

Traditional Worship
December 8, 2024

9:00 am | Worship Leader: Betty Schultz

Gathering Music, Jinshil Yi
Greetings and News of the Church Alive

Lighting of the Advent Candle

***“Doxology” No 625**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prelude, Jinshil Yi

**Call to Worship (Adapted from 1 John 4:7-15)*

Leader: Beloved,

People: Let us love one another; for love is of God

Leader: And everyone who loves has been born of God, and knows God.

People: The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Leader: By this God's love was revealed in us, that God has sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

People: In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son as the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Leader: Beloved, if God loved us in this way, we also ought to love one another.

People: No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God remains in us, and his love has been perfected in us.

Leader: By this we know that we remain in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

People: We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in them, and they in God.

***Hymn of Praise No. 123** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs 1,2&4)*

**Prayer of Confession (Please remain standing)*

People: Gracious God, you call us to draw near but we keep our distance. We are afraid of your direction and discipline, so we avoid honesty and confession. Father, help us trust in your goodness and your grace, believing that your correction brings life and joy. May we live in the light of your love so that others might see and draw near to you. Hear now our silent prayers of confession... Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you

Passing of the Peace (Greet Your Neighbor)

***Response, “Gloria Patri,” No. 623**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and Ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Special Music

Love Came Down at Christmas arranged by Cynthia Dobrinski

Scripture Lesson | Luke: 7 36-50

The Message | Pastor Brad Epperson | *Mary of Bethany*

Offering and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn of Commitment No. 151** *Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

***Benediction**

Postlude, Jinshil Yi

**Please stand if you are able*

Calendar for the week of December 8, 2024

Be sure to check out the full event calendar at www.lakewoodcop.com/events

Monday, Dec. 9	11:15 am Toddler Play Time in the Conference Room
Tuesday, Dec. 10	9:30 am Sunrise Circle in the Sewing Room
Wednesday, Dec. 11	<i>Giving Tree Gifts Due</i> 8:30 am ROMEOs 12:00 pm Boomer/Builder Holiday Party in Prairie Hall 1:00 pm Choir in the Elgin Room 1:00 pm Acts Class in the Conference Room 5:30 pm Student Ministries 6:00 pm Pastor Brad's Dad Group at the Ram 6:00 pm Prayer and Praise in the Sanctuary
Thursday, Dec. 12	9:30 am Martha Circle in the Sewing Room 10:00 am Small Group 6 (Teevin and Rich) in Prairie Hall 5:30 pm Kids' Dance Class 6:15 pm Prairie Handbells
Friday, Dec. 13	<i>Office Closed</i> <i>No Events Scheduled</i>
Saturday, Dec. 14	10:00 am EFN Break Bag Packing Event
Sunday, Dec. 15	9:00 am Traditional worship service at LCOP <i>Join us for fellowship and coffee after the service in Prairie Hall</i> 11:00 am Contemporary Worship at Lakewoodgrace 12:30 pm SET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON

Next week, the sermon will be on Mary, the mother of Jesus.
We will be preaching from Luke 1: 26-39

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! BOOMER/BUILDER CHRISTMAS PARTY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 AT NOON

Once again, we are hosting a Boomer/Builder Christmas party on Wednesday, December 11, at noon. We will have a White Elephant gift exchange (\$20 limit, please). Please invite friends!
RSVPs are required by December 8th to the office.

SERMON QUESTIONS

Sermon questions are available at the Welcome Table and on our website. Visit www.lakewoodcop.com/resources to view them online.

Greeters: Carla Pelster & Clark Montgomery | Usher: Doug Berglund

Prayer Requests

- For **Shelly Shellabarger** and all the friends and family of **Cindy Amundsen**. Cindy Passed away on November 29th. Her memorial will be on December 21st at 11:30 am.
- **For the family of Carol Masters**. Carol passed away on November 19th.
- For **Tim Gary** who has stomach cancer.
- For **Cathy and Rick Norberg's** brother-in-law, **Garrison Coverdale**, who is experiencing unusual back pain after back surgery.
- Prayers for **Sandy Noreen's** husband, **Mike** who is receiving cancer treatment for AML.
- For **Carolyn Lee's** son-in-law **Duncan** whose melanoma has spread to his lymph nodes. Prayers also for Carolyn's daughter **Hilary** as she cares for Duncan.
- For **Peter Sloan's** sister, **Amy Bettsworth**, who is in treatment for pancreatic cancer.
- Praise for Jennifer **Stafford's** friend **Larry** and his successful cancer treatment. The tumor is now "barely detectable" and seems to be inactive. He is done with chemo and can focus on healing his soul.
- For **Ruthie Faris** as she receives treatment for neuroendocrine cancer.

Continued prayers for those needing overall health, healing, and peace:

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| • Colleen Smart | • Cindy Nelson's brother, Richard Rogers | • Tal Edman |
| • Jerry Williams | • Jim Olsen | • Deanna Price |
| • Martha Kelley | • Lori Ward's cousin, Leland | • Barbara Riggs |
| • Rosemary Kennedy | • Phyllis & Rudy Horst | • Bev Conover |
| • Bill Edwards | • Floyd Collins | • Steve George |
| • Joan Jackson | • Lisa Semon | • Inge Conner |
| • Bridget Upton | | • JoEthel Smith |
| • Alyce Olsen | | • Gordon Neu |
| • Jim Pledger | | • Heather & Taylor (Lee and Terry Hudson) |

Prayers for happy healthy preschoolers; for the victims of gun violence; for the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine; for our church music ministries; for our healthcare providers, long-term caregivers, and first responders; for the homebound; for our student ministries – that God will help our youth ministry to thrive. Prayers for our weekend services, that God will sustain, strengthen, and equip our members, and that God's impact and influence will increase through our weekend services.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL TRIP

There is still room for you to join us in 2025 for our Footsteps of Paul trip to Greece! Please pick up a brochure in the lobby and contact Pastor James with questions.

HELP OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Our Children's Ministry needs canning rings – no lids, no jars – just the rings from a standard-size jar (not wide mouth). Please bring them by the office or give them to Lori Ward.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE! GIFTS DUE DECEMBER 11TH

The Christmas giving trees are up and the Deacons have chosen LASA and The Wishing Well as this year's recipients of your generosity. LASA supports the homeless community, and The Wishing Well supports foster children. Tags can be removed from the tree, and please put unwrapped gifts in the boxes provided.

MISSION AND OUTREACH IS CURRENTLY IN NEED OF COLD WEATHER ITEMS

We are now accepting gently used heavy coats and clothing for men and women, sleeping bags, blankets, and tarps for our friends at The Rescue Mission. Donations may be dropped off at the church office. The office is open Monday – Thursday 8:30 – 3:30.

DO YOU HAVE AN M&M CANISTER?

Our Mission and Outreach committee is hoping you still have some of the M&M canisters they distributed for the Laundromat Takeovers. If you do, can you please bring them to the office (we'd love for them to be full!), or give them to Jane Macpherson?

DON'T FORGET THE LITTLE FREE PANTRIES

As you grocery shop for the week, don't forget about the Little Free Pantry donation boxes we have at both campuses. These pantries are kiosks filled with food for those in need and are located in neighborhoods throughout Lakewood. As Christmas nears, many families will work hard to keep food on the table, and these pantries are a blessing to many.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP AND COFFEE HOUR

Please join us in Prairie Hall for fellowship immediately following today's church service. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect and enjoy time with each other.



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