

<>< *Lacey United Methodist Church Prayer Page* ><>

<>< YOUR WILL, LORD GOD, BE DONE ~ NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS, NOTHING ELSE >><

**For God's Healing & Discernment** ~ Kathleen; Lorraine & Robert Soehl; Kayla Davis; Sheryl Lutgen; Barbara T.; Linda Jenkins; Barbara & Bob Pentland; Steven & Nadine Woodward; Jay Youngs; Victoria Krauss; Carole Exel; Steven Exel; Tiny; Marsha Brandt; Daryl Mafia; Jason Gilman; Paul Rue; Ed Weisbrot; Carole Jansen; Bob Wynn & Denise Vaccaro; Ellen Larney; Christine Urban; Dale Stucky; Suzy; Steve Woodward; Bob & Pam Marsh; Sadie; Kyle Wilhelm; Nancy & Rev. George Reid; Sally Potter; Danny Huyler; Mel Rosenbloom; Donna Craft; Diane F.; Michael Claus; Christine Morgan; Joseph Ensinger; Michelle Reyes; Jeff Merceron; Mrs. Nunez; Lois Pozsar; Patrick Jemas; Helen Wooley; Gary; Levi Kern; Greg R.; Rich Rosfjord; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; Sara Carpini; Andrea Almeida; Linda & John Ansbach; Bill Wehner; Rich C.; Chris Mignone; Randy M.; Lois; Sue & Rich Newman; Dawn Slate; Gail Matuska; Monika & Fred Sisbarro; Marilyn Slate; Shirley; Aubrey; Betty Carhart; Rosalie Mulvaney; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Frank & Mary Timmerman; Cynthia Pedemonti; Andrea Schenker; Helen DeLa Cruz; Peg Bea; Shannon Callaghan; Will Cotton; Patricia Potter; Susan Schlotter; Joan McGavin; Phyllis Smith; Bill & Becky Buglione; Lorraine, Katrina & Peter Borchester; Pat Grant; our whole Church Family.

**For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss** ~ Family of Dave Runyon; Family of Pat Stack; Family of John E Rue III; Family of Florence Galapia; Family of Kathleen McDonough; Family of Michael Santos.

**Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer** ~ For the Birth of Sofia Marie – parents Christina & Nicholas Iapicco; Thanks be to God for answered prayer!

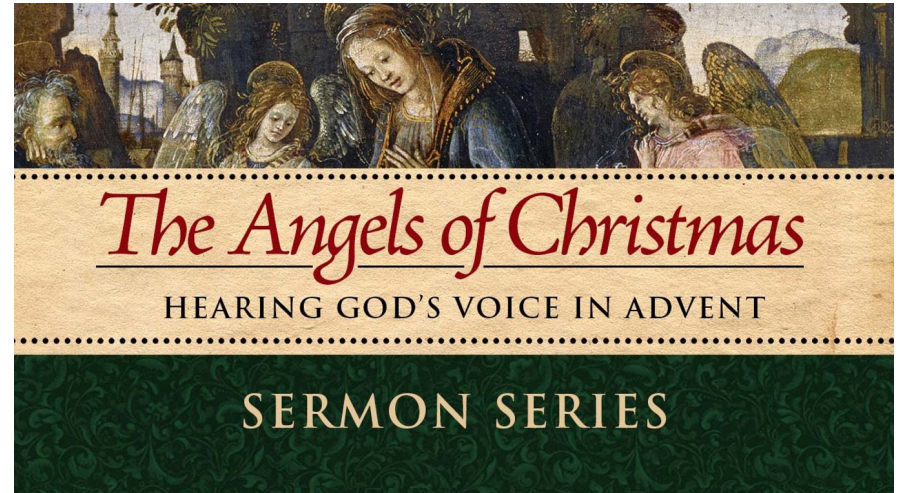
**For Those Serving in the Military** ~ Peter Borchester; Jordyn Breur; Kevin Carhart; Luke Derflinger; Ellen Hammer; Gavin Hammer D'Adamo; Raymond Kitson; T. Ryan McDonald; Ryan Palmieri; Daniel Schenker; Jason Schenker; for all Soldiers; Sailors; Marines; Airmen; and Guards-Men/Women of our Armed Forces.

**For the Ministries of our Church** ~ Bible Studies; Christian Education; Community Outreach; DOC Connection Ministries; Extension Ministries; Finance Team; Healing Ministries; Hope Chest Food Pantry; Hospitality & Welcoming Team; Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe; Music Programs; How It Works and Why; AA Group; Senior Ministries; SHALOM for the Homeless; Stewardship Team; Summer Lunch for Lacey's Kids; The Tuesday & Thursday Hot Lunch Mission; Youth Ministries.

**For Greater NJ Annual Conference** ~ Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi; DS Rev. Ronell Howard; Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

**World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas** ~ People of Myanmar, Thailand; Florida, Georgia; Lacey Township Committee, Leaders & First Responders; Senators; Congressmen and leaders of our United States of America; Uniting of all American political parties; President Joe Biden & Vice President Kamala Harris; Gov. Murphy; Praying an outpouring of God's spiritual renewal and healing of all the people of America.

 *Lacey United Methodist Church*  
*December 1, 2024*



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Head of the Church - Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God  
Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Dominic Gregoria  
Music Director: Matthew Holmberg Liturgist: Diane Collins  
Advent Family: Karen Johnson & John Maxman  
Welcoming Team: Lori Osborn & Deb Waddell  
Head Ushers: Sherry Exel & Rick Waddell  
Thank You to All Who Share Their Prayers, Presence,  
Gifts, Service, Witness & Time!

*All Music Used with Permission – CCLI#2274807*

*Welcome in the Name of Jesus Christ to All Visitors, Members, Family and Friends!*

*\* Please feel free to rise in body or spirit*

## Prelude and Welcome

*\*Hymn Angels We Have Heard on High (v.1) UMH 238*

## \*Call to Worship

Children of God, pay attention! The days are coming when God's peace will reign and all creation will flourish under the reign of our Creator. **The days are surely coming!** Children of God, prepare your hearts! The days are coming and are already here when God will come near and show us how to recognize God's reign among us. **The days are surely coming and are already here!** Children of God, be alert and listen! God has come near to build the kingdom on the earth here and now. Will you join in? **The days are surely coming and are already here! We come to prepare our hearts to pay attention, to listen, and to follow God's call to build the kingdom of earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

## Young Disciples' Time

### Advent Candle Lighting

**Thank you, Jesus, for coming to earth, just like the prophets said, and for your promise to come again. Thank you, Jesus, for being our light so we know how to live. Amen.**

### Prayer of Illumination

**Speak to us, Lord. Speak to us in the waiting, the watching, the hoping, the longing, the sorrow, the sighing, the rejoicing. Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days, and walk with us until the day of your coming. Amen.**

### Gospel Lesson: Luke 1:5-25

### Message: "Standing in the Presence of God"

*\*Hymn Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus UMH 196*

*\*Affirmation of Faith UMH 882*

## Pastoral Prayer and Announcements

### Offering

*Anthem: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming UMH 216*

*\*Doxology UMH 95*

## \*Prayer of Dedication

**Gracious God, in this season of anticipation, we offer our gifts with hopeful hearts. As we prepare for the fullness of your kingdom, may these offerings be a sign of our readiness and desire to live attentively. Use them to bring justice, righteousness, and joy to our world. Surprise us with your presence and help us to look up, to pay attention, and to embrace the hope you bring. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

*Communion Hymn Break Thou the Bread of Life UMH 599*

## The Invitation

### Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we confess that we are busy with many preparations. We are busy with parties, with feasts, with giving. We are busy cleaning house and wrapping presents. We are busy with the stuff of the holiday. And we confess that our busyness may be misplaced, that we spend more time preparing for things than preparing for You. Draw us back to the center, which is You. Remind us that our hearts and souls have work to do, too. Enable us to let go of that which does not matter, and to see what does matter. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## A Time of Silent Confession and Reflection

### The Assurance of Pardon

### Passing of the Peace

### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

### The Prayer of Consecration

### The Lord's Prayer

### The Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

### The Prayer of Humble Access

### The Reception

### Prayer of Gratitude

*\*Hymn Blessed Be the God of Israel (v. 1,2) UMH 209*

### Benediction

*Postlude Blessed Be the God of Israel (v. 3) UMH 209*

The vision and mission of Lacey United Methodist Church is to welcome, nurture and serve all. Sharing God's grace with open arms.  
Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the Glory of God.

### **FINANCIAL STATISTICS**

**Statistics Nov. 24, 2024: Attendance ~ 52 in-person; 31 via YouTube**

Offerings: \$1,423.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,180.77

Plate: \$43.00 Harvest Fest: \$1,569.95 Hot Lunch: \$400.00

NA/AA Rent: \$50.00 Discretionary: \$121.00

Capital Campaign (railings): \$125.00

Joy of Angels Deposit: Will be included in next week's bulletin.

Thank you for your continued support of LUMC! If you are able, please explore giving on-line by using Vanco for electronic giving (details below) or mail your tithes and offerings to LUMC PO Box 151 Forked River, NJ 08731. Thank you and God bless you!!

**Reminder: The basket on the side table as you walk up the center aisle is for giving to the pastor's discretionary fund which enables us to directly help members of our community who are in need.**

**Electronic Giving is Here!** Follow these easy steps:

1) Visit our website at [laceyumc.org](http://laceyumc.org)

2) Click **Electronic Giving**, then follow the instructions

Or scan the image you see here to locate the giving page:

Contact the LUMC office for more information 609.693.5222



### *Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe*

#### **Normal Hours of Operation:**

Tuesday ~ 10:00AM – 1:00PM Wed. ~ 10:00AM – 4:00PM

Thursday ~ 8:00AM – 4:00PM Friday ~ 10:00AM – 4:00PM

Saturday ~ 10:00AM – 4:00PM

↪ The Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe is a vital mission of Lacey UMC. **Volunteers are needed to help extend the hours of operation. Contact Maddie Stapleton or Laura McDonald to learn more!!!**

### **County Support Services at LUMC**

**Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 10AM-1PM:** Board of Social Services will be in Fellowship Hall to provide info. about their services.

**Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 10AM-1PM** OC Board of Health will be holding a vaccine and information clinic in Fellowship Hall.

**Hope Chest Food Pantry Needs...snacks, fruit cups, oatmeal and juice!** Drop off at the LUMC office or after worship.

There will be a Special Church Conference on **Sunday, December 8, 2024, following worship at approximately 10:30AM.** The sole purpose of the Special Church Conference will be to discuss and vote on the sale of the former Lanoka Harbor UMC property. LUMC members are encouraged to attend.

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for  
December 8 – Luke 1:26-38*

♪♪ **Praise Team Practice – Wednesdays at 6PM** ♪♪  
No prior experience necessary...all you need is a desire to sing!

*There will be a Bible study and a book study starting soon!  
Please sign up if you are interested!*

**Lacey Christmas Parade ~ Sun. Dec 8<sup>th</sup> at 3PM**  
Help is needed in extending hospitality to those marching in the parade. Volunteers, please come at **1:00PM**. THANK YOU!!!

**Breakfast with the Pastor: Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM**  
at **CJ's**, Forked River. Everyone is welcome!

↪↪ **Men's Breakfast – Saturday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30AM**  
Please contact Pastor Jonathan at 845-893-9157 for more information. All men are invited and welcome!

*Women's Night* – December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6PM at the home of Dawn Marie Kuch, 409 Coolidge Ave., Bayville.  
Please bring an appetizer, snack, or dessert to share.  
Questions? Contact Dawn at 732-232-7270.

❄ The Winter Wonderland Trees ❄  
Please reach out to Laura McDonald or the LUMC Office if you or your business/organization are interested in decorating a tree!

**NexTrex Recycling Program**  
When we collect more than 1,000 pounds of soft film plastics and packaging in a 12-month span, we will be awarded a Trex® furniture bench for our Prayer Garden!  
Questions? Contact Laura McDonald at 609-276-0702.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

**Fundraising:** Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 6:00PM **Finance:** TBD  
**Church Council:** 2025! **Trustees:** Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> 5:30PM

**Week of 12/2**



**Monday- Luke 1:1-4**

How does the beginning of the Gospel of Luke show God’s loving concern for humanity?

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**Tuesday- Luke 1:5-25**

Why do you think Zechariah doubted even while face-to-face with an angel?

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**Wednesday- Genesis 18:1-15**

Why do you think the angels came to Abraham as traveling strangers in need?

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**Thursday- Genesis 18:1-15**

What does the image of a tent signify?

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**Friday- Genesis 16**

When has jealousy and pride got the better of you and your actions toward others?

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**Saturday- Acts 12:1-11**

How has God guided you to safety in your life?

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