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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

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.



PRELUDES "Noel: Grand Jeu et Duo" Daquin
"Sinfonia Pastorale from 'Christmas' Concerto' " Corelli

"Noel Sur Les Flutes"

Daguin

CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Hardy

CAROL "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vss. 1,3,6) UMH #234

WELCOME Pastor Raffauf

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

CAROL "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" UMH #196

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-35 Pastor Hoopes

ANTHEM "And This Shall Be A Sign" Stratton, Paige, arr., Larson

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-7

ANTHEM "He Is Born" arr. Forrest

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:8-14

CAROL Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" UMH #240

Lighting of the Christ Candle

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:15-20

SPECIAL MUSIC "Oh Holy Night" Adam

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"

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
Vocal Ensemble, John Coakley, Director
Christopher Rodgers, Organ and Piano
Carolann Schneiderhan, Soloist & Piano
Jacqueline Vilbert, Violin





WE INVITE YOU to <u>take your candle with you</u> 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.