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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP
AT WEST LAWN UMC!**
In-Person & Live-Stream



WELCOME

Welcome to worship at West Lawn United Methodist Church!

We are excited that you have joined us today!

Greeters and Ushers will be happy to assist you with finding:

- A place to sit in our worship space
- Nursery or Nursing Room
- Classrooms
- Prayer Room
- Restrooms
- Provide a Listening Aid

If you are a first, second or third time guest, please fill out a Connect slip to let us know you worshipped with us today. Also, visit our Welcome Center in the Narthex for more information about WLUMC and to exchange your connect slip for a special gift! Those worshipping with us by live stream, please complete the Connect Card found on the WLUMC app or on our website under the Worship tab.

Guest Wifi Password: Rejoice!

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We're glad you're here today!

SERVICES TODAY

- 8:00 AM—Traditional Worship Service / Sanctuary **
- 9:00 AM—Cantata / Sanctuary **
- 11:00 AM—Cantata / Sanctuary

** Worship Service is Live Streamed at:

www.westlawnumc.org , [WLUMC App](#), [Facebook](#), or on [YouTube](#).

On the **WORSHIP** tab select **LIVESTREAMING**. Archived services are also found here. Or you can view on our Facebook page or on <https://www.youtube.com/c/WestLawnUMC>.

9:00 AM ~ SUNDAY SCHOOL

KEY: EB=Education Bldg. CC=Community Center SC=Sanctuary Bldg.

children

Infant & Toddlers	EB	Rm 104 (Nursery)
Age 3 / Age 4	EB	Rm 200 & 202
Age 5/Kindergarten	EB	Rm 204
Grade 1	EB	Rm 206
Grade 2	EB	Rm 208
Grade 3	EB	Rm 210
Grade 4 / Grade 5	EB	Rm 207-209
Youth (Grades 6-7)	CC	Rm 202
Confirmation Class	CC	Main Hall
Children's Church at 11AM & 11:10AM	CC	Rm 202 (<i>Teachers will escort children to class</i>)

adults

Barth Memorial Class: <i>The Heart That Grew ..</i>	EB	Rm 112.
Loyal Pairs & Spares: <i>Engage: Waiting; Wonder; Show & Tell</i>	EB	Rm 110
Table Talk: "Acts of the Apostles" w/Louie Giglio	EB	Rm 109/111
NEW Adult Class	CC	Conference Rm



Flowers on the Altar in the Sanctuary today are presented:

The Glory of God!

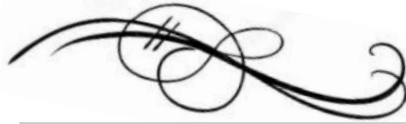
To place an order for flowers, contact Acacia Flower Shop at 610-376-8767 / acaciaflowershop@gmail.com by noon on Tuesdays.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

8AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE
WELCOME
CALL TO WORSHIP
HYMN
LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH
ACT OF PRAISE
SCRIPTURE READING
MESSAGE
PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER
OFFERING
OFFERTORY
HYMN
DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING
POSTLUDE



WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

MESSAGE

Pastor Chris Hardy

WORSHIP LEADER

Pastor Jeff Raffauf

ADVENT WREATH CANDLELIGHTERS

Arlene Doerrman & Pastor Lisa Hoopes

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-38 (NRSV)

HYMNS

UMH #213—"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

UMH #204—"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

UMH #211—"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (v. 1 & 2)

PRELUDE

Christopher Rodgers, organ

Dances from "The Terpsichore" (Praetorius)

OFFERTORY

Christopher Rodgers, piano

"What Child Is This?" (Raney)

POSTLUDE

Christopher Rodgers, organ

"Courante" (Praetorius)

THE
HEART
THAT GREW THREE SIZES

CANTATA

9AM & 11AM

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

ACT OF PRAISE

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

PRAYER

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

OFFERING

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Robbie & Rich Hoffert (9AM)

Jacqueline Vilbert & Family (11AM)

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O Come, O Come Emmanuel
When We Needed a King
A King's Lullaby
Angels from the Realms of Glory
O Little Town of Bethlehem
'Tis a Wonderful Thing
Suddenly Fearless
The Coming of the King

FEATURING

Festival Choir
John Coakley, Director

Worship Orchestra
Kurt Schneiderhan, Director

Soloist

Marnell McCarthy

Narrators

Pastor Chris Hardy
Daryn Zeiner

A photograph of a single lit candle against a dark, textured background. The candle is white and has a bright yellow flame. Above the candle, the word "love" is written in a large, white, gothic-style font.

love

Heavenly Father,

More and more I come to understand what the Lord Jesus meant when He said that He is one with the Father, and prayed that His disciples may be one. I see that love is a precious union of heart and a sweet communion of spirit, and just as the Father and Son emanate the same powerful love, so we too are to have that same beautiful love developing in us, by the power of the Spirit.

Lord I pray that the body of Christ may become united as one, and abound in the unity of the spirit more and more in love, not compromising truth but showing a genuine concern for one another. I pray that individually and collectively, we may live godly lives in Christ Jesus and seek to encourage and edify one another, seeking to be of the same mind and having the same godly love for each other.

I pray that we may be united in spirit and in purpose, and that we do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but rather with humility of mind regarding the needs of the other as more important than our own. This I ask in the name of Jesus, who died for us all. Amen

Dear Lord, we thank you for demonstrating your amazing love to us by sending your Son, Jesus as our Savior. We are continually reminded of your redeeming love through your blessings and your grace. Please allow us to demonstrate our love to others unconditionally as Jesus demonstrated his unconditional love to mankind. We know we can love because you first loved us. We pray this all with hearts filled with Love in the name of Jesus!! Amen

God is love. God's love is unconditional, accepting us as we are. God's love is forgiving, even when we have strayed from his way. God's love is never-ending, with the promise of life eternal by believing in his sacrificed son Jesus. Praise be to God for his marvelous love.

love

“Love never fails...But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.” 1 Corinthians 13:1-8, 13

Dear God, thank you that you are a loving, gracious God. Thank you that you’ve offered us forgiveness and the gift of new life in you. Thank you that your love is perfect, it never fails, and that nothing can separate us from your love.

We pray that our lives would be filled and overflowing with the power of your love so we can make a difference in this world and bring honor to you. We ask for your help in reminding us that the most important things are not what we do outwardly, it’s not based on any talent or gift, but the most significant thing we can do in this life is simply to love you and to choose to love others.

Lord thank you that your love is patient. Help us show patience with those around us.

Lord thank you that your love is kind. Help us to extend kindness to others. Lord thank you that true love is not jealous. Help us cast aside feelings of jealousy or hatred towards others. Amen

[prayers submitted by WLUMC Prayer Team]

WLUMC PRAYER ROOM

REMINDER: Please

Let the office or pastors know if you or a loved one is hospitalized or placed in rehab.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Luke Dundore, John Goshert.

Please remember in your prayers:

- Family & friends of Clayton Roberts on his passing
- Those waiting for a diagnosis, procedure, biopsy, treatment, surgery & healing
- All dealing with COVID
- Emotional/physical healing from addictions, anxiety, depression & chronic pain
- Healing from cancer; strength and courage for the fight
- Brain injury, stroke, memory loss, confusion; dementia
- For further research for Alzheimer's
- Those who did not have their biological parents in their lives
- Peace & comfort for those in hospice and nursing homes
- Financial & employment concerns & discernment in decisions
- Better placement that meets the needs of the person
- Those unable to come home for Christmas
- Safe & healthy travels during holiday season for family and friends
- Those who are seeking to find God
- Kidnapped missionaries in Haiti
- Immigration issues
- May God guide the leaders of the world
- All those serving in the Armed Forces and their loved ones at home

Prayers of Praise and Gratitude:

- For successful move and wonderful friends
- The Lord's miracles
- Blessings for our time together
- For coming out of a bad situation

12/12/2021

Brian & Lucy	John K.	Kim L.	Yogi Romero Family	Lisa	Colleen	Uncle Ray
Greg & Donna	Kathy S.	Peggy S.	Cheryl Schwenk	George	Isabelle	Joseph Gall
Skip & Lorraine	David	Kevin	Cheshire Family	husband	Linda & Buz	Carolyn
Mckenzie	Roxanne	Peter	Lantz Family	Wendy	Dianne	Roland Family
Teddy & Bill	Carolyn	Angie	Rauenzahn Family	Joey M.	Ron Billey	Erika & Family
Patty & Ray	Abby	Manny	Sue, Chris & Angela	Megan S.	Lenore	Jackson Hoffa
Jim & Patty	Victor	Angel	Kenna Family	Owen	Karen	Robert Griffith
Sandy & Sally	Edris & Clifton	Walton Family	LaManna & Mell Families	White Family	Bishop John Schol	Rev. Evelyn Kent Clark

How to engage the prayer ministries of our church :

- 1 Online via the church website or App under the WORSHIP tab.
- 2 Call in to: Anna Bickhart / 610-670-1671 ~ Mabel Reighley / 610-678-5141

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

POINSETTIA ORDERS

Order Deadline is TODAY

Cost \$9 for 6+ blooms in red or white

If you would like to sponsor one or more poinsettias that will adorn our sanctuary from December 21st through Christmas Eve, the order envelopes are now available at the Welcome Centers.

KIDS WREATH MAKING DAY

TODAY / 10AM / Community Center

Kelly Rismiller / 610-507-9141

kelly@westlawnumc.org



Families of children are invited to make a fresh, live Christmas wreath for their homes. Join us in the

Community Center after the first Cantata service, and before the second, for this unique family event.

POWER PACK COLLECTION

Monday, December 13

Drop at church office.

Due to the long Christmas break schools are off for almost two full weeks. We are collecting for Power Packs to send home with students. Items needed: breakfast bars, granola bars, Ramen noodles or individual cups of mac and cheese, individual snacks, fruit cups, apple sauce. A nice treat would be individual packs of hot chocolate.

ONE YEAR BIBLES

LOOKING for a Christmas gift of eternal value? We have just the gift for you! Stop by the Welcome Center and pick up a copy of The One Year Bible. We have a limited number of these Bibles in the New Living Translation (Pastor Chris' favorite!). This Bible is a great tool for developing a habit of daily Bible reading. AND, if you follow through with it, you will end up reading the entire Bible in just one year. Let 2022 be the Year of the Bible for you or a loved one. The One Year Bible is available now at a discounted price of just \$12 each.

FAITH IN ACTION TEAM

Monday, January 10 / 7:30PM / Zoom

Jody Anderson / jander678@gmail.com

The Faith in Action Team invites you to join them in reading Timothy Keller's book "Generous Justice" based on a verse in Micah. We will meet via ZOOM to discuss the book in January. Please contact Jody Anderson for the link to the discussion. We hope you'll join us!

FREE PIANO AVAILABLE

[Karen Chimenko / 610-777-8911](tel:610-777-8911).

Karen has a free piano available. If interested, please contact her.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

PORK & SAUERKRAUT DINNER NEW YEAR'S DAY

Includes: pork & sauerkraut, dessert, beverages

Take out starting at 11:30AM
Indoor dining from 12-3PM

PRICE: \$10.00 / person
\$5.00 / child 12 & under
FREE children age 3 & under



SPIRIT WEAR-A GREAT GIFT!

WLUMC Logo Spirit Wear shirts are available and can make a great gift! We especially have lots of women's sizes. Stop by the rack between Rooms 109-110 in the Education Bldg. A suggested \$10 donation will support future mission efforts.

KIDS CLUB & TWEEN GROUP

TONIGHT / 6-7:30PM / Rm 109

Kids Club and Tween Group meet again tonight! All Grade 2, 3, 4 and 5 kids are invited to join us for a night of games, activities and faith formation. Tonight's snack - chocolate cake!

URGENT NEED—BLOOD DONATIONS

[Miller-Keystone Blood Center](#)
[Leesport / 800-223-6667](#)

Miller-Keystone would like to remind the congregation of the continuing need for blood donations. Demand for blood for transfusions and surgeries remains constant. Please consider making a contribution in WLUMC's name by contacting Miller-Keystone for an appointment. Thank you!

CALLING ALL BOWLERS

[Tuesdays, beginning 12/7 / 6:15PM](#)
[Berks Lanes / \\$14 for 3 games](#)
[Bruce Morton / 484-794-0744](#)

Join our small but dedicated group of ball rollers on Tuesday evenings beginning in December. Any degree of bowling ability welcomed, as this is a non-competitive group, just having a good time. No weekly commitment, join us anytime. Practice starts at 6:15PM sharp. Questions, call or text Bruce (Kelly Rismiller's Dad).

West Lawn Wednesday

December 15th

Shepherd's Pie

(2 sides, salad, roll, dessert & beverage)

Hot Dogs for kids

Do you have an announcement to advertise or information that needs to be communicated to our church community? Email the details to announcements@westlawnumc.org and our Communications Director will help to determine a plan for spreading the word about your ministry.

WAYS TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT OUR CHURCH & MINISTRIES

EFT - Electronic Funds Transfer

- Go to the West Lawn website www.westlawnumc.org and click on the GIVE tab. Follow the prompts to give or set-up recurring gifts.

WLUMC Smart Phone APP

- Go to your APP store and download the West Lawn UMC App. Click on the GIVING button and follow the prompts to setup.

Bill Pay

- An easy process offered by most banks to establish recurring or one-time gifts to be sent by check directly from your bank, without sharing any banking information with the church or a 3rd-party provider.

Mail in your contribution to the church office. Be sure to designate your name and what the contribution is for. Send to:

West Lawn United Methodist Church

15 Woodside Ave.

West Lawn, PA 19609-1664

Thank you for your financial support of WLUMC!



*Want to know more
about WLUMC?*

Contact a Pastor or the Church Office
West Lawn UMC
610-678-5611

INVITE - EMBRACE - EMPOWER

Attendance and Financial Report for December 5, 2021

	8:00	9:30	11:00	11:10	Total
Worship Leaders	40	11	6	10	67
In-Person Worship	132	154	78	24	388
Online Connections	133	97	—	—	230
Sunday School		112			
Tithes & Offerings for last week	\$34,403				
December Income (1 week)	\$34,403	2021 Budget Income To Date: \$1,315,663			
December Income Goal	\$199,387	2021 Budget Goal (12 months) \$1,521,341			

mark your Calendar

Dec 12	Cantata Sunday <i>(at services 9 & 11AM)</i>
Dec 12	Children & Family Wreath-Making <i>(10AM)</i>
Dec 13	Power Pack Donations DUE <i>(drop at office)</i>
Dec 17	Food Pantry
Dec 19	Baptism / New Member Joining Sunday
Dec 22	Longest Night Service @ 7PM
Dec 23	First Christmas Service @ 7PM
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Services <i>(see back page for times)</i>
Dec 25	Christmas Dawn Service @ 6:30AM

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Christmas Services

DECEMBER 22ND

7PM—LONGEST NIGHT CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

A service of remembrance and hope.

DECEMBER 23RD

7PM—FIRST CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

For those traveling over the holiday held in the Community Center.

DECEMBER 24TH—CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

11AM—TODDLER & YOUNG FAMILY SERVICE

Geared toward young children.

1PM—EARLY TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Features scripture, carols, communion and candle lighting.

3PM—TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Features carols, scripture, choir and candle lighting.

5PM—CONTEMPORARY PRAISE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Features scripture, singing and candle lighting.

7PM—TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Features carols, scripture, choir and candle lighting.

9PM—TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Features carols, scripture, soloists and candle lighting.

DECEMBER 25TH

6:30AM—CHRISTMAS DAWN SERVICE

Welcome Christmas Day with communion and candlelight.