

9:00 A.M. WORSHIP

GATHERING SONG *“Songs of the Season”*

GREETING

*OPENING SONG *“It’s Christmas Medley”*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Paige Foster

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

*LITURGY FOR THE CANDLE OF JOY The Fesenmeyer/Bowers Family

CELEBRATION SONG *“Adore”*

*SHARING OUR PRAYERS AND GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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at the front or back of the Sanctuary.
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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

SPECIAL MUSIC *“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”* (Susan E. Geschke)
Joy Bells

ACT III: JOHN IS BORN Drama Team

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER see screen or insert

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 1:57-66

RESPONSE

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

MESSAGE *“We Allow Ourselves To Be Amazed”*
Rev. Lori Patton Aguilar

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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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.*

COMMUNION SONG *“Ding Dong Merrily on High”*

*BENEDICTION

*BLESSING SONG

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

Elizabeth gives birth and her neighbors and family celebrate with her. When it comes time to name the child, Zechariah affirms the name given and his speech is restored. Everyone is filled with awe. How often do you let yourself truly be amazed? Wonder is all around us, let us open our eyes to receive it.

Worship Leaders: 9:00 | The Fessenmeyer/Bowers Family,
Ann Foster and Tree of Life Band
10:30 | The Freebairn Family, Wayne Dothage

Drama Team: Wayne Dothage, Christy Kleinsorge,
Stacey Mitchell, Tim Hunt

Ushers: 9:00 | Tim Cooney
10:30 | Brian McNichols

Media Techs: Mary Clow, Kayla Efurd, Maddie Cooley,
Stefani Lockett, Cindy Lanigan

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) - 2nd 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 2nd 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, Judy Rapp | Nursery
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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INTROIT *“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”* (Susan E. Geschke)
Joy Bells

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

*LITURGY FOR THE CANDLE OF JOY The Freebairn Family

*OPENING HYMN *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”* UMH #234 vs. 1, 3

*PASSING THE PEACE

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Mary Clow

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH see screen or insert

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Christmas Songs of Joy”* (arr. Joseph M. Martin)
Growing in Grace Children’s Choir

CANDLELIGHTING AND GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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*RESPONSE *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* UMH #95

*OFFERING PRAYER

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ACT III: JOHN IS BORN Drama Team

ANTHEM *“Like a Child, I Wait”*
Chancel Choir

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*CLOSING HYMN *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”* UMH #240

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

UPCOMING EVENTS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



ADVENT OFFERING | This year's Advent offering supports Post-Secondary Undergraduate Scholarships. Please place your donation in an Advent offering envelope located in the pew or give online at lenexaumc.org/give. Thank you for your support of our students!



GOLD BOX | The Staff Parish Relations Committee invites you to be a part of the special LUMC "Gold Box" Christmas love offering for our LUMC Staff. Contributions can be made through the end of December and will be distributed among LUMC's part-time and full time church staff as a "Thank you" for everything they've done over the past year. You can place your offering in the gold box, mail your donation to the church office, or give online noting "gold box" in the comments.



BLUE CHRISTMAS | A Blue Christmas service will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18 in the Sanctuary. Join us for a solemn night during the holidays. With songs and scripture we will acknowledge the hardships of this season.



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP | Candlelight Christmas Eve services will be at 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 24. The 5:00 p.m. service will feature a children's skit and the 7:00 p.m. service will feature the Chancel Choir.



COOKIES, COFFEE, AND COCOA | On Christmas Eve, join us in Schneeberger Hall after the 5:00 p.m. worship service for cookies, coffee, and hot chocolate. If you would like to donate Christmas cookies or volunteer to help with setup or cleanup, please contact Mary at mary.clow@lenexaumc.org.



OFFICE CLOSURE | The LUMC office will be closed December 25-27 and January 1. Happy Holidays!



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.



YOUNG ADULT 2025 KICK OFF | LUMC will be having a young adult 2025 kick-off brunch on New Year's Day for 18-35 year olds. Contact the church office for more information.



ST. MARY'S KITCHEN | Our next time to serve at St. Mary's is Friday, January 3. We need people to prepare casseroles, salads and desserts to make this a success. We also need volunteers to help serve that day. The group which will be serving will leave the church at 9:15 that morning and return around 1:00. There are sign-up sheets outside the sanctuary. You can also volunteer by contacting Charles Cooper at 913-209-3760 or kccharlescooper@gmail.com. Thanks for your help!

THIS WEEK AT LENEXA UMC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 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)
- 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 16

- 9:15 a.m. Preschool Songfest | Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting | Library
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 186 | Schneeberger Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool Songfest | Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group | Wesley Room
- 10:00 a.m. Ethiopian Church Group | Wesley
- 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 18

- 12:00 p.m. Messenger Deadline—
submit articles to lauren.lanigan@lenexaumc.org
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner's On Us | Drive Through
- 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
- 7:30 p.m. Blue Christmas | Sanctuary

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

- 10:00 a.m. Ethiopian Church Group | Wesley
- 5:00 p.m. Ethiopian Church Group | Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Friends & Followers Christ Care Group | Off-Site
- 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi | Schneeberger Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Property Management Team | Room 105
- 7:00 p.m. Young People's AA | Asbury Room

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

- 10:00 a.m. Ethiopian Church Group | Sanctuary

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service | Sanctuary and Online
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for Children and Adults
- 10:00 a.m. Heavenly Half Hour | Schneeberger Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks | Outside Schneeberger
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service | Sanctuary and Online
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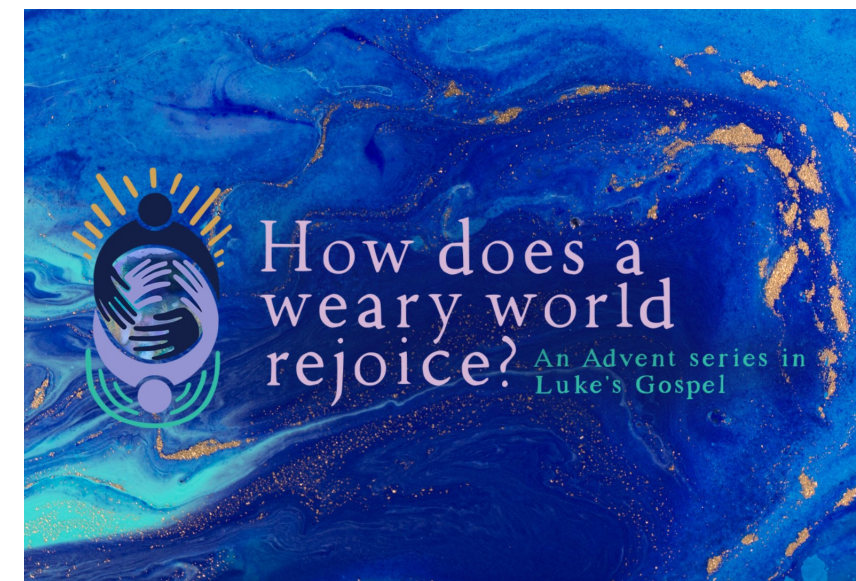
"E" room numbers designate rooms in the Education Building.

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



Lenexa United Methodist Church

Journeying Together Toward Spiritual Growth



"Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God." Luke 1:64

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