

PRAYER REQUESTS

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LOVE INC

THE LOST AND THE LONELY

**MEARS UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

December 17, 2023

**O Christmas Tree:
"SING ALOUD, O
DAUGHTER ZION"**



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Today



Greetings and Announcements

Breathing in God's Grace

Call to Worship —

In ancient times,

*Holly and ivy were considered signs of
Christ's passion.*

Their prickly leaves suggested the crown of
thorns,

*The red berries the blood of the Savior,
and the bitter bark the drink offered to
Jesus on the cross.*

Doxology

Opening Hymn:

Angels from the Realms of Glory UMH 220

Opening Prayer & Prayer of Thanksgiving

Advent Reading

Advent Song: *Advent Song vs. 3* FWS 2090

God Winks

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Time with Pastor Bev

Hymn of Preparation: *What Child Is This?* UMH 219

The Apostles' Creed: UMH 881

Scripture: *Zephaniah 3:14-20*

Message: *O Christmas Tree:*

"Sing Aloud, O Daughter Zion"

Closing Hymn:

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice UMH 224

Benediction & Going Forth

Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary.

~ Thank you for your gift! ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

as of December 17, 2023

Blue Christmas

A Service for those who are missing someone this
Christmas will be at Shelby UMC on Thursday,
Dec. 21 at 7pm

Angel Tree / Baskets

Our thanks go to each of you that supplied gifts for
our angel tree children. The gift and food basket
builders and deliverers, we can't do this without
you, many thanks. To each of our prayer warriors,
grateful for you beyond measure!

Christmas Eve Service

Will be held at our regular time of 9:15am—a service
of carols, lessons and candlelight. There will be no
Christmas Eve night service. We need three more
readers.

UPCOMING WORSHIP MEETINGS & EVENTS

Thursday, December 21

Blue Christmas at Shelby UMC

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve

O Christmas Tree:

Light of the World

Luke 2
