

Order of Worship

4:00 p.m. Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service

(*Please stand if you are able.)

Prelude *Away in a Manger* M. Kim

Greeting and Welcome

***Call to Worship** Gladys Collins

L: Sing to the Lord, a new song

P: Dance before the Lord, all the earth.

L: Declare God's glory among the nations.

P: Proclaim God's salvation to the peoples.

L: For great is the Lord,

P: and greatly to be praised.

L: Come! Let us worship.

***Song** *O Come All Ye Faithful* CH 249

Lighting of the Advent Candle Angela Buckley

L: "A child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Light the Christ candle
Reading from Isaiah 9:2-7

P: O Come, Emmanuel. Today, the baby is born for us. His name is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, Emmanuel, Messiah, Jesus-Savior! Joy to the world! Our hearts are filled with hope, peace, joy, and love!

L: How are you going to share the good news of Christ's birth with others?

P: O Emmanuel, you come to us as a baby and bring with you the gift of new life. Help us as we share this good news with the world. Amen.

Musical Response *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* UMH 229

Opening Prayer Gladys Collins

God of joyous expectation, come to us this day. May the miracles in our lives fill us with wonder. May an encounter with your goodness and grace cause our hearts to leap within us. Receive us into the arms of your mercy, that we may feel you near us and rest secure in your many blessings. Amen.

***Song** *What Child is This?* UMH 281

Scripture Reading *Psalms 96* Gladys Collins

Reading of the Christmas Story *Luke 2:1-14* Esau Collins

***Song** *Love Came Down At Christmas* UMH 242

Children's Sermon Pastor Warner

Children's Choir Video

Christmas Carol Hymn Sing

O Holy Night (vs. 1&3) CH 285

O, Little Town of Bethlehem (vs. 1&4) CH 250

Angels We Have Heard on High (Chorus Only) CH 278

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing (vs. 1&3) CH 277

The First Noel (vs. 1) CH 265

Offering of our gifts

(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/>)

Christmas Prayer

***Song** *Away in a Manger* UMH 217

Gospel Lesson *Titus 2:11-14*

Message *God's Training Course* Pastor Warner

*Candlelighting Ceremony

Silent Night CH 253

Joy to the World CH 270

***Postlude** *On Christmas Night* W&S 3064

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

WEEKLY UPDATES AND CHURCH NEWS

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.



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.

New Church Directory for 2023

We are working on publishing an updated church directory for 2023. Please help us confirm your family information. Family information 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 31st. Thank you ahead of time for helping us update the church directory.

John Wesley Covenant Communion

We will begin 2023 with communion on the first Sunday of the year, January 1, 2023. The communion service will be an adaptation of John Wesley's Covenant Communion Service. Come and begin this new year with the powerful spiritual insights from this moving liturgy by John Wesley.

Got Questions?

What questions do you have about God, Church, Life? If you could ask God anything, what would you ask? Write your questions on the paper included with your bulletin and drop off at the name tag table. You can also email your questions to stewwarner@outlook.com. I will preach a sermon series based on questions submitted. We've already received 16 questions and I am excited to see other questions you may have.

Joy to The World!

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders of His love.

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.

December Mission Emphasis

The Blue Envelope for December will support St. John UMC in Bridgeton, NJ. The church is designated as an Historic Native American Methodist Church, the only church with such designation in the state of New Jersey and is the fifth oldest Native American Methodist Church in the nation. It is the home church to many members of the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation. The church building has been described as a "place of meeting for tribal affairs when none were available or allowed and a place of ministry to help the spiritual and physical needs of those in need."

Looking for People to Visit Shut-ins

We have a lay visitation team of people from the congregation who have been visiting shut-in persons throughout the year. Several of these visitors are now shut-ins themselves or their circumstances have changed, and they are no longer able to visit. We are looking for a couple of people who would be willing to visit a shut-in person 2-3 times a year. Maryellen Reinmiller leads and coordinates this team. Let Maryellen or Pastor Warner know if you can help with this ministry to shut-ins

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.

Nursery Attendant Search

We are continuing to look for a second person to staff the Infant/Toddler nursery. Donna Fritz has been hired as one of the attendants. We are looking for an additional person to help support her. We have already seen a couple families taking advantage of the nursery since Donna began running the nursery in August. Contact the church office for an application.

Joys and Concerns from 12/18/2022

- Joanne Jacoby- Prayers for prisoners in foreign countries to be freed, especially Paul Whelan. | Prayers for the end of the war in Ukraine and the people there.
- Mary Noll- Christopher has a job interview this week. | Stephanie has a new job that starts in the New Year. | Sue home from Rehab from broken hip.

This Week at LUMC		
Sun 12/25	9:00 AM	<i>Christmas Day</i> Worship (online and sanctuary) No Sunday School
Mon 12/26		Office Closed
Tue 12/27	7:00 PM	NA Meeting
Wed 12/28	6:00 PM	Brownies
Thu 12/29	6:45 PM 7:00 PM	Chancel Choir NA Meeting
Fri 12/30		Pastor's Day Off
Sat 12/31		<i>New Year's Eve</i>

Ways to Give

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

Lay Readers

Dec 18- Michelle Johnson
Dec 24 (4PM)- Gladys Collins
Dec 24 (7PM)- Luann Ingram
Dec 25- Luann Ingram
Jan 1- Paul Bonner
Jan 8- Michele Dasch

Ushers

Ed Ingram, Luann Ingram, Jim Dietterich, Barry McGuire

Prayer Chain

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

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Lansdale United Methodist Church

December 24, 2022

4 PM

Christmas Eve



Message

God's Training Course

Titus 2:11-14

Our Mission

Praising God • Making Disciples • Serving All

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

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