

Lacey United Methodist Church

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

December 20, 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 ~ #2088**

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

***Opening Prayer**

In you alone we put our hope, God the Father, Creator and Sustainer, who gives all good things seen and unseen.

In you alone we put our hope, God the Son, Saviour and Redeemer, who died for our sins and rose again.

In you alone we put our hope, God the Spirit, Teacher and Comforter, who moves us to sing "Our God reigns!"

In you alone we put our hope. Amen.

***Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy ~ 2 Samuel 7:8-11, 16**

***Children's Message**

***Ministry of Giving & Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious and Generous God: We offer our gifts to you, knowing full well we have devoted so much more energy into finding the gifts for our families and much less on the gifts we offer to you. You gave Mary, an unmarried girl, a Son so the world might have a Savior. Her response was so simple: "Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be according to your word." May her affirmation of faith and obedience be the gift we offer this day.

In Christ, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn ~ While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night**

#236 Vs. 1-4

***Scripture ~ Romans 15:13**

***Message: The Redemption of Scrooge:
"The Hope of Christmas Future"**

***Hymn ~ #229**

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

***Pastoral Prayer**

***Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God,

You call us to turn away from behaviors and attitudes that belong to the darkness, to live honest and transparent lives as children of the light.

We confess the times when we have failed,
giving in to our darker thoughts and desires;
and acting in ways that did not bring honor to Your name.

Lord, in Your mercy, **forgive us.**

Teach us how to live as children of the light.

You call us love one another,

to put the needs and interests of those around us above our own;
to love others as deeply as we have been loved by You.

We confess the times when we have failed,
allowing our own desires and interests to take precedence
over the needs of others.

Lord, in Your mercy, **forgive us.**

Teach us how to love as we have been loved.

Give us hunger to know You more,
so that we may do Your will
and walk in Your ways,
to the glory of Your name. **Amen.**

***Silent Time of Reflection and Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Jesus Christ has called us to lay aside the works of darkness and to confess our sins and be reconciled to God.
You have confessed your sin in the company of God's people.
Your forgiveness, declared on earth, is sealed in heaven.

Sisters and Brothers,
your sins are forgiven;
be at peace.

***Sacrament of Holy Communion**

***The Lord's Prayer**

***Sharing of the Cup and Bread**

***Hymn ~ #240 Vs. 1&3 Hark, the Herald Angels Sing**

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

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

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ CoVid sufferers & Care Givers; Larry Radomski; 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 Matuska; 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; our whole Church Family.

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

Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer ~ Celebrating the birth of Amelia Margaret to parents Cody & Bill Woods; Great-Grandmother Margie Moore! 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 Japan, North Korea, South Korea, Taiwan; 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 Donald Trump & Vice-President Mike Pence, Gov. Murphy, NJ Officials working to end CoVid19; Praying an outpouring of God's spiritual renewal and healing of all the people of America.

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High #2088

Lord, I lift your name on high,
Lord I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life,
I'm so glad you came to save us!

You came from Heaven to Earth to show the Way
From the earth to the the cross, my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky,
Lord, I lift your name on high. (Repeat from the beginning)

**While Shepards Watched Their Flocks by Night
#236 Vs. 1-4**

While shepherds watched their flocks by night
All seated on the ground,
The Angel of the Lord came down
And glory shown around, and glory shown around.

“Fear not,” said he for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind.
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all humankind, to you and all humankind.

“To you in David’s town this day,
Is born of David’s line
A Savior, who is Christ the Lord
And this shall be the sign, and this shall be the sign.”

“The heavenly babe you there shall find,
To human view displayed
All meanly wrapped in swaddling bands
And in a manger laid, and in a manger laid.”

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly #229

Infant holy, infant lowly
For his bed a cattle stall.
Oxen lowing, little knowing,
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging, Angels singing,
Noels ringing, tidings bringing
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping,
Shepherds keeping
Vigil til the morning new.
Saw the glory, heard the story
Tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
Praises voicing, greet the morrow
Christ the babe was born for you.

Hark the Herald Angels Sing #240 Vs. 1&3

Hark the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King”
Peace on Earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful all Ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies
With Angels host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem”
Hark the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace,
Hail the Son of righteousness.
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

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.

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

December 13, 2020

Attendance ~ 73 via Facebook Views
Envelope Offerings ~ \$1,035.00
Offerings via Vanco ~ \$795.25

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Scriptures to read & pray over in preparation for Dec. 27th
Luke 2:22-35

Christmas Worship Services

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

*Both services will include
Communion and candle lighting.*

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!

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.

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.

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