

Order of Worship

9:00 a.m. Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service  
(\*Please stand if you are able.)

Prelude Dona, Nobis Pacem Quartet

Greetings & Announcements

\*Call to Worship Liz Bonner

L: Rejoice! God's promises are ever near.  
P: We wait for Christ's birth with patience.  
L: Rejoice! God's strength is with us.  
P: We rest in the power of God's mighty love.  
L: Rejoice! We gather in the joy of our salvation.  
P: In this love, we gather to worship and pray.

Lighting of the Advent Candle Kathy Herbert, Nancy Sweigart

L: "Jesus said, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them'" (Matt. 11:4-5).

Light the third candle, the candle of joy.

Reading from Isaiah 35:1-10

P: "Are you the Messiah?" John's disciples asked Jesus in Matthew 11. Jesus answered by instructing them to look around and see the miracles he was performing.  
L: What are you longing for? Look around. Where do you see the Messiah working in your life? How have you been touched by his blessings and filled with his joy this week?  
P: God of joy, in you we encounter healing, wholeness, restoration, and new life. Teach us to recognize your work around us and proclaim with joy, "Yes. Jesus is the One!" Amen.

Musical Response Light the Candle Barrett

\*Song Savior of the Nation's Come UMH #214  
(Ushers will collect prayer cards during the hymn)

Opening Prayer Liz Bonner

Promised One, enter our hearts anew. Enter our worship with your promised presence, that we may know you better. Enter our lives and our world, that we may proclaim your presence and sing your praises. With joyous gratitude, we pray in your blessed name. Amen.

Scripture Reading James 5:7-10 Liz Bonner

Choral Anthem One Small Child CH #280

Junior Church (for children up to 4th grade) Liz Bonner

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 also give online at: <https://lansdaleumc.org/giving/> )

\*Song Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming UMH 216  
\*Doxology Christmas Doxology

\*Offering Prayer

Gospel Reading Matthew 11:2-11

Sermon God's Messengers Pastor Warner

\*Song Like A Child TFWS 2092

\*Sending and Blessing

\*Postlude Bring a Torch 17th c. Provençal Carol, arranged

Scifres, Mary; Beu, B.J. The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022. Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition. UMH – United Methodist Hymnal; TFWS – The Faith We Sing; W&S-Worship & Song, CH - Celebration Hymnal

WEEKLY UPDATES AND CHURCH NEWS

2022 Advent/Christmas Schedule

12/4	Communion 10:15 am Hanging the Greens & Luncheon
12/11	4 PM Christmas Caroling to Shut-ins
12/18	Children's singing Carol Hymn Sing
12/24	4 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Children's sermon</li></ul>
12/24	7 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Adult Choir &amp; Brass Band</li></ul>

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

We will celebrate the birth of Jesus at two Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship services, the first at 4 PM and another at 7 PM. Both services will conclude with a candlelight service. The 4 pm service will include a children's sermon. The 7 pm service will feature the adult choir and brass band. Both services will be full of carol singing and the reading of the Christmas story. Come and celebrate God's grace and love in Jesus Christ.

Confirmation Class Interest Meeting

The next Confirmation Class for youth grades 7-12 will be held at the end of January 2023 through May 2023. Please let Pastor Warner know if your teen will be participating in Confirmation. Pastor will hold an introductory meeting at a later date for parents and youth as we learn who will be participating.

Offering Envelope Boxes For 2023

Offering envelope boxes for 2023 are being prepared and will be available to congregants for pickup at the church in mid-December. Picking up your envelopes will help us to save on postage. Your envelope giving number for 2023 may differ from your 2022 giving number as the number of members who use boxed offering envelopes has changed. If you give through Realm, via text or other on-line methods, you will not receive a boxed set of envelopes. Please email your questions / concerns to [financialsecretary@lansdaleumc.org](mailto:financialsecretary@lansdaleumc.org).



Welcome Ally Hediger Our New Administrative Assistant

Hello Church family and friends, my name is Ally Hediger, and I am very excited to announce that I am the new administrative assistant here at LUMC. I have been a member of this church for years and kept seeing the "search for an administrative assistant position" slide in the announcements every Sunday morning. I thought about it, and prayed about it even more, and thought to myself; if I am meant to apply for this position, then God will send me a sign! While repeating that exact sentence during a phone call with my friend, the wind blew strongly out of nowhere and knocked all of my porch décor over. There was my sign! I applied and here I am. God is so good all of the time, and I look forward to serving Pastor Stew and this LUMC church family to the best of my abilities. God Bless!



Christmas Caroling to Shut-ins

You are invited to join us today, Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm as we Christmas Carol at various shut-ins homes. We'll meet at 4 pm, at the church and then spend about 1 1/2 hours traveling and singing carols for some of our shut-in members who are no longer able to get out to attend worship. Let Pastor Warner know if you are planning to participate.



Carol Hymn Sing

Come join us as we offer a brief Carol hymn sing during worship on December 18<sup>th</sup>. This will be a prelude to the carols we'll be singing on Christmas Eve.



Children's Choir Singing

Children are rehearsing at 9:15 am during Children's Church each Sunday to prepare to sing in church on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. We invite teens to join and support the young children as well. Ms. Liz is organizing this pickup Children's Choir. Contact her if you would like your children to participate.





WAWA Coupons

Looking for an easy gift idea that never expires and is loved by everyone? Wawa coupons are your answer. LUMC's own United Women in Faith are selling Wawa coupons good for one "shorti". They are a great bargain and still just \$5.00 a piece! The profits 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.

New Church Directory for 2023

We are working on publishing an updated church directory for 2023. Please help us confirm your family information. Family info forms are available on the Name Tag table at church. You can also email the church office to have a form emailed to you. Please fill-in the form for your family and return on or before December 15th. We will use these forms to confirm or edit information in the current church directory. We would like to include members and regular attendees, even if you aren't a member. Our goal is to publish a new directory and have it available for pickup by the end of January 2023. Thank you ahead of time for helping us update the church directory.

Ways to Give

- 1. Mail slot on 4th Street
- 2. Mail to church address
- 3. [www.lansdaleumc.org/giving](http://www.lansdaleumc.org/giving) on Realm
- 4. Text LansdaleFirstUMC to 73256

Joys and Concerns requests from 12/04/2022

- Barb and Ed Hartman – Giving thanks for a blessed day at Glad Tidings Christmas shop | 126 children received toys with their families. Thank you for your donation. | Prayers for Kathy BeeBee family | Kathy went to be with the Lord. Her funeral was last Thursday.
- Joanne Jacoby - Continue to pray for Ukraine | Pray for all people held as prisoners in foreign countries to be released.
- Barb Siegfried - Prayers for the BeeBee family on the passing of wife and mother, Kathy.
- Ron and Karen Meyers – Our friends Jeff and Kathy Hey lost their son Jim Hey suddenly this week.
- Michelle Johnson – Peg-age 90 having surgery today for a broken hip. | Comfort for Rosemarie as she grieves the death of her husband, Bryan.
- Marilyn Snyder – Jack father-in-law Bob Bridget- recovering from liver transplant.
- Carol Hagenbuch – Prayers for Neil for healing.
- Ally Hediger – Prayers of comfort for my Uncle Jim and his failing health. | Conner and Collin’s birthdays this week (Wed and Friday)

This Week at LUMC		
Sun 12/11	9 AM 10 AM 4 PM	Advent 3 Worship (Online and Sanctuary) Sunday School Christmas Caroling to Shut ins
Tue 12/13	7 PM	NA Meeting
Wed 12/14	6 PM	Brownies
Thu 12/15	6:45 PM 7 PM	Choir practice NA Meeting
Fri 12/16		Pastor's Day Off

Lay Readers

Dec 4 – Alex Holnick  
Dec 11 – Liz Bonner  
Dec 18 – Michelle Johnson  
Dec 25 – Luann Ingram  
Jan 1 – Paul Bonner

This Week’s Ushers

Jim Dietterich, Warren Shaedle, Don Dietterich, Todd Harper

February Circuit Rider Newsletter

Watch the Sunday bulletin for information and announcements. Please email your announcements to [office@lansdaleumc.org](mailto:office@lansdaleumc.org) by January 15<sup>th</sup> in order for them to be published in the February Circuit Rider.

Prayer Chain

Janet Harper is coordinating the LUMC Prayer Chain you can email ([harperjanetk6@gmail.com](mailto:harperjanetk6@gmail.com)) or call (215-699-3026) if you have something you would like to be added to the LUMC Prayer chain.

Weekly Bulletin Announcements

If you have an announcement for the weekly bulletin, please e-mail it to the church office [office@lansdaleumc.org](mailto:office@lansdaleumc.org) no later than 9:00 am on Tuesdays.

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<b>Leadership</b> Paul Bonner – Lay Leader Kris Neild – Church Council Chair Darren Johnson – Treasurer Bob Kennedy – Trustee President Michelle Johnson – Staff Parish Relations Chair	<b>Staff</b> Allison Hediger - Administrative Assistant Liz Bonner – Director of Christian Education Rays Koshy – Music Director Ruth Rineer – Organist Paul Bonner – Custodian Donna Fritz – Nursery Attendant

Lansdale United Methodist Church

December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
9:00 AM

Advent 3



Message

God's Messengers

Matthew 11:2-11

Our Mission

*Praising God • Making Disciples • Serving All*

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

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