

“Making disciples for the transformation of the World”

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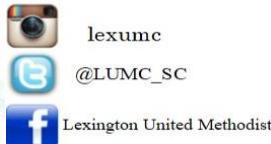
December 24, 2020

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

8:00PM

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Prelude in C

J. S. Bach

*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!

*HYMN #220

Angels from the Realms of Glory

(attached)

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

ANTHEM

Still, Still, Still

Luboff

LUMC Chancel Choir

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:1-20

*THE DOXOLOGY

WITNESS TO THE WORD

A Message for Everyone

Rev. L. Kim Eanes

***HYMN #234** O Come, All Ye Faithful
(attached)

***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

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.

***HYMN #239** Silent Night, Holy Night
(attached)

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

* If you are able, please stand

ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight
o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim
Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship
Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your
flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the
infant light:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship
Christ, the newborn King.

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions
beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations, ye have seen his
natal star:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship
Christ, the newborn King.

Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in
hope and fear;

Suddenly the Lord descending, in his temple shall appear:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn
King.

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL (vs. 1-5)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to
Bethlehem
Come and behold him, born the King of angels; O come, let us adore
him,
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, lo, he shuns not the
Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten, not created; O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven
above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle, leaving their flocks,
draw nigh to gaze;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger, we would embrace thee
with love and awe.
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly? O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

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

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

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.