

9:00 A.M. WORSHIP

GATHERING SONG *“Do You Hear What I Hear”*

GREETING

***OPENING SONG** *“The First Noel”*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Paige Foster

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

***LITURGY FOR THE CANDLE OF HOPE** Geesha Jayasuriya

CELEBRATION SONG *“Hymn of Joy”*

***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*,
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***RESPONSE** *“O Come All Ye Faithful”* (refrain)

***OFFERING PRAYER**

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER see screen or insert

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Breath of Heaven”*
Sheana Godwin

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 1:67-80

RESPONSE

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

MESSAGE *“We Sing Stories of Hope”*
Rev. Lori Patton Aguilar

PRAISE SONG *“His Name Speaks Peace/Silent Night”*

***BENEDICTION**

***BLESSING SONG**

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

December 22, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

As soon as Zechariah’s voice returns, his first words are ones of gratitude and blessing. He sings a story of hope. After Elizabeth proclaims blessing on Mary, Mary sings a story of hope. As we prepare to celebrate Christ’s birth, let us also sing stories of hope, justice and joy

Worship Leaders: 9:00 | Geesha Jayasuriya, David Glisson,
and Tree of Life Band

10:30 | The Godwin/Heinrich Family and Tammy Shepherd

Ushers: 9:00 | Jim O’Keefe, Rick Smith
10:30 | Mike Shepherd

Media Techs: Mary Clow, Maddie Cooley, Paige Foster,
Wendy Dent, Michael Dent

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Paige Foster

INTROIT *“Deck the Halls”*
Ethan Dent, Piano

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

***LITURGY FOR THE CANDLE OF HOPE** The Godwin/Heinrich Family

***OPENING HYMN** *“Away in a Manger”* UMH #217

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

***OFFERING PRAYER**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Jan Henderson, Laura Santacruz,
and Deanna Hedrick

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MESSAGE *“We Sing Stories of Hope”*
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***CLOSING HYMN** *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”* UMH #230 vs. 1, 2, 4

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

UPCOMING EVENTS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



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 our way of saying "Thank you" for everything they've done over the past year. You can place your offering in the gold box on Sunday, mail your offering to the church, or give online noting "gold box" in the comments.



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!



YEAR-END GIVING | To take a charitable deduction in 2024, the church must receive your contribution by December 31, 2024 or it must be postmarked by December 31. For items dated in 2024, but received after January 1, the postmark will determine whether it is considered a 2024 or 2025 contribution. If you have any questions about where you stand on your estimate of giving for 2024, please call Linda Stokes in the office, 913-888-5600.



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. Join us in Schneeberger Hall after the 5:00 p.m. worship service for cookies, coffee, and hot chocolate.



DINNER'S ON US | There will be no Dinner's On Us meal this Wednesday due to the Christmas holiday. Dinner's On Us will be served 5:30-6:30 p.m. next week on New Year's Day, January 1.



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



TOGETHER SUNDAY | Next Sunday, December 29, is Together Sunday! 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 a main dish, side, or dessert to share and diapers or baby clothes to donate for Overland Park Baby Grace.



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 donate food and volunteer to serve. 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 22

- 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
- 10:00 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks | Outside Schneeberger
- 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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting | Library
- 6:30 p.m. Venture Crew 2286 | Room 103
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 186 | Schneeberger Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve

- 10:00 a.m. Ethiopian Church Group | Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship | Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Cookies, Cocoa, and Coffee | Schneeberger Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship | Sanctuary
- 8:00 p.m. AA | Room 113

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day

Church Office Closed

- 6:30 p.m. Back to Basics (AA) | Room 113

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

Church Office Closed

- 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 27

Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

Together Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for Children, Youth and Adults
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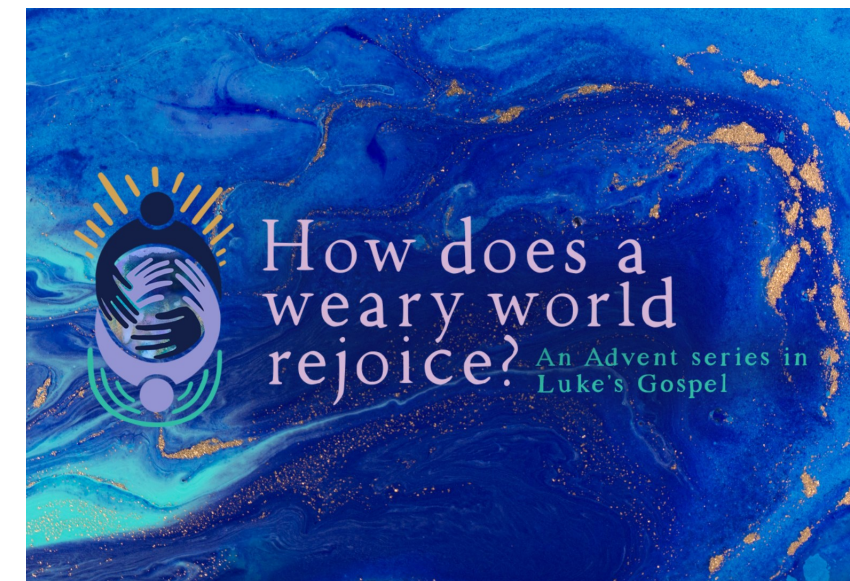
"E" room numbers designate rooms in the Education Building.

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



Lenexa United Methodist Church

Journeying Together Toward Spiritual Growth



"Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied" Luke 1:67

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