

## Welcome to WEST LAWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our vision is to Invite, Embrace, and Empower all to be the family of God in Christ

Longest Night Service December 21, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

PRELUDE "Hymn Selections"

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

WELCOME

**HYMN** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (vss. 1-2) UMH #196

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE/ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

**HYMN** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vss. 1-2) UMH #211

FIRST READING Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

**RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 22

CONGREGATIONAL READING Psalm 23

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "Come As You Are"

**SECOND READING** Isaiah 40 (selected verses)

**RESPONSIVE PRAYER** 

A time for response and silent reflection will be observed after each prayer.

**HYMN** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vss. 5-7) UMH #211

During the singing of the hymn you are invited to come forward and light a candle of remembrance.

THIRD READING Luke 2:1-7

## LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

**CONGREGATIONAL READING** 

Psalm 121

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER** 

**HYMN** "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

**UMH #218** 

**HOLY COMMUNION** 

**CLOSING HYMN** "Silent Night" (vss. 1-3)

**UMH #239** 

**CLOSING PRAYER** 

**BLESSING/DISMISSAL** 

## **POSTLUDE**

All responsive readings, congregational readings, and hymns will be projected.



Thank you to all who made this service possible:

Pastor Lisa Hoopes
Griefshare Team
Prayer Ministry Team
Soloist: Marnell McCarthy
Accompanist: Judy Alvarez

Audio/Visual Technician: David Haas

The exterior Christmas lighting of our church campus is presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Stacy Myers, and the saints who now rest in heaven.

## It's Midnight, Lord

The Spirit is breathing.

All those with eyes to see, women and men with ears for hearing detect a coming dawn; a reason to go on.

They seem small, these signs of dawn perhaps ridiculous.

