

## 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 that you are here today.

- Sun. 12/16    Worship Services, 8 & 10AM  
                  Sunday School for all Ages, 9AM  
                  Choir Practice, 9:15AM
- Mon. 12/17    Finance Meeting, 8AM
- Tues. 12/18    Men's Prayer Group, 7AM  
                  AA, 7PM Al-Anon, 7PM
- Wed. 12/19    Weight Watchers, 4:30PM
- Thurs. 12/20    Bible Study, 9:30AM
- Fri. 12/21     Celebrate Recovery Ministry, depart at 5PM
- Sat. 12/22     AA, 7PM
- Sun. 12/23     Worship Services, 8 & 10AM  
                  Sunday School for all Ages, 9AM

**WHITE CHRISTMAS OFFERING** This offering benefits children at the United Methodist Children's Home. Donations will be received throughout December. Special envelopes are available from the Opportunity Table if you prefer to use one. Thank you for taking part in this traditional Christmas mission opportunity. Please memo your check "UMCH". Thank you.

### LUMC CHRISTMAS POST OFFICE

Drop your Christmas greeting cards off to people in your church family at the "Post Office" set up in the foyer of the Fellowship Building. If you have a neighbor who is part of our church family and is homebound, please deliver their cards to them. It would be appreciated. Thank you.

**KEEPING IN TOUCH** Bryce Winnett's daughter has requested that, if possible, cards be sent to her father, as he misses his church family.

Mail to: Bryce Winnett, c/o Armed Forces Retirement Center  
1800 Beach Dr. Unit 038, Gulfport, MS. 39507

### CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The church office will close on December 20th thru January 2nd. Thank you for allowing us to spend extra time with friends and family. Paula will be taking care of office business on an as needed basis throughout this time but will not be in for normal office hours. As always, if you have an emergency, you may reach Pastor Daniel at 251-234-1122 or Paula at 251-600-9488. Thank you.

### WEIGHT WATCHERS

There will not be a meeting on December 26th. Beginning on **January 8th** Weight Watchers will meet on **Tuesdays** at 4:30PM.

## Lillian United Methodist Church

REACHING OUT WITH GOD'S LOVE



## Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:10

**“Those the LORD has rescued will return.  
They will enter Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy will crown their heads.  
Gladness and joy will overtake them  
and sorrow and sighing will flee away.”**

### 3rd LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

**Christ Our Joy**

**Reading:** Isaiah 35:10 **ALL:** We light this third candle of the Advent wreath as a symbol of Christ Joy! May joyful promise of the presence, O God, Make us rejoice in our hope of salvation. The Word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation and ultimate PEACE for all the world.

**December 16, 2018**

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### PRELUDE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please sign the registration pad ! Thank you!*

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Christ Our Joy

\* **HYMN # 234**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

\* **Affirmation of Faith #881**

“The Apostles Creed”

### CELEBRATION OF BEING STEWARDS OF GOD

#### OFFERTORY MUSIC Blake Riley (8AM) Choir (10AM)

**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”.

**HYMN # 229**

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

### PASTORAL PRAYER & LORDS PRAYER

### CHRISTMAS MESSAGE IN SONG BY ADULT CHOIR

\* **HYMN # 238**

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

#### \* **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

God of Life and Joy we joyfully celebrate your certain promise of the new world to come. We rejoice in anticipation of your servant Isaiah's vision that calls for wasteland to be turned into fruitful and blossoming land. We shout for joy, exalting you with all your heart. For "we shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." Help us prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, our Lord, the light of the world. May your Holy Spirit lead us that we may celebrate aright the incarnation of your love in the person of Jesus. May the whole world recognize the healing and saving ministry of Christ through us as we reach out to a world filled with dark shadows. Amen.

\* **BENEDICTION HYMN # 204**

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

\* Please stand if able.

## A LOOK AT OUR FAITHFULNESS

Attendance 12/09/18: 206 Offering to the General Fund: \$5,186.25

### IN HIS SERVICE

**8AM Ushers / Greeters:** David & Annie Drury

**10AM Greeters:** Richard & Judy Wittig

**10AM Ushers:** Mike & Janice Spooner

**Outreach:** Ann Brock

*Today*

*Next Sunday*

**Counters:** Joan Schuck  
Paula Ledbetter

Florence McLendon  
Pat Leffard

**Nursery Available** from 9AM - 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.

#### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

If you are willing to volunteer in the nursery on an as needed, rotation basis, please contact Nelson Beech, Chair of SPR Committee, at (251) 962-3099.

**SPR Announcement:** Today is the final day to contribute to the Pastor and staff Christmas bonuses. We would like to show appreciation to them for their dedicated service. Marked envelopes are available on the Opportunity Table if you prefer to use one. Thank you, Nelson Beech

#### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Each year LUMC gives the congregation an opportunity to order poinsettias in honor or memory of loved ones. An order form with more information is available on the Opportunity Table. If ordering please place the form in the offering plate or bring by the church office. *Today is the last day to order.* Thank you.

### LUMC CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 4PM and 6PM

*Happy Birthday & Anniversary!*

17 Joanne Kish      17 Eleanor Stewart    19 Jessica Curl  
21 Cheryl Hoffman    22 Sara Laibe  
18 Bob & Judy Bailey    20 Bruce & Nelda Clements

#### PRAYER CONCERNS

Frank Gregory    John Dean    Joe George    Jean Dean    Betty Erwin

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