

Lacey United Methodist Church
2021 Christmas Eve Worship Service 7:00 P.M.

Prelude *Dawn Slate*

Welcome

***Hymn** *O Come All Ye Faithful UMH 234 vs. 1&6*

Opening Prayer

God of birth, God of light,
in this time of song and prayer and silence,
reawaken in us the awe of Christmas.
As we hear again the story of a young family and a
surprising visitor,
**remind us that we are called to respond to you in
unexpected ways.**
And when we leave this place,
**may we be willing to sing praises
for a young woman and man who said YES
and the birth that we prepare to celebrate.**
We pray all this in the name of the child and of our savior.
Amen.

Christmas Wreath Lighting

Carly Carpini, Abby Michalkowski, Alyssa Pentland

***Hymn** *Advent Song FWS 2090 vs. 5*

Scripture: Luke 2:1-16 *Dominic Gregoria*

***Anthem** *A Cradle, Cross, and Crown*
Offered by Sherry Exel & Cynthia Pedemonti

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-11 *Leslie Weishaar*

Christmas Skit: "The Christmas Guest"
Presented by LUMC Drama Club

***Hymn** *The First Noel UMH 245 vs. 1&2*

Christmas Offering Prayer

Holy God, as we gather this evening, all our attention
is focused on a baby, lying in a makeshift bed in an
"it-will-have-to-do" stable. It's not lost on us that you
sent your Son, our Savior, into the world among the
poorest of the poor and told us: "This will be a sign

to you." As we present gifts to you, we pray that they
might reach those in the greatest need, that they
might lift those in the deepest despair, and that they
might bring peace and compassion to those who find
themselves amidst conflict. We pray this in the name
of that Holy Child, Jesus the Christ, our Savior and
Redeemer! Amen.

*Please leave your Christmas Offering in the manager as you exit
the front doors of the church to bring Joy to the World.*

***Praise Song** *Joseph's Lullaby*

Prayer of Confession

In the middle of this season, I confess
That I have focused too much on myself
That I have focused too much on presents
And that I have forgotten to think about the gift of
Jesus.
Forgive me, and help me to see myself in the story of
Christmas

(Time for Silent Confession and Reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you –
wonderful, joyous news for all people.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion music offered by
Betty Carhart and Robert Pentland

Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

*Please remain seated while the ushers bring the communion
elements to you.*

Scripture: John 1:1-14

Candle Lighting

*The ushers will light the candle of the individual at the end of the
row, please light the candle of the person next to you,
as you share the light of Christ.*

***Hymn** *Silent Night UMH 239*

Dismissal with Blessing

***Postlude** *Joy to the World vs. 1&4*

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