

You may place your candles in the baskets provided as you leave.  
You are also invited to take the poinsettia you ordered home with  
you tonight.

POSTLUDE

“Isn’t He?”

John Wimber

***Have a Merry Christmas!***

Join us again for worship

***Sundays, December 26, 2021 and January 2, 2022 ~***

One worship service in the Sanctuary at 10:30 am

**Church offices will be open December 29 & 30 from 9:00-4:00**

Offices closed December 24th-28th. Offices closed January 3rd  
and will reopen Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

**Worship Participants**

**Worship Leaders** Reverend George Mitchell and Reverend Dave Richards

**Musician:** Rene Leus; **Children's Moments:**

**Liturgists:** 3:00 Tommy Brown, 5:30 Deborah Whitaker

**Advent Wreath Lighters:** 3:00 Bea Robey Family

5:30 The Bill & Sharri Jones Family

**Offertory Anthem:** 3:00 Donald Warren; 5:30 Chancel Choir

**Choir:** Susan Coles, Ann Nixon, Delaney Wells, Christian Leus,

Donald Warren, Mike Frye

**Ushers:** Steve Dobbins, Joe Coles, Rob Wyatt, Bobby Wyatt, Roy Whitaker  
and Ken Kesterson

**Ministry Staff**—The Baptized Followers of Jesus Christ  
Arkansas Conference Bishop, The Reverend Gary Mueller  
Southeast District Superintendent, The Reverend Edna Morgan  
Senior Pastor, The Reverend Judy Rudd  
Administrative Assistant, Linda Schultz  
Church Treasurer, Stephanie Hayslip

Coordinator of Congregational Ministries, Rebecca Phillips  
Coordinator of Missions and Family Ministries, Geraldin Alfaro Mondragon  
Mi Casa Ministry Assistant, Vanessa Hernandez-Valdez  
Custodians, Nathan Baltzell & Rosa Trujillo

# Lakeside United Methodist Church



## The Christmas Story

1500 South Olive Street 71601  
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December 24, 2021  
3:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.

[LakesidePB@arumc.org](mailto:LakesidePB@arumc.org)  
<https://Lakesidepb.org>

Worship with us at <https://www.facebook.com/LakesidePB/live/>

**If you Are Fully Vaccinated No Mask Is Required**

CHIMES

PRELUDE He Is Born 18<sup>th</sup> cent. French carol

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN **Angels We Have Heard on High** **UMH 238**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Good news! Good news! Our hopes and fears and all of the years have met in this place tonight. And we have beheld the glory of the coming of God's Messiah. Sing for joy! Salvation has come!

*Light the Christ Candle*

We light the Christ candle as a sign to the world that today, in the City of David, a Savior is born, who is Christ the Lord. We no longer have to fear the darkness for our Light has come.

**Glory to God in the highest heaven! And on earth, peace to all of God's children! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and PARDON

**Merciful God, we confess that often we find darkness more comfortable than light. We confess that we find your good news frightening and unsettling, especially when we consider its demands as well as its promises. We confess that Christmas has become more to us than the birthday of Christ, partly because we do not want a Christ-Child in our lives or in our world. Forgive us, break us, bend us, remake us. Give us the courage to lay ourselves open to the wonder and healing of your coming. Be born again into our world, be born again into our hearts and lives. Hear now our silent and personal confessions as we prepare ourselves for your nativity.**

*(Time for silent confession)*

The true light that enlightens all has come into the world. That light shines on in the darkness, and the darkness has never been able to put it out. This is the good news: God has heard our confession. God has forgiven our sin.

**Thanks be to God!**

HYMN OF PRAISE **O Little Town of Bethlehem** **UMH 230**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(UMH indicates the United Methodist Hymnal)

(\*indicates a standing posture of praise. (Stand as you are able.)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

*Unless otherwise designated, all Christmas Eve offerings will support our local missionaries.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Twas in the Moon of Wintertime"  
French Canadian melody

\*GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2: 1-20  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God!**

HOLY COMMUNION **UMH p. 15**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

RECEIVING OF BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING **UMH p. 11**

SHARING THE LIGHT

**Silent Night, Holy Night** in German Rene Leus  
verses 1 - 3 Congregation

BENEDICTION

May the light of the Christ Child guide you as you go forth from this place, strengthened and renewed. May the light of Christ so shine in you and all that you do that others will be inspired to seek the light of the love of Christ, that his light might be theirs. Go in peace and serve the Lord. Amen.

\*WE CARRY CHRIST INTO THE WORLD **UMH #246**

**1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.**

**2. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders, of his love.**

(Please maintain social distancing at all times.)