

## Order of Worship

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

(*\*Please stand if you are able.*)

**Prelude** *Wexford Carol* Schram

**Greetings & Announcements** Pastor Marleah

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath** *Verna Coliver & Patricia McNamara*

**\*Song** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* 15th Century French

**\* Call to Worship** Alex Holnick

L: Today, we come together to celebrate the unexpected moments of joy.

**P: We come with anticipation, ready to experience the joy that is a gift from God.**

L: God's joy is often found in the most surprising places - in the midst of our ordinary days and even in our struggles.

**P: We embrace this joy with open hearts and spirits.**

L: The Lord has turned our sorrow into joy.

**P: We sing praises to the One who has brought us through hard times. We praise the One who gives us joy that lifts us, heals us, and reminds us of His amazing love. Amen.**

(*If you would like to have a specific prayer prayed for, please fill out the prayer card in the pew and hand it to an usher during the opening hymn*)

**\*Song** *How Great Our Joy* Traditional German Carol

**Scripture Reading** *Psalms 30* Alex Holnick

**Children's Message / Dismissal to Jr. Church** Pastor Marleah

**Joys, Concerns, and Prayers** Pastor Marleah

**The Lord's Prayer** Pastor Marleah

**\*Call to Giving** Pastor Marleah

(*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** *The Holly and the Ivy* Melville

**\*Doxology** Christmas Doxology

**\*Offering Prayer** Pastor Marleah

**Sermon** *Sorrow for Joy* Pastor Marleah

**\*Song** *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen* 18th Century English Carol

**\*Sending and Blessing** Pastor Marleah

**\*Postlude** *Let's Worship and Adore Him* Adestes Fideles

Scifres, Mary; Beu, B.J.. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024* (p. 202). Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition. UMH – United Methodist Hymnal; FWS – Faith We Sing; W&S – Worship & Song, CH – Celebration Hymnal.

## Upcoming Events



### Praising God

#### Children's Programs During Service

Nursery is available during the service for infants through age 2. Jr. Church will be dismissed after the children's message for children 3 years and older.

#### Lay Readers:

December 14	Alex Holnick
December 21	Paul Bonner
December 28	Michele Dasch

#### Ushers

Warren Shaedle, Todd Harper, Wayne Doyle, Sabah Furniturwala



### Making Disciples

#### Sunday School Classes:

▪ Children (3-4th Grade)	Room A205
▪ Tweens & Teens	Conference Room
▪ Upper Room	Room A207
▪ Wesleyan Class	Library



### Serving Locally

**American Red Cross Blood Drive:** 1–6 PM at Lansdale UMC, Stringer Auditorium on Jan 12, Apr 27, and Jul 6, 2026. Register: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>

#### Open Gym Night – Upcoming 2025 Dates

Dec. 19, Jan. 18, Feb. 20, None in March, April 17

#### Christmas Eve Services

**December 24, 2025**

4:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Both services will be candle light & family friendly.



## Serving Globally

### December Missions Emphasis (St. John UMC)

St. John UMC is designated as an Historic Native American Methodist Church. This month we financially support this community and their missions. A brief history and further details can be found in the December Newsletter.

### Other News:

#### Weekly Bulletin

Announcements for the bulletin must be emailed to church office by **9 AM Monday Morning**. The bulletin will include date, time, location, and a brief description or contact info for the event.

#### January Circuit Rider Newsletter

Please email announcements, pictures, or articles to the church office by Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### Office Hours

Monday 1-4 PM, Tuesday & Thursday 9 AM -1:30 PM,  
Wednesday 9 AM – 3 PM.

#### Church Contact Information:

Church Office: [office@lansdaleumc.org](mailto:office@lansdaleumc.org) 215.855.8364  
Pastor Marleah: [pastormarleah@lansdaleumc.org](mailto:pastormarleah@lansdaleumc.org)

#### Ways To Give Online

Please see pew card with QR code or text  
LansdaleFirstUMC to 73256.

#### Prayer Chain

Janet Harper is coordinating the LUMC Prayer Chain. You can email [harperjanetk6@gmail.com](mailto:harperjanetk6@gmail.com) to add someone to the Prayer Chain.



## Lansdale UMC

Dec. 14, 2025



### Message:

## *Sorrow for Joy*

## *Psalm 30*

### Our Mission

*Praising God • Making Disciples • Serving All*

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

YouTube: [Lansdale UMC](https://www.youtube.com/LansdaleUMC)  
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