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Worship services are being prerecorded and shared online only at this time.

Bulletin information can usually be found at www.humphreys.org/sermons orwww.WordsFromPK.blogspot.com, and worship videos should be listed at either church's Facebook page, as well as where the bulletins can be found.**LV LAKEVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH****10:00am, Dec 27, 2020****HM HUMPHREYS MEMORIAL UMC****11:30am, Dec 27, 2020****Words of Welcome****MERRY CHRISTMAS!** In a year like none other, we welcome God's light coming into the world!

This online worship service is offered as a chance to hear the word again and to sing some of the songs. We invite you, wherever and whenever you are, to email Pastor Kerry with any prayer concerns or celebrations, any griefs or questions.

The Lakeview and Humphreys church communities are with you, and God is for you!

Let us worship the Lord!

Call to Worship

Our waiting is over, and we celebrate the birth of the Christ!

Behold, the Savior appears!

We need not rejoice alone, for the heavenly chorus resounds!

All creation rejoices!

We join our voices with the angels in the sky

and with the faithful all around the world:

Glory to God in the highest! Alleluia!**Hymn**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

UMH 234

WORDS & MUSIC: John F. Wade, 1743

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

*Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

2. True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal,
lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;

Son of the Father, begotten, not created;

Refrain: O come, let us adore him ...

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

Refrain: O come, let us adore him ...

Prayer UMH231

Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world.
Grant that, being born in our hearts, he may save us from all our sins,
and restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator,
to whom be everlasting praise and glory, world without end. Amen.

Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3 (NRSV)

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

62 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

² The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.

³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. **αΩ**

Hymn

Once in Royal David's City

UMH 250

WORDS: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848

MUSIC: Henry J. Gauntlett, 1849

1. Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed;
Mary, loving mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.
2. He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall.
With the poor, the scorned, the lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.

3. Jesus is our childhood's pattern; day by day, like us he grew;
he was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.
4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 148

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens,
praise the Lord, in the heights!

***Praise the Lord, all his angels,
praise the Lord, all his hosts!***

Praise the Lord, sun and moon,
praise the Lord, all shining stars!

***Praise the Lord, highest heavens,
and all waters above the heavens!***

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
who commanded and they were created,
***who established them for ever and ever,
and fixed their bounds which cannot be passed.***

Praise the Lord from the earth,
sea monsters and all deeps,
***fire and hail, snow and smoke,
stormy wind fulfilling God's command!***

Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
***Beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!***

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
***Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!***

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
whose name alone is exalted,
whose glory is above earth and heaven.
***God has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful ones,
for the people of Israel who are near their God.***

Praise the Lord!

Hymn

WORDS: anon.

Away in a Manger

UMH 217

MUSIC: James R. Murray, 1887

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Galatians 4:4-7

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶ And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷ So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God. **αΩ**

Special Music: Amazing love

Luke 2:22-40

Jesus Is Presented in the Temple

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

The Return to Nazareth

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. **αΩ**

Sermon

Hymn

Love Came Down at Christmas

UMH 242

WORDS: Christina G. Rossetti, 1885

MUSIC: Trad. Irish

1. Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign.
2. Worship we the God-head, Love incarnate, Love divine;
worship we our Jesus, but where-with for sacred sign?
3. Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine;
love to God and neighbor, love for plea and gift and sign.

Prayers, Lord's Prayer, Blessing the Offering

If you have a celebration, petition or concern you'd like the pastor to hold in congregational prayer, please email kerry.w.bart@gmail.com and indicate whether or not you'd like the request to be made public.

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

*We say "yes" to God
and we say "thank you" to God
as we give to God our tithes and our offerings.*

*During this time of COVID19 precautions, we do not "pass the plate,"
but offering plates are available for your use before or after the worship service,*

and offerings can be mailed to
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Apostolic Call

We have received the light!
Let us go forth in celebration
and as *bearers* of the light!

We go with God's light!
Praise the Lord!

Closing Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High

UMH 238

WORDS: Trad. French carol

MUSIC: French carol melody

1. Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
3. Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
4. See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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Please contact us if you'd like to connect with one of our churches.

Start the New Year off right: join Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball for daily prayer at www.wvumc.org/daily-prayer-with-bishop-sandra

Daily Scripture Reading

Join PK and others in regular readings. We're reading Genesis right now:

Dec 26 – Gen 1

Dec 27 – Gen 2

Dec 28 – Gen 3

Dec 29 – Gen 4

Dec 30 – Gen 5

Dec 31 – Gen 6

Jan 1 – Gen 7

Jan 2 – Gen 8

Jan 3 – Gen 9

You don't want to miss the worship service on January 3, 2021

which will be online only

but which will include a celebration of Holy Communion

and "renewal of covenant" as you receive the invitation to commit yourself to God again.