

Merry Christmas



welcome to  
*West Lawn United Methodist Church*  
*Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*  
*December 24, 2024 - 3pm*



PRELUDES	"Noël sur les Flûtes" "Noël Grand Jeu et Duo" "What Child Is This" Christopher Rodgers, organ	Daquin Daquin Purvis
WELCOME		Pastor Ebersole
* CALL TO WORSHIP		Pastor Hardy
* CAROL	"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vss. 1,3,6)	UMH #234
SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 9:2, 6 (NIV)	
CHRISTMAS PRAYER		Pastor Hardy
PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS TO THE CHRIST CHILD		
OFFERTORY	"Mary, Did You Know?" Adult Choir, Carolann Schneiderhan, soloist, Christopher Rodgers, Director	Lowry/Green, arr. Courtney
<b><u>THE CHRISTMAS STORY—PART I</u></b>		
SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:1-14 (NIV)	
ANTHEM	"Gloria in Excelsis Deo" Adult Choir, Christopher Rodgers, Director	Vivaldi
<b><u>THE CHRISTMAS STORY—PART II</u></b>		
SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:15-20 (NIV)	
CHRISTMAS MESSAGE		Pastor Ebersole
* CAROL	"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"	UMH #240

## CHRISTMAS COMMUNION

*"Of the Father's Love Begotten"*  
10th cent. plainsong, arr. Trevor Manor  
Adult Choir, Christopher Rodgers, Director

### INVITATION TO CANDLELIGHTING

*Candlelight Service: The ushers will bring the Light to each row. The person on the aisle is asked to tip his/her unlit candle into the flame of the lighted candle, and then share that light with others in that row. Please, never tip a burning candle! Thank you.*

### SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-5 (NIV)

### \* CAROL

*"Silent Night, Holy Night"*

UMH #239

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;  
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing. Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

### \* CAROL

*"Joy to the World"*

UMH #246

### DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastor Ebersole

*(Please extinguish candles before leaving the Sanctuary)*

### POSTLUDE

*"Dance CLXXXIII from 'The Terpsichore': Courante"*  
Christopher Rodgers, organ

Praetorius



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SUMMER 2024



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- \* **PEW QR CODE**—On the pew back in front of you is a special QR code. Scan the code with your cell phone camera and read about today's church news.
- \* **WE INVITE YOU** to take your candle with you as a symbol of Christ's light, which goes with us and shines through us, but please leave the plastic candle holders in the boxes in the lobby so they may be used again. Thank you.
- \* **OUR THANKS** to all who have sponsored the poinsettias that adorn our sanctuary. You may pick up a copy of the poinsettia booklet in the sanctuary lobby.
- \* **WEST LAWN OFFERS AN ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY.** If you attend West Lawn regularly and your email is in our database, you can access this directory. First, go to [members.InstantChurchDirectory.com](http://members.InstantChurchDirectory.com) and follow the prompts under "Sign In" to "Create a login now." Use the email address you have on file at West Lawn. Then, download the mobile app available on the Apple® App store, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Search for "Instant Church Directory."



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