Order of Worship

9:00 a.m. Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service

(*Please stand if you are able.)

Prelude Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine Dean

Greeting and Welcome

*Call to Worship Michelle Johnson

- L: A messenger calls, "Prepare the way of the Holy One. Make a pathway for God straight into your hearts."
- P: Blessed be the Holy One, who brings light into the deepest shadows.
- L: A prophet proclaims, "Make way in the desert for the coming of God to live in our midst."
- P: Blessed be the Holy One, who comes to live among us in
- Are you ready for the coming Day of God?
- P: Let us worship the one who calls us into light.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

McFadden Family

- L: In this season of Advent, we pray for God's peace.
- P: Christ is out light and source of our peace.
- We witness the holiday between nations and neighbors.
- P: Christ is out light and source of our peace.
- L: We see a world full of fractured relationships and forgiving hearts.
- P: Christ is out light and source of our peace.
- L: We seek relief from our own inner turmoil and restlessness.
- P: Christ is out light and source of our peace.

Lighting of the second candle

All: This morning we light the two candles, the candle of hope and the candle of peace. This candle reminds us that Christ came into our world to restore peace, and that only through trust in God's word and his promise can we find our own inner peace. We remember that Christ is the Prince of Peace who taught us that through simple acts of love and forgiveness peace is spread throughout the world.

Musical Response Love's Pure Light

UMH 216 *Song How a Rose E'er Blooming (Prayer cards located in pews can be filled out and handed to usher)

Michelle Johnson

Joel Raney

Redeeming Keeper of Promises, your messengers remind us that you are the source of peace, justice, mercy, and loving kindness. As we prepare for your coming in your Son Jesus, help us shine as the radiant body of Christ, that we may be light for a gloomy, broken world. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Choral Anthem The Time is Taize

Children's Sermon Liz Bonner

Scripture Reading Luke 1:68-79 Michelle Johnson

Malachi 3:1-4

Joys, Concerns and Prayers

Call to Giving

(Your giving to LUMC makes ministry possible in our community and around the world! Thank you! You can give online at: https://lansdaleumc.org/giving/)

*Song Wait for the Lord

Old Testament Reading Philippians 1:3-11 **Pastor Warner**

Sermon Give Thanks

Like a Child **TFWS 2092** *Song

Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Song Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent **UHM 626**

Sending and Blessing

Until Jesus Comes W&S 3050 **Postlude**

Scifres, Mary; Beu, B.J.. The Abingdon Worship Annual 2021 (p. 202). Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition. UMH - United Methodist Hymnal; TFWS - Faith We Sing; W&S - Worship & Song

WEEKLY UPDATES AND CHURCH NEWS



Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Do you have a family dinner to go to? Do you prefer to drive when the sun is still out? Then you may want to attend the 4 PM worship service. We'll sing lots of Christmas Carols as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. We'll have a special Children's presentation and Children's sermon. The choir will be at the 7 PM worship service. They will lead us in our celebration of Jesus' birth. Both services will conclude with a hristmas Eve Candlelight ceremony. Both services will conclude with a candlelight service and singing of Silent Night and Joy to the World.

Invite a friend to join you for worship on Christmas Eve so they can come and hear the wonderful message of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

2021 Giving Tree Report

The Missions Committee would like to thank the congregation for your response & donations to the Giving Tree Agencies last Sunday, Nov 21st. There will be many Children, Teens, & some adults grateful for your generosity & will be Blessed. We estimate that perhaps 100-150 individuals/families will be affected by your awesome generosity The following are the Agencies and gifts, cards, & cash received:

- *Methodist Services*: received 78 gifts, \$445 in gifts cards, & \$370 cash donations.
- Glad Tidings Christmas Shop: received 45 gifts & \$240 cash donations
- Laurel House: received \$445 in gift cards & \$370 cash donations
- Grand Total: 123 gifts, \$680 in gift cards, & \$875 in cash donations



Gift Idea

Looking for an easy gift idea that never expires and is loved by everyone? Wawa coupons are your answer. Lansdale's own United Methodist Women



are selling Wawa coupons good for one shorti. They are a great bargain and still just \$5.00 a piece! A dollar from each sale goes to our

mission budget, which supports both local and global missions. Contact Maryellen Reinmiller at 215-913-1666 to place your order.

Ways to give

- 1. Mail slot on 4th Street
- 2. Mail to church address
- www.lansdaleumc.org/giving on Realm
- 4. Text LansdaleFirstUMC to 73256



New Members

New Member / Inquirer Class

Are you considering making LUMC your home church? Would you like to know more about what we believe as United Methodists? Want to learn about ministry here at LUMC? Then you may want to participate in the next New Member/Inquirer class. Pastor Warner will be teaching the class. Contact Pastor Warner (stewwarner@outlook.com) if you would like to come to the class.



Chancel Choir Join Us!

Practice sessions are on Thursdays at 6:45 pm in the Sanctuary. Anyone who likes to sing in the Chancel Choir is welcome. A flair and heart to sing for the Lord are the requirements to join.



Custodian Search Update

Maybe you've heard the news of numbers of employers who are having difficulty find people to work. Turns out LUMC is in this category as we continue to search for a church custodian. Let's give a shout out and thanks to the members of the Trustees and other volunteers who have unlocked doors, cleaned rooms, done repairs, met with

contractors, vacuumed carpets and so much more in the interim. We would be lost were it not for the dedication and contributions of time from these great volunteers.

SPR and Trustees are revisiting the custodian job description and salary as they look for ways to better attract a new person. Please continue to keep this custodian search in your prayers.



December Mission St. John United Methodist Church, Bridgeton NJ

The community around Bridgeton has been served by a Methodist church for more than 170 years. Today, St. John United Methodist Church continues to serve the community, many of them Native Americans. St. John UMC holds a Native American worship service the fifth Sunday of the month, organizes Vacation Bible

School with a Native American centered curriculum and provides much needed food and other necessities to the community. The congregation is now searching for a Native American pastor to fill the position left vacant by the death of Rev. Roy Bundy who served the church for a number of years.



Community Block Party Team

LUMC will be offering a community block party in our parking lot in summer 2022. Date is yet to be set. Pastor Warner is looking for people to help with this planning team as we seek to build bridges and connections with people in our community. The block party will also be a time for us to make connections with local agencies and municipalities. We'll have activities for

children and youth and hope to have lots of food as well. Email Pastor Warner (<u>stewwarner@outlook.com</u>) if you would like to serve on this team as we seek to be in mission to our surrounding community.

Prayer requests from 11/28

- Prayers for Tom who has lingering effects from Covid- Ron & Karen Meyers
- Deb Neild's mother is having Chemo treatments this weekend she had a stroke and is in the hospital – Kris
- PRAISE! 8 year old Liam is improving!
- Prayers for the Bell family their mother, Ruth, passed away this week.
- Prayers for my friend Jeff suffering from ALS. Robin





December Lay Readers

Dec 5 - Michelle Johnson

Dec 12 - Liz Bonner

Dec 24 4 pm - Michelle Dasch

Dec 24 7 pm - Alex Holnick

Dec 26 - Luann Ingram



Richard Hardisty, Warren Shaedle, Don Dietterich, Todd Harper

Weekly Bulletin Announcements

If you have an announcement for the weekly bulletin, please e-mail it to the church office office@lansdaleumc.org no later than Wednesday morning each week. Thank you.

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Advent 2



Message Give Thanks Philippians 1:3-11

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Join us for online worship! Livestreamed on Sundays at 9am

YouTube: Lansdale UMC

Facebook: Facebook.com/Lansdale-United-Methodist-Church

LUMC Covid-19 Mitigation Policy for Indoor Worship & Meetings

We are following Montgomery County guidelines.

Masks are required for all persons indoors, vaccinated or not.

Online worship is available for persons who are not vaccinated and unable to wear.

Love God - Love Your Neighbor - Help stop the spread of Covid-19.