

“Making disciples for the transformation of the World”

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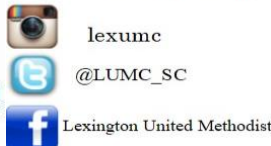
December 24, 2020

Weekly Worship Opportunities:
9am – Traditional Sunday Service
(Wesley Hall)
11am – Contemporary Sunday Service
(Wesley Hall)
6:30pm – Wednesday Vespers
(Wesley Hall)

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CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2020

6:00PM

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively):

L: Let us go, in heart and mind, to see what has come to pass. Let us go with all the shepherds ...
P: **LET US GO TO FIND THE SAVIOR!**
L: Let us go with the wise ones ...
P: **LET US GO TO FIND GOD’S PROMISE, BORN FOR US!**
L: Let us go with the poor and humble ...
P: **LET US GO TO FIND OUR KING, BORN IN A LOWLY MANGER!**
L: Let us go with all the world, with all the peoples of the nations. Come, let us worship!
P: **COME, LET US ADORE HIM! JESUS CHRIST THE LORD!**

*PRAISE SONG

Unspeakable Joy
Grace Station

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

*PRAISE SONG

Born Is the King Grace Station

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:1-20

WITNESS TO THE WORD

A Promise for Everyone
Rev. L. Kim Eanes

*PRAISE SONG

He Shall Reign
Grace Station

***A CHRISTMAS AFFIRMATION**

(responsively):

L: Let the love that shaped earth and heaven dwell within us this Christmas.

P: LET THE LOVE THAT CREATED HUMANITY DWELL WITHIN US THIS CHRISTMAS.

L: Let the love that overcomes suffering and hatred dwell within us this Christmas.

P: LET THE LOVE THE CAUSES US TO REJOICE WITH LOVED ONES DWELL WITHIN US THIS CHRISTMAS.

L: Let the love that forgives and renews dwell within us this Christmas.

P: LET THE LOVE THAT BRINGS RECONCILIATION AFTER SEPARATION DWELL WITHIN US THIS CHRISTMAS.

L: Let the love that brings the blessing of peace dwell within us this Christmas.

P: AND MAY WE SHARE THAT PEACE WITH ALL PEOPLE NEAR AND FAR. AMEN.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

**TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

(attached)

**THE LORD'S PRAYER
BREAKING THE BREAD
GIVING THE BREAD & THE CUP
COMMUNION PRAYER**

***PRAISE SONG**

Christmas Alleluia

Grace Station

PASSING OF THE LIGHT

The passing of the light of Christ is a special tradition for Christmas Eve. As you receive your light from an usher, you will receive the message: "This is the light of Christ". As we sing the fourth stanza of our hymn, raise your candle to heaven. At the conclusion of the hymn, extinguish the light of your candle but never the light within.

***PRAISE SONG**

Silent Night, Holy Night
Grace Station

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

* If you are able, please stand

VESPERS

Vespers is a sunset evening prayer service. We gather every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Casual attire is encouraged. Face coverings are required & social distancing is practiced. Each service lasts about 30 minutes & includes opportunities for song, Scripture, prayer, and quiet reflection. Please join us!

CENTERING PRAYER

Centering Prayer is a small group that meets each Friday morning at 7:00am. The group welcomes all those who are interested in a meditative way to pray to our Lord. The session involves candlelight, bible readings, and prayer. If you would like to join the group or need more information, contact Joyce Clark 803-359-3463.

LUMC PRESCHOOL NEWS

If you are a parent of a one-year-old and are interested in starting your child in Preschool, we have good news for you! We are starting this class in January 2021! The one-year-old students will attend each week on Mondays and Wednesdays. The monthly tuition is \$120 & there's a one-time registration fee of \$125. All church members get a 10% discount on tuition. This class is open to church members and all others in our community, so share this with your friends. Please contact Jenny Kennedy, the Preschool Director: 803-359-6838 ext. 107 or jenny@lexumcsc.com if you are interested or have questions.

PRESCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

We have been extremely blessed and thankful for our Preschool Director, Jenny Kennedy, who has done an awesome job leading our Preschool and making sure that each child enrolled receives the quality Christian Education that the LUMC Preschool can offer. With that being said, we are saddened that she will be leaving us but happy for her and her husband as they enter retirement. We will now be in search of a new Preschool Director. Resumes and applications are being accepted for this part time position. Contact Jim@lexumcsc.com for more information.

BREAKOUT KIDZ

4th & 5th graders, there will not be a zoom lesson on December 30th. We will resume our Wednesday zoom meets on January 6th at 6:30pm. Happy New Year!

WELCOME GUEST PIANIST

We welcome and are thankful David O'Shields could be our guest pianist today at the traditional service.

CHURCH EMAIL

LUMC sends out church-wide emails almost daily. It's the way the church notifies members of the congregation about events, links to worship services and to the HOF, general announcements, and notices about hospitalizations and health issues of our members. Email is not perfect and occasionally, some members of the congregation stop receiving them from LUMC. It's a random thing and we don't know why this happens. If you don't receive any email from the church for several days or a week, please notify David Marshall at

David@Marshallgenealogy.org and we'll see about fixing the problem. Remember to check your SPAM and JUNK email folders, our messages may be there.

OUR CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

9:00am Traditional Worship Svc. (Wesley Hall)

11:00am Contemporary Worship Svc. (Wesley Hall)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

5:30pm Al-Anon (MC106)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

10:00am Line Dancing (Wesley Hall)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

New Year's Day-Offices Closed

7:00am Centering Prayer (MC106)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

9:00am Traditional Worship Svc. (Wesley Hall)

11:00am Contemporary Worship Svc. (Wesley Hall)

Snack Sack

School is now in full swing and we are feeding 500+ students again this year. Harvest Hope has delivered our inventory of food for January. The food comes prepackaged when delivered. This speeds up and limits the handling of food items. But this change also brings an increased cost! We now pay \$6 per student per week for the Harvest Hope food. We expect 32 weeks of feeding, starting with 500 students for an approximate cost of \$96,000. These numbers will change based on student counts. We thank you for your continued support of our Snack Sack Ministry.

Lexington United Methodist Women

The LUMW are selling wooden flags and crosses. You can view them on the church website or the church Facebook page. The money for these items will go to LUMW missions which includes about 10 different organizations.