

**The Voice of Christmas
Angels**

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In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

~Matthew 5:16

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: I bring you good news of great joy, for unto you is born a savior, who is Christ the Lord.

All: Alleluia! Christ, holy child, bearer of the light of heaven among us, we greet you with glad and humble hearts.

Leader: Jesus, the pioneer of our faith, who saves us and makes us holy, is not ashamed to call us siblings.

All: Alleluia! Jesus, our brother and our teacher, we praise you and we open our hearts to you.

Leader: Christ shares our flesh and blood, and shares our suffering, so that we might be set free from our fear of death.

All: Alleluia! Christ our savior, free us from our fears and attachments, and save us from sin and death. Living among us, transform us by your Spirit and fill us with your glory. Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN

Joy To the World

UMH #246

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and Eternal God, angels appeared to Joseph in dreams, and guided him in protecting the Christ child. Come to us now in our worship and speak to us, and guide us. Fill us with your Spirit that we may hear and obey, and so serve and glorify you. Open our hearts now, so that as the scriptures are read and your good news proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you are saying to us today. Amen.

THE BASKET

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, of grace, we who are attached to our lives as they are confess that we need to be made new. Forgive our sin, heal our hearts, and re-create us. As the new year dawns, let the old self we fearfully cling to pass away; raise us in your love, and grant that we may continually be made new by your grace.

Silent prayer...

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: God's light is present in this world. Present in the Christ child, born to lead us out of darkness.

**All: God's light is in the world, and the darkness did not overcome it.
God's grace is in the world, and our mis-steps will not overcome it.
We are loved, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:13-23

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

"A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go

there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazarene."

MESSAGE *The Voice of Christmas: Angels*

HYMN *Angels We Have Heard on High* *UMH #238*

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

The Lord's Prayer

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.

WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING OFFERTORY

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God, Joseph served you in faith, and through his obedience great gifts came into this world. In gratitude we give you our lives, symbolized in these gifts. Receive them with love, bless them with grace, and use them according to your will. In this new year, make us new, and send us into the world to listen for your Word and to follow in faith, to serve you by serving others, in the name of Christ. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* *UMH #240*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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THE RACK IS BACK!!!!

Now-March 1, 2026

A friend of mine has a rack of coats, and a bucket of hats, gloves, and scarves for anyone in need. The rack hangs in her front yard in Ringwood.

The sign outside reads

"Need a coat, take one- Want to help, leave one".

If you have any coats, gloves, hats, or scarves that you cannot use anymore, you can bring them to church and give them to me.

I will make sure they get to the rack!

Thank you in advance, Liz Tible

ANNOUNCEMENTS December 2025 – January 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS December 29th – January 4th

Monday December 29th

AA mtg @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall (Room 8)

Thursday January 1st

Happy New Year!

Friday January 2nd

Friday Prayer and Devotion on FaceBook @ 7am

Sunday January 4th

Epiphany Service with Holy Communion @ 10am

First Friday Fellowship info for January:

The First Friday Fellowship group will meet at noon on the SECOND FRIDAY (January 9) this month, due to the holidays.

We will have fun exchanging White Elephant gifts. Please bring a wrapped, fun, used item to exchange for someone else in the group to enjoy.

We will also share our holiday stories. Please bring your own lunch and beverage.

Dessert will be provided.



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**TODAY'S GOOD MOOD
IS SPONSORED
BY GOD
& COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

Coffee fellowship info:

**The following supplies are needed for coffee fellowship:
packaged cookies, crackers, napkins, juice boxes,
water bottles, and cups for coffee.**

**Sunday donations of bagels, cream cheese,
sliced cheese, fruit and
baked goods are always welcome.**

See Liz Tible if you have any questions.

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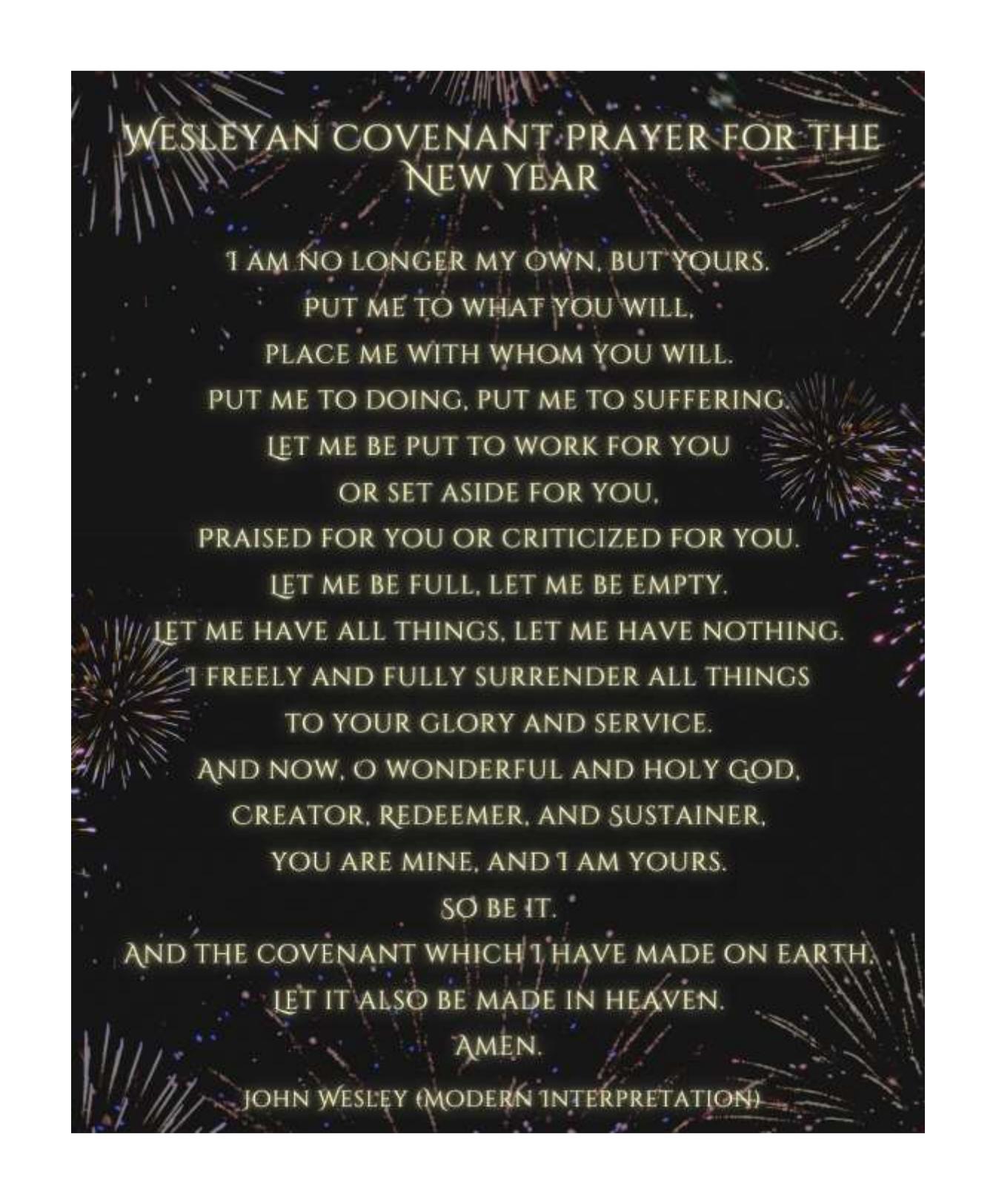
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WESLEYAN COVENANT PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

I AM NO LONGER MY OWN, BUT YOURS.

PUT ME TO WHAT YOU WILL,

PLACE ME WITH WHOM YOU WILL.

PUT ME TO DOING, PUT ME TO SUFFERING.

LET ME BE PUT TO WORK FOR YOU

OR SET ASIDE FOR YOU,

PRAISED FOR YOU OR CRITICIZED FOR YOU.

LET ME BE FULL, LET ME BE EMPTY.

LET ME HAVE ALL THINGS, LET ME HAVE NOTHING.

I FREELY AND FULLY SURRENDER ALL THINGS

TO YOUR GLORY AND SERVICE.

AND NOW, O WONDERFUL AND HOLY GOD,

CREATOR, REDEEMER, AND SUSTAINER,

YOU ARE MINE, AND I AM YOURS.

SO BE IT.

AND THE COVENANT WHICH I HAVE MADE ON EARTH,

LET IT ALSO BE MADE IN HEAVEN.

AMEN.

JOHN WESLEY (MODERN INTERPRETATION)