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**CHRISTMAS**

@ West Lawn  
United Methodist Church

December 24, 2023 - 3 PM

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, 2023 - 3:00 p.m.

PRELUDES

*"Noël sur les Flûtes"*

Daquin

*"What Child Is This"*

Purvis

*"Pastorale 'Gesu Bambino' "*

Yon

Christopher Rodgers, organ

WELCOME

Pastor Ebersole

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Hardy

\* CAROL

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vss. 1,3,6)*

UMH #234

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:2, 6 (NIV)

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Pastor Hardy

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS TO THE CHRIST CHILD

OFFERTORY

*"Christmas Bringeth Jesus"*

Nix, Rossetti

Festival Choir, John Coakley, Director

**THE CHRISTMAS STORY—PART I**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-14 (NIV)

ANTHEM

*"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"*

Mendelssohn, Wesley,

Festival Choir, John Coakley, Director  
Judith Alvarez & Christopher Rodgers, piano

arr., Forrest

**THE CHRISTMAS STORY—PART II**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:15-20 (NIV)

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

A Simple Christmas

Pastor Ebersole

\* CAROL

*"Once In Royal David's City"*

UMH #250

*(Congregation sings vs. 2-4) - CHOIR ONLY 1 and 5*

## CHRISTMAS COMMUNION

*"Jesus, Lord at Thy Birth"*

DeFord

Festival Choir. John Coakley, Director

### INVITATION TO CANDLELIGHTING

*Candlelight Service: The ushers will bring the Light to each row. 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.*

### SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-5 (NIV)

### \* 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!

### \* CAROL

*"Joy to the World"*

UMH #246

### DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastor Ebersole

*(Please extinguish candles before leaving the Sanctuary)*

### POSTLUDE

*"Toccata on 'Joy to The World' "*

Phillips

*\* Please stand if you are able.*



- \* **PEW QR CODE**—On the card pocket holder on the pew in front of you is a special QR code. Scan the code with your cell phone camera and read about today's church news.
- \* **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 NEW ELECTRONIC CHURCH DIRECTORY** is available - Instant Church Directory. This platform has a member website and mobile device app. To view the directory online, go to [members.InstantChurchDirectory.com](https://members.InstantChurchDirectory.com) and follow the prompts under "Sign In" to "Create a login now." Use the email address you have on file at West Lawn. For security reasons, you must confirm your email before you can sign in. There is also a mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for "Instant Church Directory."
- \* **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.



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