

**\*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"* UMH #239

**\*CHRISTMAS BLESSING**

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**\*POSTLUDE**

**Media:** Mary Clow, Pat Turley, Kari Turley

**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 7:00 p.m.**



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## December 24, 2024 7:00 p.m.

**PRELUDE** Nan Hulett

### 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 Crow 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

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

**ANTHEM** *"Rise and Shine"*  
Chancel Choir

**LESSON** John 1:23; Isaiah 40:4

**HYMN** *"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"* UMH #216

**LESSON** Luke 2:1-5

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

**LESSON** Luke 2:6-7

**HYMN** *"What Child is This"* UMH #219

**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

**ANTHEM** *"Carols of Peace and Joy"*  
Chancel Choir

**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](http://lenexaumc.org), download the mobile app  
ShelbyNext Giving, or text the amount you would like to give to (913) 444-5960.*