

Welcome to Worship!

We pray that you feel the warmth and love of Christ as you enter and that you sense God's presence in worship. If there is anything we can do for you, please do not hesitate in letting us know. We are grateful having you today and hope you will consider coming again.

Sun. 12/10
Worship Services, 8 & 10AM
Sunday School for all Ages, 9AM
Choir Practice, 9:15AM
Christmas Caroling, depart from LUMC at 2PM

Tues. 12/12
Men's Prayer Group, 7AM
Zumba, 4:30PM
AA, 7PM Al-Anon, 7PM

Wed. 12/13
Choir Practice, 5:30PM

Thurs. 12/14
Exodus Bible Study, 9:30AM
Ladies Lunch Bunch, depart LUMC at 11:15AM
Zumba, 4:30PM

Sat. 12/16
AA, 7PM

Sun. 12/17
Worship Services, 8 & 10AM
Sunday School for all Ages, 9AM
Choir Practice, 9:15AM
King's Kids, 3:33PM
Youth Meeting, 4PM

LUMC CHRISTMAS POST OFFICE—Drop your Christmas greeting cards off to people in your church family at our "Post Office" set up in the foyer of the Fellowship Building. Be sure to check often for greetings from others.

LUMC CHRISTMAS CAROLING - Today, 2PM—5:30PM

Join in and bring love and merriment to our area shut-ins and home-bound after which carolers will enjoy dinner together. Meet at the church and travel on the church bus.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

LUMC - 5:30PM
Event open to people of all faiths.

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

Gather at 11:30PM, Eat at noon

Sign-up sheets are available on the Opportunity Table and on the counter in the Fellowship Hall. It is important to sign up so that adequate portions can be prepared. The church will provide ham, drinks and tableware. You are asked to bring a dish that will serve at least 8.

Please see your bulletin insert for the Advent reading and additional announcements on the reverse side.

Lillian United Methodist Church

REACHING OUT WITH GOD'S LOVE

Second Sunday of Advent



Luke 2:8-20

⁸There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." ¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." ¹⁶So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Please sign the registration pad ! Thank you!

* **HYMN # 240** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

CANDLELIGHTING CEREMONY (see insert)

* **Affirmation of Faith** "The Apostles Creed" # 881

CELEBRATION OF BEING STEWARDS OF GOD

OFFERTORY MUSIC Blake Riley, Minister of Music

Doxology #95 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son & Holy Ghost.

"God Bless America" "God bless America, land that I love, Stand beside her and guide her, Through the night with the light from above. From the mountains to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam, God bless America, my home sweet home, God bless America, my home sweet home".

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:8-20

CHILDRENS MOMENT 10AM

HYMN # 230 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

SERMON Good News of Great Joy

HYMN # 218 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

* CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

Lord, in this Advent season, make the wonder of it all real in our hearts. We need Your joy and peace more now than ever before. Thank You for the gift of Jesus, our Immanuel, the Word made flesh. Your name is still called "Wonderful," "Counselor," "The Mighty God," "The Everlasting Father," and "The Prince of Peace." We know that peace on earth can only come when hearts find peace with You. You are still our Joy. You are still our Peace. You are no longer a babe in the manger. You are Lord of lords and King of kings. And we still celebrate You as Lord—now and always!

* **BENEDICTION HYMN #204** "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"
"Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel. God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel."

Please take this time to offer one another signs of Christ's Love and Reconciliation as we depart to fulfill the mission of Christ.

* Please stand, if able.

IN HIS SERVICE

8AM Ushers: Ann Brock / Brenda Nicolaison

10AM Greeters: Nelson & Becky Beech

10AM Ushers: Judy Covert / Evelyn Duckworth

Outreach: Luellen Sutton

Counters: Carole Williams / Joan Schuck

Nursery Available from 8AM - 11AM for Birth to 3yrs .
A cry room is located at the back of the sanctuary. Children's Church for ages 4 yrs. thru 1st grade dismiss from sanctuary after Children's Moment. Activity Bags for ages 7-10 are located on the Opportunity Table for children remaining in sanctuary worship.

Happy Birthday!

10 Jim Westgate 11 Noel Crowson

13 Dan Randall 13 Mariah O'Hara

ANGEL TREE

All Angel Tree gifts are due today; please contact Dick Erwin if you need any help.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Jean Dean Bill Cassidy Dan Freeze Bill Suttle
Sonny Keigley Tom Canaday Jay Dufer Britt Randall
Margaret French in the loss of her sister, Judy Wooley.
Joan Schuck in the loss of her brother, Phillip Gillman

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