hospitality that goes beyond their expectation. *Are you ready? How can you help someone find their home at Wesley?*

- **Make a commitment to be present in worship each Sunday from August 18-September 29.** The first six weeks of the fall semester are the most important time of the year to connect with new students and community guests. Your presence helps create a warm and hospitable experience for everyone and adds so much to the vitality of worship.

- **Wear your nametag in worship and at Coffee Hour.** Don't have a nametag? We'll make you one.
- **Practice the “Circle of Ten.”** Personally greet everyone — member or guest — who may sit within ten feet of you on Sunday. Introduce yourself by name if it is someone you do not know. You can greet them before the service, during Passing of the Peace, and after the service.
- **Practice the “Rule of Three.”** Guests typically leave the building within three minutes after the service. Devote the first three minutes after the benediction to speaking with people you don't know before speaking with family and friends.
- **Park at the far edges of our parking lot** (if you are physically able) and leave the closest parking spaces for guests.
- **Help us find our part-time “Director of Outreach and Guest Services”** (wesleyui.org/employment)

A Word about New Students

Ministry with students is one of the core missions of our congregation and the central purpose of the Wesley Foundation. Make a special effort to introduce new students to Pastor David and Pastor Yiwen before or after the service and connect them to other students who are present. Peer-to-peer connections are critical in helping students feel more at home here at Wesley.

A Word about Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour can be an intimidating experience for a new guest. We will move the coffee hour to the front porch of the sanctuary for the beginning of the semester. However, if you invite a new guest to coffee-hour, all but the most extraverted will likely decline. That's okay. If they say, *“No thank you. I have to get going.”* respond with, *“I certainly understand. Perhaps next time. Can I introduce you to our pastor on your way out?”*

Don't underestimate the power and impact of a warm hello and genuine friendliness. Your presence, your genuine interest, your hospitality, and your kindness all make a difference!

Wesley Staff

Senior Pastor/Campus Minister **Rev. David Fuquay** | Associate Pastor/Campus Minister **Rev. Yiwen Bi**
Food Pantry Director **Dawn Longfellow** | Childcare Coordinator **Christina Holderly**
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Sunday Services

9:30 a.m. Traditional Service

Eleven20 Coffeehouse Worship (11:20 a.m.)

Wesley Building Hours:

Open Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sundays 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Happening This Week

Sunday, August 11, 2024

10:30am Coffee Hour – Watseka Lounge

11:00am Animate Study – Conf. Room

11:00am Scriptural Foundations – Conf. Room

11:20am Eleven20 Worship – Etc. Coffeehouse

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

9:00am International Reading Group – Online

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

9:00am Men’s Bible Study – Conf. Room

1:00pm Fellowship Gathering – West Lounge

1:00pm Food Pantry – Parkland College

3:00pm Learning Korean for Fun – Conf. Room

Thursday, August 15, 2024

5:00pm Evening Food Pantry – Rooms 48 & 50

Assisting Today:

Coffee Hour Host: Sam Jew Kim

Ushers: Annette & Charles Lansford



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