

December 19, 2021

# THE HEART THAT GREW THREE SIZES



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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!**



# SERVICES TODAY

- 8:00 AM—Traditional Worship Service / Sanctuary \*\*
- 9:30 AM—Praise Worship Service / Sanctuary \*\*
- 11:00 AM—Traditional Worship Service / Sanctuary
- 11:10 AM—Community Worship Service / Community Center \*\*

\*\* Worship Service is Live Streamed at:

[www.westlawnumc.org](http://www.westlawnumc.org) , WLUMC App, Facebook, or on YouTube.

## 9:30 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
<b>Children's Church at 11AM &amp; 11:10AM</b>	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 &amp; 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:

*In loving memory of Terry Herbein on his 85th birthday.*

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

# TODAY'S WORSHIP

**8AM & 11AM**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

ACT OF PRAISE

SCRIPTURE READING

MESSAGE

HYMN

PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER

OUR LIFE TOGETHER / VIDEO

OFFERING

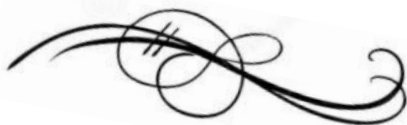
OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

HYMN

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE



## WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

### MESSAGE

Pastor Jeff Raffauf

### WORSHIP LEADER

Pastor Chris Hardy (8AM)

Pastor Lisa Hoopes (11AM)

### ADVENT WREATH CANDLELIGHTERS

Sandee Tucker & Dave Bosler (8AM)

Anna & Preston Knauer (11AM)

### SCRIPTURE READER

Randy Hill (8AM)

### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8-14 (NRSV)

### HYMNS

UMH ##202 - "People, Look East"

UMH #204 - "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

UMH ##211 - "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vss. 1,5,6,7 only)

UMH #94 - "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #242 - "Love Came Down at Christmas"

### PRELUDE

Dr. Mick Eager, piano (8AM)

Hymn Selections

Christopher Rodgers, organ

"Noel 'Tous les Bourgeois de Chatres' " (Balbastre) (11AM)

"Soeur Monique" (Couperin)

"Pastorale from 'Christmas Concerto' " (Corelli)

"People, Look East" (Powell)

### OFFERTORY

Adult Choir, John Coakley, Director (8AM)

"When We Needed A King" (Rouse)

Preston Knauer, soloist (11AM)

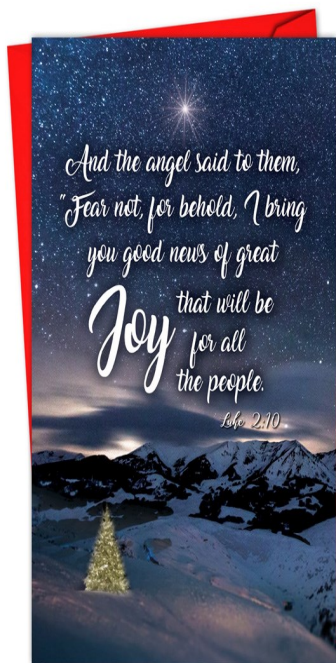
Christopher Rodgers, piano

"Heirlooms" (Grant)

### POSTLUDE

Christopher Rodgers, organ

"Love Came Down at Christmas" (Stanford)



# TODAY'S WORSHIP

**9:30AM**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Jennifer Botwin

SONGS

PRAYERS

OUR LIFE TOGETHER / VIDEO

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

SCRIPTURE (NRSV)

MESSAGE

DISMISSAL WITH

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG



## WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

### MESSAGE

Pastor Jeff Raffauf (9:30AM)

Pastor Chris Hardy (11:10AM)

### ADVENT WREATH

#### CANDLELIGHTERS

Joanne & Phil Marshall (9:30AM)

Jenna & Caleb Southwick (11:10AM)

### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8-14

### WORSHIP SONGS

*"Not Afraid"*

Artist: Red Rocks Worship

*"Good Grace"*

Artist: Hillsong

*"So Will I (100 Billion X)"*

Artist: Hillsong

*"God With Us"*

Artist: All Sons & Daughters

*"Here Again"*

Artist: Elevation Worship

**11:10AM**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF

ADVENT WREATH

SONGS

PRAYERS

OUR LIFE TOGETHER / VIDEO

OFFERING

MEET & GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

MUSICAL OFFERING

SCRIPTURE (NLT)

MESSAGE

CLOSING SONG

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

**GRACE SPACE:** During our 11:10 service, children not attending Children's Church are welcome to use our carpeted "Grace Space" to quietly play during worship.



A vertical photograph of a single lit candle. The candle is white and has a bright yellow flame. Above the candle, the word "Joy" is written in a large, white, stylized script font. The background is a solid, muted grey color.

Joy

**Dear Father,**  
I am thankful for so much, for your many blessings in my life, my family, my friends, and my joy in you and your son, Jesus Christ. I treasure that joy though I don't feel it every day. For there are days of challenges, sufferings, loss where I feel as though my joy is fleeting.

**Then I focus on you, your Word, and intentionally try to ground myself in a feeling of gratitude, remembering that regardless of my current sufferings, you are there by my side, and that your Son sacrificed and suffered many times over for me. That faith and hope kindle a joy that then creeps back into my heart. I value and treasure that feeling, as it anchors me to the love and blessings in my life beginning with you and your Son. Thank you Father, Amen.**

**Father God,**  
Surround us with the soft blanket of Joy that comes from knowing and loving Jesus, Your Son and our Lord and Savior.  
**Amen**



Joy

Oh, Jesus, our Lord and Savior,  
each day we wake and look to you.  
Jesus, you hold us in your hands, and  
we know we are safe and loved.  
Only you, who knows our every need,  
our every fear, our everything,  
can bring all your children such relief.  
You, son of God, sent to redeem the  
world, are our rock, steadfast and true.  
Knowing you, trusting you, loving  
you. Such JOYFUL things to do!!! Amen

Praise God for sending us a Redeemer,  
for giving us a glorious life beyond this  
one, and for transforming us to affect  
positive change in this world!  
Such joy is not otherwise  
possible! Thank you, Lord Jesus!

We light the candle of JOY.  
I was told very young that JOY meant  
Jesus, others, then you.  
Also, that happiness is found in many  
different ways.  
JOY comes from our Lord and Savior as  
does forgiveness and eternal life.  
Living with Christ in us, we are IN Christ.  
True Joy, Eternal Joy

Father God,  
Thank you for filling our hearts with Joy  
as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and  
Savior, Jesus Christ. Although we seek  
joy through many earthly things, nothing  
provides complete and endless Joy more  
than Emmanuel, God With Us!! May  
your blessings and grace guide now and  
always knowing that our greatest source  
of Joy is through your redeeming Love  
and salvation!! In the name of Jesus I  
pray. 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:** Jerry Standefer

### **Please remember in your prayers:**

- Renninger family on the loss of Bob
- Lawla family on the loss of a brother
- 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, confused and dementia patients
- Financial concerns & discernment in decisions
- Possible employment opportunities
- Those who are bullied
- 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
- Those impacted by tornadoes
- 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:**

- Luke Dundore home from hospital
- Praise for signs of healing and improvement for Gordy Lantz

12/19/2021

Lantz Family	George	Tim	Angela	Lisa	Colleen	Peter
Peggy S.	Emily	Robin	Cheryl Schwenk	Pat P.	Robert	Mrs. Adams
Brian & Lucy	Ben	Jan	Cheshire Family	Dean	Pauline	Josh & Family
Mckenzie	Jodan	Steve	Yogi Romero Family	Gwen	Pam & Russ	Roland Family
Teddy & Bill	Carolyn	Diane	Rauenzahn Family	Joey M.	Ron Biley	Erika & Family
Patty & Ray	Abby	Betty	Sue, Chris & Angela	Megan S.	Steve & Kim	Jackson Hoffa
Jim & Patty	Victor	Angel	Jody & Nicholas	Phyllis	Karen	Robert Griffith
Steph & Family	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

## **PRESCHOOL**

### **PROGRAM**

All are invited to the Preschool Christmas Program that will be held in the sanctuary on December 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:15am-10:00am. The children will be sharing some Christmas songs for family and friends.

## **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 for just \$12 each.

## **FAITH IN ACTION TEAM**

Monday, January 10 / 7:30PM / Zoom  
Jody Anderson / [jander678@gmail.com](mailto: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 in January via Zoom to discuss the book. Please contact Jody Anderson for the link to the discussion. We hope you'll join us!

## **CHRISTMAS**

## **NO SHAVE NOVEMBER**

We are pleased to report that we were able to raise over \$5,700 through No Shave November! When all gifts are received and counted, we will be sending checks of \$2,850 to:

- THE CONGO PARTNERSHIP for community health initiatives, and
- ST. JUDE'S CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL for pediatric cancer research, given in honor of our own Charlotte Roland.

Thanks to everyone who contributed or supported No Shave November in any way!



## **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 donation of any amount would be appreciated, and supports the mission and ministries of our church.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

## WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, January 12 / 7PM  
Education Bldg. / Room 109  
Donna Barnhart / 610-678-7873  
[dmbhart2@gmail.com](mailto:dmbhart2@gmail.com)

Women's Book Club will meet in January to discuss *Eternal* by Lisa Scottoline. February's book will be *Then She Was Gone* by Lisa Jewel. New readers always welcome! Come join the discussion! To be added to the email list or for information please contact Donna.

## CALLING ALL BOWLERS

Tuesdays nights / 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. 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

NO MEALS ON

December 22nd & 29th

WLW will resume on January 5th.

## **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 children 12 & under  
FREE children age 3 & under



## **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!

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](mailto: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](http://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*

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INVITE - EMBRACE - EMPOWER

### **Attendance and Financial Report for December 12, 2021**

	<b>8:00</b>	<b>9:00</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	7	50	50	107
<b>In-Person Worship</b>	48	239	198	485
<b>Online Connections</b>	138	152	—	290
<b>Sunday School</b>		78		
<b>Tithes &amp; Offerings for last week</b>	\$33,756			
<b>December Income (2 weeks)</b>	\$68,161	<b>2021 Budget Income To Date:</b> \$1,349,419		
<b>Needed in Dec. to make budget</b>	\$240,081	<b>2021 Budget Goal (12 months)</b> \$1,521,341		

# mark your Calendar

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
Dec 27-31	PRESCHOOL CLOSED—Christmas Break
Dec 27	OFFICE CLOSED—HOLIDAY
Dec 31	OFFICE CLOSED—HOLIDAY

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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, and candle lighting.*

3PM—TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT SERVICE  
*Features carols, scripture, choir and candle lighting.*

5PM—PRAISE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE  
*Features scripture, singing with our Worship Band 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.*