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*WELCOME TO THE  
CHRISTMAS SEASON  
AT WEST LAWN UMC!*

Welcome to  
**WEST LAWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

*Our vision is to Invite, Embrace, and Empower all to be the family of God in Christ*

***Christmas Eve Candlelight Service***

December 24, 2020 - 9:00 p.m.



PRELUDES

*"Noel: Grand Jeu et Duo"*  
*"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*  
*"Pastorale from the Christmas Oratorio"*  
*"The Nativity"*

Daquin  
Demessieux  
Corelli  
Langlais

CALL TO WORSHIP

CAROL

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vss. 1,2,3,6)*

WELCOME

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 (NRSV)

CAROL

*"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"*

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-35 (NRSV)

SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Mary, Did You Know?"* Lowry, Greene; arr., Raney

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-7 (NRSV)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:8-14 (NRSV)

CAROL

*"Angels We Have Heard on High" (vss. 1&3)*

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:15-20 (NRSV)

CAROL

*"Away in a Manger"*

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

EVENING PRAYERS

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS TO THE CHRIST CHILD

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Oh Holy Night"*

Adam

INVITATION TO CANDLELIGHTING

CAROL

*"Silent Night, Holy Night"*

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;  
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing. Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

***Candlelight Service:*** *The ushers will bring the Light to each worshiper. The person on the aisle is asked to tip his/her unlit candle into the flame of the lighted candle, and then share that light with others in that row. Please, never tip a burning candle! Please use the provided plastic cup in the pew to extinguish the flame. Thank you!*

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

**ALL:** In the quiet of this moment, and the glow of candles, we pray that you might touch us with your loving presence. Give us hope. Grant us peace. Fill us with joy. Cast your light into our lives and our world. Help us to walk more faithfully in your ways. Speak to us, Lord Jesus, right here, right now. And help us to honor you and celebrate your coming into our lives and into our world, in all we say and do. Amen.

CAROL

*"Joy to the World"*

DISMISSAL WITH RESPONSIVE BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*"Joy to the World"*

Diemer



**PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor Jeff Raffauf

Pastor Chris Hardy

Mike Reinert, Scripture Reader

Christopher Rodgers, Organist

Pastor Lisa Hoopes, Flute

***WE INVITE YOU*** to take your candle with you as a symbol of Christ's light, which goes with us and shines through us, but please leave the plastic candle holders in the boxes in the lobby so they may be used again. Thank you.

***OUR THANKS*** to all who have sponsored the poinsettias that adorn our sanctuary. You may pick up a copy of the poinsettia booklet in the sanctuary lobby.

*The exterior Christmas lighting of our church campus is presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Stacy Myers, and the saints who now rest in heaven.*