

December 5, 2021

# THE HEART THAT GREW THREE SIZES



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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP  
AT WEST LAWN UMC!**  
*In-Person & Live-Stream*



## **WELCOME**

**Welcome to worship at West Lawn United Methodist Church!**

We are excited that you have joined us today!

Greeters and Ushers will be happy to assist you with finding:

- A place to sit in our worship space
- Nursery or Nursing Room
- Classrooms
- Prayer Room
- Restrooms
- Provide a Listening Aid

If you are a first, second or third time guest, please fill out a Connect slip to let us know you worshipped with us today. Also, visit our Welcome Center in the Narthex for more information about WLUMC and to exchange your connect slip for a special gift! Those worshipping with us by live stream, please complete the Connect Card found on the WLUMC app or on our website under the Worship tab.

**Guest Wifi Password: Rejoice!**

**HELLO**

**We're glad you're here today!**

# SERVICES TODAY

- 8:00 AM—Traditional Worship Service / Sanctuary \*\*
- 9:30 AM—Praise Worship Service / Sanctuary \*\*
- 11:00 AM—Traditional Worship Service / Sanctuary
- 11:10 AM—Community Worship Service / Community Center \*\*

\*\* Worship Service is Live Streamed at:

[www.westlawnumc.org](http://www.westlawnumc.org) , WLUMC App, Facebook, or on YouTube.

## 9:30 AM ~ SUNDAY SCHOOL

KEY: EB=Education Bldg. CC=Community Center SC=Sanctuary Bldg.

children

Infant & Toddlers	EB	Rm 104 (Nursery)
Age 3 / Age 4	EB	Rm 200 & 202
Age 5/Kindergarten	EB	Rm 204
Grade 1	EB	Rm 206
Grade 2	EB	Rm 208
Grade 3	EB	Rm 210
Grade 4 / Grade 5	EB	Rm 207-209
Youth (Grades 6-7)	CC	Rm 202
Confirmation Class	CC	Main Hall
<b>Children's Church at 11AM &amp; 11:10AM</b>	CC	Rm 202 ( <i>Teachers will escort children to class</i> )

adults

Barth Memorial Class: <i>The Heart That Grew ..</i>	EB	Rm 112.
Loyal Pairs & Spares: <i>Engage: Waiting; Wonder; Show &amp; Tell</i>	EB	Rm 110
Table Talk: " <i>Acts of the Apostles</i> " w/Louie Giglio	EB	Rm 109/111
NEW Adult Class	CC	Conference Rm



Flowers on the Altar in the Sanctuary today are presented:

*The Glory of God!*

To place an order for flowers, contact Acacia Flower Shop at  
610-376-8767 / [acaciaflowershop@gmail.com](mailto:acaciaflowershop@gmail.com) by noon on Tuesdays.

# TODAY'S WORSHIP

**8AM & 11AM**

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

ACT OF PRAISE

SPECIAL MUSIC (8AM)

SCRIPTURE READING

MESSAGE

HYMN

PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

OFFERING

ANTHEM / OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

COMMUNION

HYMN

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

## **WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS**

### **MESSAGE**

Pastor Jeff Raffauf

### **WORSHIP LEADER**

Pastor Chris Hardy (8AM)

Pastor Lisa Hoopes (11AM)

### **ADVENT WREATH CANDLELIGHTERS**

Karen & John Guers (8AM)

Bruce & Mary Morton (11AM)

### **SCRIPTURE READER**

Kurt Schneiderhan (8AM)

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 60:3-6 (NRSV)

### **HYMNS**

UMH #196 - "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

UMH #204 - "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

FWS #2100 - "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

UMH #94 - "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #206 - "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

### **PRELUDE (8AM)**

Judith Alvarez, piano

Hymn Selections

Judith Alvarez, piano & Christopher Rodgers, organ

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (Smith)

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" (Hayes/Gaspard)

Bell Choir, Judith Alvarez, Director (8AM)

"To God Be the Glory" (Doane/arr. Tucker)

### **PRELUDE (11AM)**

Christopher Rodgers, organ

"Messe des Couvents: Cromorne en Taille" (Couperin)

"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying, BWV 645" (Bach)

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (Manz)

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Bell Choir, Judith Alvarez, Director (8AM)

"People, Look East" (arr. Tucker)

### **OFFERTORY**

Adult Choir, Carolann Schneiderhan, Director (8AM)

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" ("Veni Emmanuel" arr.,

Rouse)

Christopher Rodgers, piano (11AM)

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" (Hayes)

### **POSTLUDE**

Judith Alvarez, piano & Christopher Rodgers, organ (8AM)

"Come, Thou Almighty King" (Pethel)

Christopher Rodgers, organ (11AM)

"Canzonetta in G Major, BuxWV 171" (Buxtehude)



Lift up  
your eyes  
and look  
around.

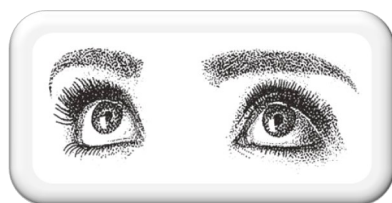
*Isaiah 60:4a*

# TODAY'S WORSHIP

**9:30AM**

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

WELCOME  
LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH  
SONGS  
PRAYERS  
OUR LIFE TOGETHER  
OFFERING  
MUSICAL OFFERING  
SCRIPTURE (NRSV)  
MESSAGE  
COMMUNION  
DISMISSAL WITH  
BLESSING  
CLOSING SONG



Lift up  
your eyes  
and look  
around.

*Isaiah 60:4a*

## **WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS**

### **MESSAGE**

Pastor Jeff Raffauf (9:30AM)  
Pastor Chris Hardy (11:10AM)

### **ADVENT WREATH**

### **CANDLELIGHTERS**

Bre Wixon & Norah Hoffert (9:30AM)  
Kurt & Zach Warren (11:10AM)

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 60:3-6

### **WORSHIP SONGS**

*"Multiplied"*

Artist: NEEDTOBREATHE

*"Tremble"*

Artist: MSC Workshop

*"Another In The Fire"*

Artist: Hillsong United

*"The Father's House"*

Artist: Cory Asbury

*"Good Grace"*

Artist: Hillsong United

**11:10AM**

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

WELCOME  
LIGHTING OF  
ADVENT WREATH  
SONGS  
PRAYERS  
OUR LIFE TOGETHER  
OFFERING  
MEET & GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR  
MUSICAL OFFERING  
SCRIPTURE (NLT)  
MESSAGE  
COMMUNION  
CLOSING SONG  
DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

**GRACE SPACE:** During our 11:10 service, children not attending Children's Church are welcome to use our carpeted "Grace Space" to quietly play during worship.



*HOPE: According to Webster is a desire of some good accompanied with an expectation of attaining it.*

*In our world today we have many concerns that are often beyond our comprehension. We want to help, but how? Pray to put that in the past, look forward to what lies ahead by placing our Hope and Trust in the Christ Child because he is the Perfect Hope and Promise of Christmas and the New Year.*

# Hope

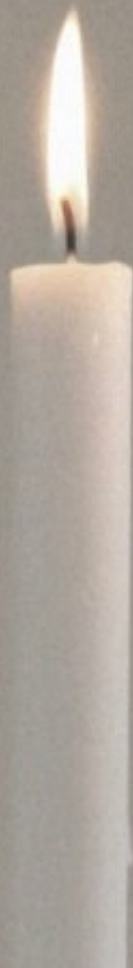
*Dear Father,*

*Thank you for the many gifts in our lives.  
You give us your mercy, forgiveness for our  
sins, and you gave us your only Son.*

*In return you simply ask for our Faith,  
Faith in you, your Son and Holy Spirit.  
You don't ask for specific works, you don't  
expect a payment on our part, payment for  
our mistakes, our sins, our imperfections.  
Just our Faith.*

*When I feel my Faith in you I am filled  
with hope, when I realize all that you have  
sacrificed for me and realize all that is  
asked of me is my Faith. My Faith leads to  
my hope, hope for better days against  
sufferings, hope for the healing of those who  
are sick, hope for those who are searching  
for their Faith in you, hope to feel your  
strengths and blessings even though they  
might not be evident in the present. Thank  
you Father for strengthening my Faith and  
in return my Hope.*

*Amen.*



*Father God,*

*I thank you for the gift of each and every day. I thank you for including us in your plans and providing us with hope for the present and the future. It is through the hope that you provide that we can persevere through any situation life presents. We are so blessed by the grace of your unfailing love that provides us with our hope in you, the living God now and forever. In your Holy Name we pray.*

*Amen*

*"He will also strengthen you to the end,  
so that you may be blameless on the  
day of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

*(1 Corinthians 1:8)*

# Hope

*God of Hope, we seek you.  
During this holy season of Advent,  
help us to see you in all whom we  
encounter.*

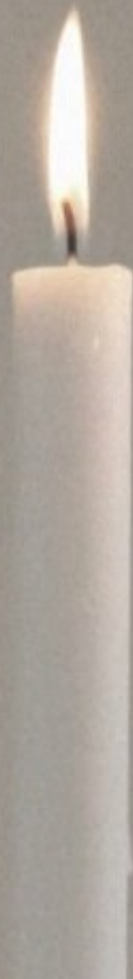
*We seek you in the crude manger,  
a child born to save the world.  
May your hope be a comfort  
to all who long for justice.  
May your hope fill our hearts  
and grace our lips so that we might  
reflect your hope for all the world.  
Amen.*

*Father God,*

*You gave us the gift of Your Son, the  
source of HOPE for all mankind. Enable us  
to seize this hope and spread it throughout  
the world. Help us to live every day filled  
with hope for all mankind, never letting  
the enemy diminish us. In Jesus name we  
pray.*

*AMEN*

*[prayers submitted by WLUMC Prayer Team]*



# WLC PRAYER ROOM

## REMINDER: Please

Let the office or pastors know if you or a loved one is hospitalized or placed in rehab.

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:** Luke Dundore, Mary Lou Hutchinson.

## Please remember in your prayers:

- Family & Friends of Bea Kalbach on her passing
- Family & Friends of Lois Carvel on her passing
- Family of Bob Knight on his passing
- Carmella Fisher on the loss of husband, Marvin
- Carol on loss of husband from COVID
- Those waiting for a diagnosis, procedure, biopsy, treatment, surgery & healing
- All dealing with COVID
- Better placement that meets the needs of the person
- Emotional/physical healing from addictions, anxiety, depression & chronic pain
- Brain injury, stroke and dementia victims
- Forever homes for animals in shelters
- Guidance at work
- Those grieving, experiencing divorce or loss of family relationships
- Food & clothing outreach for the homeless/needy & the volunteers who serve
- God's help to restore peace in our minds, hearts and lives
- Safe & healthy travels during holiday season for family and friends
- Kidnapped missionaries in Haiti
- May God guide the leaders of the world
- All those serving in the Armed Forces and their loved ones at home

## Prayers of Praise and Gratitude:

- Husband & wife starting new jobs
- Health issues resolved

12/5/2021

Ed & Helen	Ben	Bob	Yogi Romero Family	George	Aunt Agnes	Gordy Lantz
Tabby & Justin	Jordan	Betty	Family of Alice Schell	Lisa	Colleen	Cheryl S.
Mike & Kathy	Kathy S.	Barb	Josh & family	Erika	Kim L.	Joseph Gall
Skip & Lorraine	David	Gail	Steve & Sharon	Dan	Gloria	Brandon
Jim & Emily	Nicholas	Phyllis	Uncle Ray	Theotis	Diane	Roland Family
Teddy & Bill	Carolyn	Jadan	Rauenzahn Family	Joey M.	Michelle	Timothy
Patty & Ray	Jody	Matt	Sue, Chris & Angela	Megan S.	Paul	Jackson Hoffa
Jim & Patty	Victor	Gerry	Alexander Family	Dave K.	Karen	Robert Griffith
Michele Young Family	Walton Family	Nikki & Julie	LaManna & Mell Families	White Family	Bishop John Schol	Rev. Evelyn Kent Clark

## How to engage the prayer ministries of our church :

1. Online via the church website or App under the WORSHIP tab.
2. Call in to: Anna Bickhart / 610-670-1671 ~ Mabel Reighley / 610-678-5141



# **ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS**

## **WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB**

[Wednesday, December 8 / 7PM](#)  
[Education Bldg. / Room 109](#)  
[Donna Barnhart / 610-678-7873](#)  
[dmbhart2@gmail.com](mailto:dmbhart2@gmail.com)

Women's Book Club will meet in December to discuss *Mistress of the Ritz* by Melanie Benjamin. New readers always welcome! Come join the discussion! To be added to the email list or for information please contact Donna.

## **POINSETTIA ORDERS**

[Order Deadline is December 12](#)  
[Cost \\$9 for 6+ blooms in red or white](#)

If you would like to sponsor one or more poinsettias that will adorn our sanctuary from December 19th through Christmas Eve, the order envelopes are now available at the Welcome Centers.

## **KIDS WREATH MAKING DAY**

[Sunday, December 12 / 10AM](#)  
[Kelly Rismiller / 610-507-9141](#)  
[kelly@westlawnumc.org](mailto:kelly@westlawnumc.org)

Families of children will be invited to make a fresh, live Christmas wreath for their homes. Join us in the Community Center after the first Cantata service, and before the second, for this unique family event.



## **ONE YEAR BIBLES**

LOOKING for a Christmas gift of eternal value? We have just the gift for you! Stop by the Welcome Center and pick up a copy of The One Year Bible. We have a limited number of these Bibles in the New Living Translation (Pastor Chris' favorite!). This Bible is a great tool for developing a habit of daily Bible reading. AND, if you follow through with it, you will end up reading the entire Bible in just one year. Let 2022 be the Year of the Bible for you or a loved one. The One Year Bible is available now at a discounted price of just \$12 each.

## **FAITH IN ACTION TEAM**

[Monday, January 10 / 7:30PM / Zoom](#)  
[Jody Anderson / jander678@gmail.com](mailto:jander678@gmail.com)

During November and December the Faith in Action Team invites you to join them in reading Timothy Keller's book "Generous Justice". We will meet to discuss the book on January 10, 2022 on Zoom. Please contact Jody Anderson for the link to join in the discussion! We hope you'll join us in reading this great book based on a verse in Micah.

## **FREE PIANO AVAILABLE**

[Karen Chimenko / 610-777-8911.](#)

Karen has a free piano available. If interested, please contact her.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

## **POWER PACK COLLECTION**

Monday, December 13

Drop at church office.

Due to the long Christmas break schools are off for almost two full weeks. We are collecting for Power Packs to send home with students. Items needed: breakfast bars, granola bars, Ramen noodles or individual cups of mac and cheese, individual snacks, fruit cups, apple sauce. A nice treat would be individual packs of hot chocolate.

## **SAFE HAVEN SUPPLY NEED**

**DROP OFF BY TODAY**

Safe Haven is collecting empty cleaned coffee creamer containers for a winter craft project. Please drop off at the office.



## **SPIRIT WEAR-A GREAT GIFT!**

WLUMC Logo Spirit Wear shirts are available and can make a great gift! We especially have lots of women's sizes. Stop by the rack between Rooms 109-110 in the Education Bldg. A suggested \$10 donation will support future mission efforts.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NEW YEAR'S DINNER**

We will once again be organizing a team to serve the annual New Year's Dinner. Before we begin fully advertising to the public for this event, we want to make sure that we have the help required. This is a great time for families to support our mission efforts. Anyone can serve, clear or wash dishes. Specific dates, time and tasks are below:

### **Dec. 30th:**

Dining room set up- 9-11AM

### **Jan. 1:**

Kitchen Team- 8:30AM-3PM/10 people

Take Out Team-11AM-3PM

Delivery Team-11:30AM-2PM

Dining Room/Drink Room-First Shift:  
11:30AM- 1:30PM

Dining Room/Drink Room -Second  
Shift: 1:30PM-3:30PM

Dish Washers-2PM-4:15PM

Clean Up Team-2:30-4:15

## **West Lawn Wednesday**

**December 8th**

**Chicken & Biscuits**

**(2 sides, salad, roll, dessert & beverage)**

**Pizza for kids**

Do you have an announcement to advertise or information that needs to be communicated to our church community? Email the details to [announcements@westlawnumc.org](mailto:announcements@westlawnumc.org) and our Communications Director will help to determine a plan for spreading the word about your ministry.

## **WAYS TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT OUR CHURCH & MINISTRIES**

### **EFT - Electronic Funds Transfer**

- Go to the West Lawn website [www.westlawnumc.org](http://www.westlawnumc.org) and click on the GIVE tab. Follow the prompts to give or set-up recurring gifts.

### **WLUMC Smart Phone APP**

- Go to your APP store and download the West Lawn UMC App. Click on the GIVING button and follow the prompts to setup.

### **Bill Pay**

- An easy process offered by most banks to establish recurring or one-time gifts to be sent by check directly from your bank, without sharing any banking information with the church or a 3rd-party provider.

**Mail in your contribution** to the church office. Be sure to designate your name and what the contribution is for. Send to:

West Lawn United Methodist Church

15 Woodside Ave.

West Lawn, PA 19609-1664

***Thank you for your financial support of WLUMC!***



*Want to know more  
about WLUMC?*

Contact a Pastor or the Church Office

*West Lawn UMC*

610-678-5611

INVITE - EMBRACE - EMPOWER

### **Attendance and Financial Report for November 28, 2021**

	<b>8:00</b>	<b>9:30</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>11:10</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	8	9	29	8	54
<b>In-Person Worship</b>	95	192	65	35	387
<b>Online Connections</b>	131	102	—	30	263
<b>Sunday School</b>		119			
<b>Tithes &amp; Offerings for last week</b>	\$18,347				
<b>November Income (4 weeks)</b>	\$100,098	<b>2021 Budget Income To Date:</b> \$1,281,260			
<b>November Income Goal</b>	\$123,558	<b>2021 Budget Goal (12 months)</b> \$1,521,341			

# mark your Calendar

Dec 12	Cantata Sunday ( <i>at services 9 &amp; 11AM</i> )
Dec 12	Kids Wreath Making ( <i>10AM</i> )
Dec 13	Power Pack Donations DUE ( <i>drop at office</i> )
Dec 17	Food Pantry
Dec 19	Baptism / New Member Joining Sunday
Dec 22	Longest Night Service @ 7PM
Dec 23	First Christmas Service @ 7PM
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Services ( <i>see back page for times</i> )
Dec 25	Christmas Dawn Service @ 6:30AM

## MINISTRY STAFF

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# Christmas Services

## **DECEMBER 22ND**

7PM—LONGEST NIGHT CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

*A service of remembrance and hope.*

## **DECEMBER 23RD**

7PM—FIRST CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

*For those traveling over the holiday held in the Community Center.*

## **DECEMBER 24TH—CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

11AM—TODDLER & YOUNG FAMILY SERVICE

*Geared toward young children.*

1PM—EARLY TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

*Features scripture, carols, communion and candle lighting.*

3PM—TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

*Features carols, scripture, choir and candle lighting.*

5PM—CONTEMPORARY PRAISE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

*Features scripture, singing and candle lighting.*

7PM—TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

*Features carols, scripture, choir and candle lighting.*

9PM—TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

*Features carols, scripture, soloists and candle lighting.*

## **DECEMBER 25TH**

6:30AM—CHRISTMAS DAWN SERVICE

*Welcome Christmas Day with communion and candlelight.*