

December 24, 2021 ~ 9:00 PM

Christmas Eve

— SERVICE —



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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

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| PRELUDES | <i>"Noel Sur Les Flutes"</i> <i>"Sinfonia Pastorale from 'Christmas Concerto' "</i> <i>"The Nativity"</i> | Daquin Corelli Langlais |
| CALL TO WORSHIP | | Pastor Hardy |
| CAROL | <i>"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vss. 1,3,6)</i> | |
| WELCOME | | Pastor Raffauf |
| SCRIPTURE | Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 | |
| CAROL | <i>"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"</i> | UMH #196 |
| SCRIPTURE | Luke 1:26-35 | Pastor Hoopes |
| SCRIPTURE | Luke 2:1-7 | Mike Reinert |
| CAROL | <i>"What Child Is This?" (vss. 1,3)</i> | UMH #219 |
| CAROL | <i>"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (vss. 1,3,4)</i> <i>Lighting of the Christ Candle</i> | UMH #230 |
| SCRIPTURE | Luke 2:8-14 | |
| CAROL | <i>"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"</i> | UMH #240 |
| SCRIPTURE | Luke 2:15-20 | |
| SPECIAL MUSIC | <i>"The First Noel"</i> | Raney |
| CHRISTMAS MESSAGE | | |

EVENING PRAYERS

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS TO THE CHRIST CHILD

MUSICAL OFFERING *"Where Are You Christmas"* Jennings, Horner, Carey
from Dr. Seuss' *How The Grinch Stole Christmas* (2000)

INVITATION TO CANDLELIGHTING

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! The provided plastic cup in the pew may be used to extinguish the flame. Thank you!*

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!

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

ALL: Living God, moved by the coming of Christ to our lives, we seek to be your people. Help us to live in faithful covenant with you and with one another. Let the Spirit of Christ guide us, and the Love of Christ move us, so that all the world may see the Light of Christ in us, and in our world. Amen.

CAROL

"Joy to the World" (vss. 1,3,4)

UMH #246

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"Noel: Grand Jeu et Duo"

Daquin

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor Jeff Raffauf

Pastor Chris Hardy

Pastor Lisa Hoopes

Mike Reinert, Scripture Reader

Elise & John Coakley, Duet

John Coakley, Piano

Christopher Rodgers, Organ and Piano



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.