

Calendar for the week of December 22, 2024

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

Monday, Dec. 23	<i>Office Closed</i>
Tuesday, Dec. 24	<i>Office Closed</i> 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service
Wednesday, Dec. 25	<i>Office Closed</i>
Thursday, Dec. 26	<i>Office Closed</i>
Friday, Dec. 27	<i>Office Closed</i>
Saturday, Dec. 28	<i>Office Closed</i>
Sunday, Dec. 29	10:00 am Combined Worship at LCOP 11:00 am Fellowship in Prairie Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT WEEK’S SERMON

Next week, the pastors will be preaching from Mark 15:40-16:8, and Revelation 21:1-5.

CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will be closed from December 23 – January 3. Staff will be checking their emails and voicemail. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Brad at brad.lcop@gmail.com or 253-279-5120.

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

On December 29, our worship service will be combined with Lakewoodgrace at Little Church. Worship starts at 10 am at Little Church.

TODAY! DECEMBER 22 – SPECIAL FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Please join us after the combined worship on December 22nd for special refreshments to honor members who are 90 years-old or better.

NEXT NEW MEMBER EXPERIENCE CLASS

Our next new member experience class will be on Sunday, January 19th at 1:00 pm on the main campus. Please contact Amy Trevino at 253-304-1496 or amy.j.trevino@gmail.com with any questions, or to RSVP.

Greeters: Patsy Zofkie & Tonya Routt | Usher: Doug Berglund

Prayer Requests

- For **Tim Gary** who has stomach cancer.
- For **Cathy and Rick Norberg’s** brother-in-law, **Garrison Coverdale**, who is recovering from 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 Bettesworth**, 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 | • Lori Ward’s cousin, Leland | • Deanna Price |
| • Martha Kelly | • Phyllis & Rudy Horst | • Barbara Riggs |
| • Rosemary Kennedy | • Floyd Collins | • Bev Conover |
| • Bill Edwards | • Lisa Semon | • Steve George |
| • Joan Jackson | | • Inge Conner |
| • Bridget Upton | | • JoEthel Smith |
| • Jim & 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.

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.

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.

THE NEXT BUILDER LUNCH IS JANUARY 15TH

Join us for another fun-filled lunch for our Builders. Lunch will be at noon, and RSVPs are required by January 12th; please call the office to leave your RSVP. If you have questions, please contact Patsy Zofkie (patsy.zofkie@gmail.com), or Terry Hudson (terryhudson72@gmail.com).

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.



THE LITTLE CHURCH ON THE PRAIRIE & LAKEWOODGRACE
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www.lakewoodlcp.com | www.lakewoodgrace.com

Combined Worship Service

December 22, 2024

10:00 A.M. Worship | Worship Leader: Deena Saffell

Gathering Music, Prairie Hand Bells, *Away in a Manger*

Greetings and News of the Church Alive

“Fourth Sunday of Advent – The Candle of Love”

Prelude, Prairie Hand Bells, *Angel Tidings*

**Call to Worship (Isaiah 12:2-6) (Please stand)*

Leader: Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid;

People: For the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

Leader: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:

People: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.

People: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

***Hymn of Praise, No. 136**

The First Noel (vs 1, 2 & 6)

**Prayer of Confession (Please remain standing)*

People: Gracious God, we confess the darkness and cold in our lives. Like barren trees in winter, we do not bear the fruits of love as you would have us. Forgive our sin, heal our hearts, and be born in us again, that by your grace we may bear your light. Hear now our silent prayers of confession...
(silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Response, “Gloria Patri,” No. 581

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Duet: Ava Epperson & Hazel Billingsley

Jinshil Yi, piano

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Christmas Pageant**

Pastor Brad Epperson & Heather Epperson

The Chancel Choir

Jinshil Yi

The Sacrament of Baptism

Hazel Joy Billingsley and Jake Hardy Gerwen

Affirmation of Faith

Lucas Emmanuel Epperson

Offering

Pastoral Prayer

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil;

For Thine is the kingdom,

And the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

***Hymn of Commitment, No. 138**

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Postlude, Jinshil Yi

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