

# 9:00 A.M. WORSHIP

GATHERING SONG *“Song of the Season”*

GREETING

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Oh Holy Night”*  
Tim Hunt and Rev. Lori Patton Aguilar

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Paige Foster

\*SONG OF ADVENT *“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”* vs. 1

\*LITURGY FOR THE CANDLE OF PEACE The Glisson Family

CELEBRATION SONG *“Angels We Have Heard on High”*

\*SHARING OUR PRAYERS AND GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*You are invited to come forward at this time if you wish.  
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at the front or back of the Sanctuary.  
You may also give online at [lenexaumc.org](http://lenexaumc.org),  
download the mobile app ShelbyNext Giving,  
or text the amount you would like to give to (913) 444-5960.*

\*RESPONSE *“O Come All Ye Faithful”* (Refrain)

\*OFFERING PRAYER

ACT I: ZECHARIAH MEETS AN ANGEL Drama Team

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER see screen or insert

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 1:10-20

RESPONSE

One: May God add a Blessing to the reading, hearing,  
and understanding of scripture.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE *“We Acknowledge our Weariness”*  
Rev. Lori Patton Aguilar

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*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.*

*There are gluten-free wafers available in the center.*

*You are welcome to pray at the altar rail after receiving the elements.  
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COMMUNION SONG *“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”*

\*BENEDICTION

\*BLESSING SONG

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

# December 1, 2024

*First Sunday of Advent*

Zechariah and Elizabeth battled infertility but lived steadfast in their faith. An Angel comes to Zechariah with a promise of good news! In the midst of his weariness, Zechariah can’t fully receive it. Sometimes weariness hardens us and prevents us from living fully. Let us acknowledge the ways we have been hardened by disbelief.

**Worship Leaders:** 9:00 | The Glisson Family, Janie Wilson,  
and Tree of Life Band  
10:30 | The Cooley Family and Tom Lampropoulos  
**Drama Team:** Wayne Dothage, Logan Efurd, Stacey Mitchell, Tim Hunt  
**Ushers:** 9:00 | Gail Arner, Eric Arner  
10:30 | Brian McNichols, Janice Nelson  
**Media Techs:** Mary Clow, Kayla Efurd, Maddie Cooley,  
Kari Turley, Pat Turley

## All are welcome at LUMC!

**To our guests—welcome!** Thank you for worshiping with us!  
Please provide your name and information on the Friendship Pad.  
If you do not have a church home, we invite you to join our community.  
Contact Pastor Lori if you are interested in discussing membership.

**Friendship Pad:** Please take a moment to record your presence,  
and then pass the pad to others sitting in your row.

**Hearing aids** that receive sound directly from the PA system and  
**large-print hymnals** are available from an usher.

Children are always welcome in worship services.

**Nursery Care** is available for infants and toddlers in Room 206.

### 9:00 a.m. Sunday School:

Kid’s Kingdom (4 years-5th grade) - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Education Building  
Spectrum (adults) - Room 122 | Foundations (adults) - Wesley Room

### 10:30 a.m. Sunday School:

Kids Connect (4 years-5th grade) - Meet in Sanctuary,  
Pick up on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Education Building  
Youth (6th-12th grade) - Loft  
Dashers (adults) - Asbury Room

Contact the church office for more information about small groups.

## CHURCH STAFF

**Rev. Lori Patton Aguilar** | Senior Pastor  
**Paige Foster** | Youth and Congregational Ministries  
**Mary Clow** | Children’s Ministries  
**Megan Taylor** | Preschool/CDO  
**Ann Ober** | Nursery Supervisor  
**Blair Penney, Nan Hulett, Trey Bures, & Liesel Stephens** | Music Staff  
**Linda Stokes** | Business Administrator  
**Lauren Lanigan** | Communications

# 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP

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\*SONG OF ADVENT *“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”* UMH #211 vs. 1

\*LITURGY FOR THE CANDLE OF PEACE The Cooley Family

\*OPENING HYMN *“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”* UMH #196

\*PASSING THE PEACE

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Mary Clow

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH see screen or insert

CANDLELIGHTING AND GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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OFFERING MUSIC *“Oh Holy Night”*  
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\*RESPONSE *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* UMH #95

\*OFFERING PRAYER

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER see screen or insert

ACT I: ZECHARIAH MEETS AN ANGEL Drama Team

ANTHEM *“A Celtic Advent Carol”*  
Chancel Choir

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\*CLOSING HYMN *“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”* UMH #206

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

## UPCOMING EVENTS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



**ADVENT OFFERING** | This year's Advent offering supports Post-Secondary Undergraduate Scholarships. These scholarships are administered by the LUMC Endowment Committee and are normally funded by the Scholarship Endowment Fund earnings. Expecting these earnings to be insufficient to fund the high demand for 2025 scholarships, the Finance Committee designated the Advent offering to supplement the scholarship funds for 2025. Please place your donation in an Advent offering envelope located in the pew or give online at [lenexaumc.org/give](http://lenexaumc.org/give). Thank you for your support of our students!



**ST. NICHOLAS** | Today at 11:35 (shortly after the 10:30 service), we will have a visit from St. Nicholas of Myra (played by Tim Hunt). Come meet St. Nicholas and learn more about this Christian bishop with a temper.



**CHRISTMAS IN MALTA** | This Christmas season LUMC will be sharing interesting Christmas traditions from Malta via email and Facebook. (Malta is an island in the middle of the Mediterranean and, according to the Bible, it was the first country converted to Christianity.) If you enjoy these special Christmas messages, be sure to like, share, and/or forward to your friends.



**CHRISTMAS SKIT** | We would love to have children of all ages participate in a Christmas Skit during the 5 p.m. service on Christmas Eve! If your kids or grandkids will be able to be there, please let Mary Clow know at [mary.clow@lenexaumc.org](mailto:mary.clow@lenexaumc.org).



**GREETERS NEEDED** | We need four greeters for each service. You can serve only a single service a month; serve during the Fifth Sunday single sessions; or even as a substitute greeter. If interested, contact the Greeter Coordinator David Pendleton at [PKUJayhawk@gmail.com](mailto:PKUJayhawk@gmail.com).



**TOGETHER SUNDAY** | Our next 5th Sunday Together Sunday will be on December 29! We will have one combined worship service at 10:15 including a Christmas hymn sing led by Blair Penney. Following worship will be a potluck lunch and a "Baby Shower for Jesus!" Bring diapers or baby clothes to donate for Overland Park Baby Grace, an organization housed at Indian Heights UMC that provides free diapers to families in the community.



**DINNER'S ON US** | Tell your family, friends, and neighbors because dinner's on us! A free drive through community meal of pulled pork or PB&J sandwiches, chips, and dessert is served every Wednesday evening from 5:30—6:30 p.m. in the West parking lot. Note: There will be no Dinner's On Us on Christmas Day.



**FOOD PANTRY** | The Johnson County Multi-Service Center Food Pantry needs the following items for holiday meals: canned corn, green beans, sweet potatoes, yams, gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, cornbread mix, instant potatoes, cream of mushroom/chicken soup, french fried onions, macaroni & cheese, pie filling, boxed crust mix, salt & pepper shakers, and aluminum baking pans. Please bring donations to the gray bins in the hallway outside of the church office.

## THIS WEEK AT LENEXA UMC

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service | Sanctuary and Online
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for Children and Adults  
*(see class list inside bulletin)*
- 10:00 a.m. Heavenly Half Hour | Schneeberger Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service | Sanctuary and Online
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for Children, Youth and Adults  
*(see class list inside bulletin)*
- 11:35 a.m. Visit from St. Nicholas | Sanctuary
- 3:00 p.m. Ethiopian Church Group | Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. LUMYouth Group | Schneeberger Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Bible Conversations | Wesley Room

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting | Library
- 6:30 p.m. Grief Support Group | Asbury Room
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 186 | Schneeberger Hall

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group | Wesley Room
- 10:00 a.m. Ethiopian Church Group | Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Group | Wesley Room
- 6:00 p.m. Faithfully Fit | Schneeberger Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Peaceful Stretch | Schneeberger Hall
- 8:00 p.m. AA | Room 113

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 5:30 p.m. Dinner's On Us | Drive Through
- 6:00 p.m. Joy Bells Rehearsal | Room 123
- 6:00 p.m. Growing in Grace Children's Choir | E201
- 6:30 p.m. Back to Basics (AA) | Room 113
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal | Music Room
- 6:30 p.m. Lenexa Historical Society | Wesley Room
- 7:15 p.m. Tree of Life Praise Band Rehearsal | Sanctuary

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

- 10:00 a.m. Ethiopian Church Group | Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Ethiopian Church Group | Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi | Schneeberger Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Young People's AA | Asbury Room

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

- 5:00 p.m. First Act Theatre | Underground, E201, E205

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 10:00 a.m. Ethiopian Church Group | Sanctuary
- 9:00 p.m. Ethiopian Church Group Prayer Vigil | Sanctuary

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service | Sanctuary and Online
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"E" room numbers designate rooms in the Education Building.

Check website or door stand calendar to verify meetings as locations are subject to change



# Lenexa United Methodist Church

*Journeying Together Toward Spiritual Growth*



*"Zechariah said to the angel,  
"How can I know that this will happen?"  
Luke 1:18a*

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**9:00 AND 10:30 A.M.**  
*First Sunday of Advent*

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