

Lewisburg United Methodist Church  
***Christmas Eve***  
***Worship Service***  
December 24, 2022 at 5pm

**Time to Gather**

Gabriel's Message

Shared by Cathy Hyndman, flute & Chris Hicks

**Welcome!**

**Opening Hymn (UMH 230)\***

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Led by Choir

**Call to Worship**

The Christ Candle

Lit by Youth

Sung Response: Emmanuel (UMH 204)\*

**Word for Children**

Shared by Rev. Bev & Toni Hughes

**Song of Christmas**

Mary, Sweet Mary

Shared by Mary Donovan & Cassidy McCoy

**Today's Scripture Lesson**

Luke 2:1-20

**The Christmas Message**

Shared by Rev. Bev Colombo

**Song of Christmas**

Joseph's Lullaby

Shared by Drew Johnson

**Candle Lighting & Closing Hymn (UMH 239)\***

Silent Night

Led by Choir



An Outdoor Christmas Eve Service  
will be held at 6pm  
in the church's parking lot.  
Candlelight, Carols & Cocoa!

Christmas Sunday Worship  
Tomorrow Morning at 10am  
LUMC Sanctuary

Join us in January as we explore  
the book of 1 John. Worship is  
offered on Sunday mornings at  
10am in person and online.

\*Indicates you are invited to sing.  
Lyrics are located on the screens  
and on the back of this bulletin.

### **Opening Hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem**

O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie;  
above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,  
and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars together,  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King,  
and peace to all on earth!

How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is given;  
so God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming,  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him,  
still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in,  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel!

### **Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Emmanuel**

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
his name is called, Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us,  
his name is called Emmanuel.

### **Closing Hymn: Silent Night**

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,  
wonderous star, lend thy light;  
with the angels let us sing,  
Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born.