

***LIGHTING OUR CANDLES**

Isaiah 9:2, 6

(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"

***CHRISTMAS BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION**

"Joy to the World" UMH #246 vs. 1, 2

***POSTLUDE**

Media: Mary Clow, Macey Deweese, C.J. Cooper

Skit Cast: Harper Bratton, Tim Hunt, Michael Jeffery Jr.,
FaeLynn Lockett, Lincoln Strauss

YOU ARE INVITED!

Join us this Sunday, December 29, for a Together Sunday with one combined worship at 10:15 a.m. with a Christmas hymn sing.

Following worship we will have a potluck lunch and a Baby Shower for Jesus. Bring a dish to share and diapers and baby clothes to donate to Baby Grace Overland Park.

Our regular worship schedule will resume in 2025 with contemporary worship at 9:00 a.m. and traditional worship at 10:30 a.m.



**Lenexa United
Methodist Church**

Journeying Together Toward Spiritual Growth

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2024 5:00 p.m.



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Christmas Eve

December 24, 2024 5:00 p.m.

PRELUDE Blair Penney
Tonight's Prelude Music is dedicated by Blair to the memory of his friend and guitarist, George Boje.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: There is room for you here.
If you're weary and worn, or hopeful and patient.
All: If you're tired and lost, or wrapped up in hope.
One: If you're new to this place, or have been here before.
All: Come in, come in. There is room for you here.
One: The angels are singing,
All: "Be not afraid."
One: The angels are singing,
All: "Good news and great joy!"
One: So come in, come in!
All: There is room for us here.

***SONG OF CANDELIGHTING** *"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"*
UMH #218 vs. 1, 3, 4

***LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE** The Patton Aguilar Family

One: How does a weary world hold onto hope,
practice peace, spread joy, or know love?
All: How does a weary world combat cruelty?
One: How does a weary world shine a light into our bleakest night?
All: We do all these things with God's help.
For tonight, a child is born in Bethlehem.
One: Tonight, Christ draws near.
All: Tonight, we light the Christ Candle.
One: Tonight, we are not alone.
All: God is near. Love has drawn close.
Rejoice! For God loves this weary world. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

CHRISTMAS SKIT *"Jesus Is Born"*
All children will be invited to come forward and be shepherds.

HYMN *"Angels We Have Heard on High"* UMH #238 vs. 1, 2, 3

LESSON John 1:23; Isaiah 40:4

HYMN *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"* UMH #211 vs. 1, 5, 6

LESSON Luke 2:1-5

HYMN *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"* UMH #230 vs. 1

LESSON Luke 2:6-7

HYMN *"Away in a Manger"* UMH #217 vs. 1, 2

LESSON Luke 2:8-12

HYMN *"The First Noel"* UMH #245 vs. 1, 2, 4

LESSON Luke 2:13-16

HYMN *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"* UMH #240

LESSON Luke 2:17-20

HYMN *"Go Tell It on the Mountain"* UMH #251 vs. 3

MEDITATION *"We Make Room"*
Rev. Lori Patton Aguilar

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. There are gluten-free wafers available in the center. You are welcome to pray at the altar rail after receiving the elements. If you wish to be served in the pew, please inform an usher.

Tonight's offering will support our post-secondary scholarship fund. 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 *"Gabriel's Message"*
Tim Hunt

*Please stand in body or in spirit.