

# Lacey United Methodist Church

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Head of the Church ~ Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God

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Thank You to All Who Share Their Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, Witness & Time!

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

**For G od's Healing & Discernment** ~ CoVid sufferers & Care Givers; Carol Horling; Peg & Will Cotton; Barkley Family; Mihalkovitz/Przybylski Families; Richard Dickon; Marjorie Moore; Bev Krott; Charles Cometa Jr.; Peggy LaPorta; Sandi Smith; George K.; Terry S.; James & Becki; Millie L.; Jim M.; Pat O'Brien; Gesine Klein; Tony Kosciuk, Dee & Jessica Maffucci; Bob & Peg Bea; Joan McGavin; Cindy Dreher; Nancy Dean; Shannon Kelly Callahan; Macon & Allyson Cotton; Lisa Burger; Patricia Potter; Sally & Trevor Potter; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; BettyAnn Britton; Tommy Britton; Dawn Marie Kuch; Gail Matus ka; Phyllis Smith; Bill Jones; Rosalie Mulvaney; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Sue & Rich Newman; Bill Hults; Bill & Becky Buglione; Melody Pryor-Tasco; Lorraine, Katrina & Peter Borchester; Sally & Don McErlean; Ray MacPherson; Hunter; Pat Grant; Ellie Keyworth; Deb Burnette; Shannon, Noel, & Brandon Weaver; Larry Radomski; our whole Church Family.

**For G od's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss** ~ Covid19 Victims; Louis D'Aut orio Family; Bob Kmiechick Family; Bill Krott Family; Denise Springer Family; Larry McGavin Family.

**Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer** ~ Celebrating the birth of Heather Rose to parents Becki & James! Thanks be to God for answered prayer!

**For Those Serving in the Military** ~ Peter Borchester; Jordyn Breur; Luke Derflinger; Randall D. Donithan; Ellen Hammer; Gavin Hammer D'Adamo; Raymond Kitson; James Lubbers; T. Ryan McDonald; Ryan Palmieri; Daniel Schenker; Jason Schenker; for all Soldiers; Sailors; Marines; Airmen; & 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; Kúrios' Kids; 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 John & Beverly Schol; DS Rev Dr. Gina Hendrickson; all Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

**World— Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas** ~ People of Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam; California, Colorado; Lacey Township Committee, Leaders & First Responders; Senators; Congressmen and leaders of our United States of America; Uniting of all American political parties; President Donald Trump & Vice President Mike Pence, Gov. Murphy, NJ Officials working to end CoVid19; Praying an

## December 6, 2020

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

*Today, we continue the Sermon Series "The Redemption of Scrooge".*

Prelude

Welcome

\*Hymn ~ O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #211 Vs. 1,6,&7  
(Please reflect as Dawn shares her musical gifts)

Opening Prayer

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy ~ Isaiah 40:1-11

Children's Message

Ministry of Giving & Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn ~ I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light #206 Vs. 1&2  
(Please reflect as Dawn shares her musical gifts)

Scripture ~ Philippians 3:12-14

Message: The Redemption of Scrooge:

*"The Remembrance of Christmas Past"*

\*Hymn ~ O Morning Star How Fair and Bright #247 Vs. 1  
(Please reflect as Dawn shares her musical gifts)

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Cup and Bread

\*Hymn ~ Away in a Manger #217 Vs. 1&3  
(Please reflect Dawn shares her musical gifts)

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

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**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #211 Vs. 1,6,&7**

O come, o come Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Is-rael  
That mourns in lowly exile here,  
Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice, Rejoice, Emanuel  
Shall come to Thee, o Is-rael.

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by thy justice here.  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel  
Shall come to Thee, o Is-real.

O come, Desire of nations, bind,  
All peoples in one heart and mind.  
From dust thou brought us forth to life  
Deliver us from earthly strife.

Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel,  
Shall come to Thee, o Israel..

**Opening Prayer**

Merciful God,  
give us strength and courage to keep Your commandments,  
to live in faithful obedience to Your will.  
Guard our hearts and minds from all that might distract us  
from living out our commitment to You.  
Help us to find our true worth in knowing You more fully,  
and serving You more faithfully. Amen.

**Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy ~ Isaiah 40:1-11**

Comfort, comfort my people! says your God.

- <sup>2</sup> Speak compassionately to Jerusalem,  
and proclaim to her that her compulsory service has  
ended, that her penalty has been paid, that she has  
received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins!
- <sup>3</sup> A voice is crying out: "Clear the Lord's way in the desert!  
Make a level highway in the wilderness for our God!"
- <sup>4</sup> Every valley will be raised up, and every mountain and hill  
will be flattened. Uneven ground will become level,  
and rough terrain a valley plain.
- <sup>5</sup> The Lord's glory will appear, and all humanity will see it  
together; the Lord's mouth has commanded it."
- <sup>6</sup> A voice was saying: "Call out!"  
And another said, "What should I call out?"  
All flesh is grass; all its loyalty is like the flowers of the field.
- <sup>7</sup> The grass dries up and the flower withers when the Lord's  
breath blows on it. Surely the people are grass.
- <sup>8</sup> The grass dries up; the flower withers,  
but our God's word will exist forever.
- <sup>9</sup> Go up on a high mountain, messenger Zion!  
Raise your voice and shout, messenger Jerusalem!  
Raise it; don't be afraid; say to the cities of Judah,  
"Here is your God!"
- <sup>10</sup> Here is the Lord God, coming with strength,  
with a triumphant arm, bringing his reward with him  
and his payment before him.
- <sup>11</sup> Like a shepherd, God will tend the flock;  
he will gather lambs in his arms  
and lift them onto his lap.  
He will gently guide the nursing ewes.

### **Prayer of Dedication**

Faithful God,  
we bring these gifts before you to celebrate how you have made with us, your chosen people, a new and everlasting covenant through the death and rising of your Son.  
Do not allow us to become proud of being the people you love, but help us to be worthy of your trust and to give you a response of deep faith expressed in service. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### **I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light #206 Vs 1&2**

I want to walk as a child of the light,  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world,  
The star of my life is Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all,  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God,  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God,  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,  
And show me the way to the Father.

In him there is no darkness at all,  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God,  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

### **Scripture Reading ~ Philippians 3:12-14**

<sup>12</sup> It's not that I have already reached this goal or have already been perfected, but I pursue it, so that I may grab hold of it because Christ grabbed hold of me for just this purpose. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I myself don't think I've reached it, but I do this one thing: I forget about the things behind me and reach out for the things ahead of me. <sup>14</sup> The goal I pursue is the prize of God's upward call in Christ Jesus.

### **O Morning Star How Fair and Bright #247 Vs. 1**

O morning star, how fair and bright  
Thou beamest forth in truth and light.  
O Sovereign, meek and lowly,  
Thou root of Jesse, David's Son  
My Lord and Master, thou has won  
My heart to serve Thee solely,  
Thou art holy  
Fair and glorious, all victorious rich in blessing  
Rule and might, o'er all possessing.

### **Prayer of Confession**

If we were to name all the gods we have before you, Rock of Redemption, we would be here a very long time. We elevate politicians into saviors, though they are as broken as we are. We misuse your name so much during the day, we have trouble speaking to you in prayer at night. We are so busy, we do not notice how creation witnesses to your goodness and grace.

Forgive us, God our Hope. Help us to let go of what we value most, so we may open our emptiness, our hearts, our lives to the healing and loving presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Persistently, patiently, lovingly,  
God pours out grace and joy into our lives,  
healing our brokenness, forgiving our sin.  
Loved, we are sent to love;  
Forgiven, we are freed to forgive;  
Graced, we can offer our gifts to everyone we meet.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.

### **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Father Almighty (*almighty God*), creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day

when justice shall roll down like waters  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,  
when nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, whom you sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations.

You scatter the proud in the imagination of their hearts  
and have mercy on those who fear you from generation to generation.

You put down the mighty from their thrones and exalt those of low degree.

You fill the hungry with good things, and the rich you send empty away.

Your own Son came among us as a servant,  
to be Emmanuel, your presence with us.

He humbled himself in obedience to your will  
and freely accepted death on a cross.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your Church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made  
with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering  
for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed  
by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly  
banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your  
holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father  
(God), now and forever. **Amen.**

**Away in a Manger #217 Vs. 1&3**

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus, lay down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky, look down where he lay,  
The Little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay.  
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
And take us to Heaven, to live with Thee there.

*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.*

*Scriptures to read & pray over in preparation for Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>  
Luke 2:8-20*

*If you would like to place flowers on the Altar on a certain date in honor or in remembrance of a loved one, please contact the LUMC Office.*

### **FINANCIAL STATISTICS**

**November 29, 2020**

**Attendance ~ 57 via Facebook Views**

**Envelope Offerings ~ \$1,925.00**

**Offerings via Vanco ~ \$702.98 Bay Way Rent ~ \$1,273.08**

Thank you for your continued support of LUMC! We GREATLY appreciate your generosity! 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. GNJAC has set up separate accounts for every local Church if you would like to use your credit or debit card to share your tithe and offerings you may do so by visiting [gnjumc.org/onlinegiving](http://gnjumc.org/onlinegiving).

Thank you and God bless you!!

### **Memorial Brick Orders for The Bell Enclosure Walk Way**

4" x 8" Brick / 3 lines / 18 characters each line including spaces = \$50  
8" x 8" Brick / 6 lines / 18 characters each line including spaces = \$100

See Elaine Brandt for more information.

**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



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✓ [amazonmile.com](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2279634) - Support LUMC by starting your Amazon shopping at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2279634>

### **NEW DAY! Virtual Bible Study Opportunities**

Thursdays 9:00 AM & 6:45 PM

Please contact the LUMC Office if you would like to receive the virtual link!

### **\*\* Winter Lunch Program for Lacey's Kids \*\***

We are collecting **chicken noodle soup** and **peanut butter** to be distributed to participants of our Lunch Program for Lacey's Kids. Drop off **Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 11AM-1PM!** Snack donations are also appreciated!

### *Christmas Worship Services*

**Blue Christmas** – Thursday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM

**Christmas Eve Worship Services** – 7:00PM & 10:00PM

*All services will include  
Communion and candle lighting.*

### **In-Person Worship will resume on December 13<sup>th</sup>.**

Volunteers are needed to assist with various worship roles (including ushers, counters, etc.). Space is limited due to social distancing practices. Please contact the LUMC Office 609.693.5222 or [laceyumcnj@gmail.com](mailto:laceyumcnj@gmail.com) to register to attend, volunteer, or obtain a copy of LUMC's re-opening guidelines.

### *Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe*

#### ***New Hours of Operation:***

Thursdays ~ 8:00AM – 11:00AM

Fridays & Saturdays ~ 10:00AM – 1:00PM

#### ***Donation Drop-Off:***

Thursdays from 8:00AM-11:00AM

♪ ♪ Do you have a favorite hymn that you hope to hear during Worship? Our Worship Team would like to hear from you! Please email your 5 favorite hymns/praise songs to [laceyumcnj@gmail.com](mailto:laceyumcnj@gmail.com).

The next hymn we share may be one of your favorites! ♪ ♪

If you would like to have a Hymnal from the Sanctuary to assist in worshipping with us via LUMC FaceBook and Website please contact Joann in Church Office – 609-693-5222