

*LIGHTING OUR CANDLES

One: The People who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**All: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness —
on them light has shined.**

One: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us.

**All: He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

(Please tip the unlit candle toward the lit one as you pass the light to your neighbor. Following the benediction, please leave the Sanctuary in silence and place your candle in the basket outside the Sanctuary.)

*HYMN

"Silent Night" UMH #239

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*Please join us in Schneeberger Fellowship Hall for cookies, coffee,
and hot chocolate after the worship service! Merry Christmas!*

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YOU ARE INVITED!

Join us throughout the year

9:00 a.m. | Contemporary Worship

Sunday School for Children and Adults

10:00 a.m. | Heavenly Half Hour Social Time

10:30 a.m. | Traditional Worship

Sunday School for Children, Youth, and Adults



**Lenexa United
Methodist Church**

Journeying Together Toward Spiritual Growth

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2022 5:00 p.m.




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PRELUDE

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP/ LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE The Lockett Family

One: We come to proclaim the light of hope, peace, joy, and love.

All: We come to receive the light of Christ as we celebrate His miraculous birth.

One: Our wait is over, the Christ-child is here!

All: Long we have waited, long we have watched for His coming.

One: God is not satisfied to remain apart from us, God must be one among us.

All: We are God's people, sheep of God's flock, children of God's redeeming.

One: We light the Christ candle to represent His presence, His everlasting reign.

All: We give thanks to God for the fulfillment of hope, peace, joy, and love. Amen.

*OPENING PRAYER

All: Gracious LORD, be the God of our Christmas celebration. We rejoice with the shepherds over the good news of Jesus' birth. We join in the praises of the angelic choir, saying: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors!" May peace and joy ring in our hearts and reverberate through our communities tonight in the name of Jesus the new-born King. Amen.

*HYMN "O Come All Ye Faithful" UMH #234 vs. 1, 3, 6

SCENE ONE "What's Up With That?"

HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem" UMH #230 vs. 1, 2, 4

* Please stand as you are able.

SCENE TWO

"You Try It!"

*Children will be invited forward to participate in this scene.
All are welcome!*

HYMN

"Mary Did You Know"

SCENE THREE

"What's That Noise?"

HYMN

"Go Tell It on the Mountain!" UMH #251

SCENE FOUR

"Talking with Angels"

*Children will be invited forward to participate in this scene.
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HYMN

"Away in a Manger" UMH #217

SCENE FIVE

Hearts Full of Love

HYMN

"Joy to the World" UMH #246

SCRIPTURE

John 1:9-12

MEDITATION

**"Encounter Emmanuel:
Witnesses, Testifying to the Light"**
Rev. Ezekiel Koech

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION/OFFERING

In the United Methodist Church, all are welcome to share the bread and cup. Please come by the center aisle. After receiving the bread, you may choose to touch it to the juice in the chalice or receive the juice in a prefilled cup. Gluten-free wafers are available in the center. You are welcome to pray at the altar rail. If you wish to be served in the pew, please inform an usher.

*Tonight's offering will support our
Youth and Congregational Ministries for 2023.
You may also give online at lenexaumc.org,
download the mobile app ShelbyNext Giving,
or text the amount you would like to give to (913) 444-5960.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

"A Hallelujah Christmas"
Tim Hunt