

9:00 A.M. WORSHIP

GATHERING SONG *"Songs of the Season"*

GREETING

*OPENING SONG *"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Paige Foster

*SONG OF ADVENT *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*

*LITURGY FOR THE CANDLE OF LOVE The Freeman Family

CELEBRATION SONG *"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"*

*SHARING OUR PRAYERS AND GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*You are invited to come forward at this time if you wish.
You can light a candle in memorial or as a means of prayer.*

*You may place your gifts in the offering plates
at the front or back of the Sanctuary.
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.*

*RESPONSE *"O Come All Ye Faithful"* (Refrain)

*OFFERING PRAYER

ACT II: ELIZABETH AND MARY SHARE THEIR NEWS Drama Team

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER see screen or insert

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 1:39-45

RESPONSE

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

MESSAGE *"We Find Joy in Connection"*
Rev. Lori Patton Aguilar

*PRAISE SONG *"Soon and Very Soon"*

*BENEDICTION

*BLESSING SONG

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

In community, joy expands! Good news begins to take root as Elizabeth's pregnancy grows but she stays secluded. When Mary visits Elizabeth they rejoice together. Her joy is contagious and wraps around Mary like a hug. Let us ponder the comfort we can give and receive from each other this season.

Worship Leaders: 9:00 | The Freeman Family, Paige Foster,
and Tree of Life Band
10:30 | The Turley Family and Gordy Link
Drama Team: Logan Efurd, Stacey Mitchell, Tim Hunt, Christy Kleinsorge
Ushers: 9:00 | Eric and Gail Arner
10:30 | Erik Troy
Media Techs: Mary Clow, Kayla Efurd, Maddie Cooley,
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 | Nursery Supervisor
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

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Ode to Joy"*
Nolan Dent, French Horn, and Wendy Dent, Piano

*SONG OF ADVENT *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*

*LITURGY FOR THE CANDLE OF LOVE The Turley Family

*OPENING HYMN *"Blessed Be the God of Israel"* UMH #209

*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

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

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ACT II: ELIZABETH AND MARY SHARE THEIR NEWS Drama Team

ANTHEM *"Every Valley"*
Chancel Choir
Pam Castrey, Flute

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RESPONSE

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

MESSAGE *"We Find Joy in Connection"*
Rev. Lori Patton Aguilar

*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. 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!



MEN'S GROUP | The LUMC men's group will meet December 14 at 8 a.m. in the Wesley room. Chuck Sheppard will be leading the program which will be "Salt", answering your questions about "sea salt", solar salt and highway salt. Bring a friend. Coffee will be provided.



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.



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.



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!



FLOWER CALENDAR | The 2025 flower calendar is on the bulletin board outside the church office. Sign up to bring flowers for the altar in memory or celebration.



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, but we will serve on New Year's Day.

THIS WEEK AT LENEXA UMC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

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
 5:00 p.m. Bible Conversations | Wesley Room

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

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 and Asbury Room

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

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
 7:15 p.m. Tree of Life Praise Band Rehearsal | Sanctuary

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

10:00 a.m. Ethiopian Church Group | Sanctuary
 11:00 a.m. Faithfully Fit/Peaceful Stretch Christmas Lunch | Schneeberger
 5:00 p.m. Ethiopian Church Group | Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m. Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Meeting | Underground
 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi | Schneeberger Hall
 7:00 p.m. Young People's AA | Asbury Room

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

10:00 a.m. Preschool Staff Lunch | Schneeberger Hall
 5:30 p.m. L'Arche Community Night | Schneeberger Hall
 6:30 p.m. Movie Group | Off-Site

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:00 a.m. Men's Group | Wesley Room
 9:00 a.m. Rotary | 2nd Floor Education Building
 10:00 a.m. Stateline Rug Hooking Guild | Schneeberger Hall
 10:00 a.m. Ethiopian Church Group | Sanctuary

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

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



"and for five months she remained in seclusion"
 Luke 1:24b

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9:00 AND 10:30 A.M.

Second Sunday of Advent

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