

December 24, 2021 ~ 1:00 PM

# CHRISTMAS EVE



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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*

***Early Christmas Candlelight Service***

December 24, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.



PRELUDES	<i>"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"</i> <i>"Once in Royal David's City"</i> <i>"What Child Is This"</i> <i>"Away in a Manger"</i>	Dupre Farlee Albrecht Williams
CALL TO WORSHIP		Pastor Hardy
CAROL	<i>"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vss. 1,3,6)</i>	UMH #234
WELCOME		Pastor Raffauf
SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7	
CAROL	<i>"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"</i>	UMH #196
SCRIPTURE	Luke 1:26-35	Pastor Hoopes
CAROL	<i>"What Child Is This?" (vss. 1,3)</i>	UMH #219
SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:1-7	
CAROL	<i>"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (vss. 1,3,4)</i> <i>Lighting of the Christ Candle</i>	UMH #230
SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:8-14	
CAROL	<i>"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"</i>	UMH #240
SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:15-20	
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>"Where Are You Christmas"</i> from Dr. Seuss' <i>How The Grinch Stole Christmas</i> (2000)	Jennings, Horner, Carey

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

## EVENING PRAYERS

## PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS TO THE CHRIST CHILD

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"The First Noel"*

Raney

## INVITATION TO CANDLELIGHTING

**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! The provided plastic cup in the pew may be used to extinguish the flame. Thank you!*

CAROL

*"Silent Night, Holy Night"*

UMH #239

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: Living God, moved by the coming of Christ to our lives, we seek to be your people. Help us to live in faithful covenant with you and with one another. Let the Spirit of Christ guide us, and the Love of Christ move us, so that all the world may see the Light of Christ in us, and in our world. Amen.**

CAROL

*"Joy to the World"*

UMH #246

## DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

Wold

**PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor Jeff Raffauf  
Pastor Chris Hardy  
Pastor Lisa Hoopes  
Christopher Rodgers, organ & piano  
Elise Coakley & John Coakley, duet  
John Coakley, piano



***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.*