

December 23, 2021 ~ 7:00 PM

First Christmas



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**WELCOME TO THE
CHRISTMAS SEASON
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

First Christmas Candlelight Service

December 23, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.



PRELUDES

Instrumental Carols

CAROL

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

WELCOME

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-20 (NRSV)

CAROLS

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

"O Holy Night"

(Lighting of the Christ Candle)

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 (NRSV)

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS TO THE CHRIST CHILD

CAROL

"This Is Jesus"

SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-14 (NRSV)

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

SHARING THE LIGHT *(candlelighting)*

CAROL

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light;
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing. Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

ALL: In the quiet of this moment, and the glow of candles, please touch us with your loving presence. May the light that began at creation, continued through the witness of the prophets, and has come to fullness at the birth of Jesus Christ, be in our hearts not only this evening, but every evening. May the Light give us hope., grant us peace, and fill us with joy. Help us to honor you and celebrate your coming into our lives and into our world, in all we say and do. Amen.

CAROL

“Joy to the World”

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Candlelight Service: The ushers will bring the Light to each worshiper. The person on the aisle is asked to tip his/her unlit candle into the flame of the lighted candle, and then share that light with others in that row. ***Please, never tip a burning candle! Thank you!***

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor Chris Hardy
Worship Band



WE INVITE YOU to take your candle with you as a symbol of Christ's light, which goes with us and shines through us, but please leave the plastic candle holders in the boxes in the lobby so they may be used again. Thank you.

OUR THANKS to all who have sponsored the poinsettias that adorn our sanctuary. You may pick up a copy of the poinsettia booklet in the sanctuary lobby.

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.