

December 24, 2021 ~ 3:00 PM



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**WELCOMETO 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

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2021 - 3:00 p.m.



PRELUDES	<i>"Noel: Grand Jeu et Duo"</i> <i>"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"</i> <i>"Shepherds and Angels"</i> <i>"Christmas Day in the Morning"</i>	Daquin Johnson arr., Shackley arr., Shackley
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	
ANTHEM	<i>"And This Shall Be A Sign"</i>	Stratton, Paige, arr., Larson
SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:1-7	
ANTHEM	<i>"He Is Born"</i>	arr. Forrest
SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:8-14	
CAROL	<i>"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"</i> <i>Lighting of the Christ Candle</i>	UMH #240
SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:15-20	
ANTHEM	<i>"For Unto Us A Child Is Born"</i> from Messiah	Handel
CHRISTMAS MESSAGE		

EVENING PRAYERS

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS TO THE CHRIST CHILD

MUSICAL OFFERING *"Bring A Torch Jeanette Isabella"*

arr. Bestor

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

"Toccata on 'Joy to The World' "

Phillips

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor Jeff Raffauf

Pastor Chris Hardy

Pastor Lisa Hoopes

Festival Choir, John Coakley, Director

Brass Ensemble, Kurt Schneiderhan, Director

Christopher Rodgers, Organ & Piano

Jacqueline Vilbert, Violin

Judy Alvarez, 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.

