

*December 22, 2021 ~ 7:00 PM*



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***WELCOME TO THE  
LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE  
AT WEST LAWN UMC!***

# 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 22, 2021, 7:00 p.m.***

**PRELUDE**

*"Hymn Selections"*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**WELCOME**

**HYMN**

*"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

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**

*"Praise You in the Storm"*

**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)*

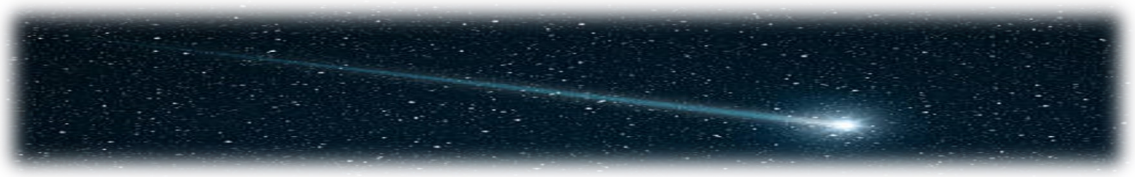
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**CLOSING PRAYER**

**BLESSING/DISMISSAL**

**POSTLUDE**

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



Thank you to all who made this service possible:

Griefshare Team

Prayer Ministry Team

Accompanist: Judy Alvarez

Audio/Visual Technician: David Haas

*Pastors:*

Lisa Hoopes

Chris Hardy

*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.*

*All those with eyes to see,  
Women and men with ears for hearing  
uncover in the night  
a certain gleam of light;  
they see the reason to go on.*

- Dom Helder Camera

