

“Making disciples for the transformation of the World”

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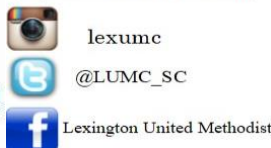
*December 27, 2020*

**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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**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
CHRISTMAS DAY  
9:00AM  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2020**

**GATHERING**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Christ is born.  
**Praise the Lord!**  
God has come to claim us as God’s own children.  
**Praise the Lord!**  
Love has given us this glorious gift.  
**Praise the Lord!**

**\*OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE #238**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

**PSALTER READING**

Psalm 148

CEB

148 Praise the LORD!  
Praise the LORD from heaven!  
Praise God in the heights!  
2 Praise God, all of you who are his messengers!  
Praise God, all of you who comprise his heavenly forces!  
3 Sun and moon, praise God!  
All of you bright stars, praise God!  
4 You highest heaven, praise God!  
Do the same, you waters that are above the sky!  
5 Let all of these praise the LORD’s name  
because God gave the command and they were created!  
6 God set them in place always and forever.  
God made a law that will not be broken.  
7 Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all you ocean depths!  
8 Do the same, fire and hail, snow and smoke,

**stormy wind that does what God says!**  
<sup>9</sup> Do the same, you mountains, every single hill,  
 fruit trees, and every single cedar!  
<sup>10</sup> Do the same, you animals—wild or tame—  
 you creatures that creep along and you birds that fly!  
<sup>11</sup> Do the same, you kings of the earth and every single person,  
 you princes and every single ruler on earth!  
<sup>12</sup> Do the same, you young men—**young women too!**—  
 you who are old together with you who are young!  
<sup>13</sup> Let all of these praise the LORD's name because only God's name is high over all. Only God's majesty is over earth and heaven.  
<sup>14</sup> God raised the strength<sup>la</sup> of his people, the praise of all his faithful ones—  
 that's the Israelites,  
 the people who are close to him.  
**Praise the LORD!**

**ANTHEM**     *Away In a Manger*  
 Rutter

**A WORD TO THE CHILDREN**  
 Heather Connor

**FIRST GOSPEL LESSON**  
 John 1:1-18     NRSV

**\*SECOND GOSPEL LESSON**  
 Luke 2:22-40     NLT

**\*GLORIA PATRI #70**

**WITNESS TO THE WORD**  
 New Beginnings, Never the Same  
 Rev. Jim Rogers

**\*SONG OF PRAISE #237**  
*Sing We Now of Christmas*

**OFFERTORY**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY #95**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**PRAYER CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER,  
 THE LORD'S PRAYER #895**

**PERSONAL COVENANT RENEWAL  
 LITURGY FOR THE NEW YEAR**

**\*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE #245**  
*The First Noel*

**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**

\*Please stand as you are able

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:Jim@lexumcsc.com) for more information.

### BREAKOUT KIDZ

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders, there will not be a zoom lesson on December 30<sup>th</sup>. We will resume our Wednesday zoom meets on January 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**Most Recent Stewardship Figures:**

**Our Presence**

9:00am (Traditional)	65
11:00am (Contemporary)	30
Viewed live online (Traditional)	28
Viewed live online (Contemporary)	8
Views (Traditional)	135
Views (Contemporary)	44
Vespers (12/9/20)	13
Total:	<u>323</u>

**Our Gifts as of Dec. 20, 2020:**

Received:	\$13,872
Needed Weekly	\$20,616
Budget Goal to date	\$1,051,416
Receipts to date	\$861,335
Expenses to date	\$885,331

Over/Under (revenue vs. expenses) **-\$23,996**

**Our Service**

**Ushers:** John Cooper, Rick & Stephanie Thain

**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.

