

# Lawrence Chapel United Methodist Church

November 30, 2025  
First Sunday of Advent



HANGING  
OF THE GREENS

## The Gathering

## Music Selection

### Welcome and Announcements

### Introduction & Invocation

#### Prelude

*"Carol of the Bells"*

*The Bells*

*Heather Beam*

#### Call to Worship

Today we come together to prepare for the birthday of a King.

**Today we make ready our welcome for God's only Son, Jesus of Nazareth.**

We begin this special and holy season of Advent, the season of going toward the birth of Christ.

**We renew the special meaning of the Advent season, the season of going toward new hope and eternal life.**

Let us clear our minds and open our hearts to the coming of the Lord.

**Let us also honor his birth by adorning our church for the coming of our King.**

Let our songs and symbols represent our personal rededication to the glory of God and the manifestation of God's love through his Son, Jesus Christ.

**For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**

#### Hymn

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

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**The Prophecy of His Coming**

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2b

*The Candles*

*Donna Glenn*

*The Banners and Paraments.*

*Scott Leatherbery*

#### Anthem

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

*Choir*

**The Righteous Ruler**

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6

*The Advent Wreath*

*John Adams*

#### Hymn

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

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**The Birth of the Christ Child**

Scripture: Luke 2:1-7

*The Manger*

*Penny Hall*

Special Music

LCUMC Children

*The Chrismon Tree - Children's Message*

#### Hymn

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

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**Adoration of the Child**

Scripture: Luke 2:8-15

*The Poinsettia*

*Stephen Singleton*

Hymn:

*There's a Song in the Air*

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**The First Advent of Christ**

Scripture: John 1:9-14

*Hanging of the Greens*

*Diane Singleton*

Hymn

*Joy to the World*

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**Our Celebration Today**

Homily

Rev. Justin Ritter

Offering

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

\*Doxology

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\*The Dedication:

**To the Prince of Peace, we now dedicate these, our symbols of the Nativity, the Advent Season, and our Christian Faith. O God, we now dedicate our lives again to the service of Christ and pray that we may be filled with your love, so perfectly revealed through the birth and life of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Hymn

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*The Coventry Carol*

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*If you are worshipping at LCUMC for the first time we welcome, you in the name of Christ! Please fill out a visitor card I in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate so that Pastor Justin can send you a note.*

*Wherever you are on your spiritual journey in Christ, you are welcome at LCUMC. You do not have to join in order to participate in worship, many areas of serving, and small groups. However, becoming a member of this body of Christ is an excellent way for you to fully live out your Christian commitment and deepen your faith. If you would like to become an official member of this community, Pastor Justin would love to have a conversation with you!*

*To reach a larger ministry audience, our service is live streamed on Facebook and YouTube and recorded for posting on our website. Typically, the last 5 pews in the church are never "on camera"(near the street entrance).*

### **Prayer Concerns**

Marie Karns(Geehreng), Kelly(Sandra and Lou), Sam(Glenns), Duane and Norma Barton,  
Rylan and Family(Heather Beam), Brenda Hammond(Connie Curtis),  
Drew Meyers, Gunther Nocht(Kris Ellenburg), Jim Brackett(Donna Glenn), Betty Ambrose,  
Rev. Bruce and Ann Sayre, Barbara Ochoa, Braelyn Hollensbe, Jenny Harmon, Joann Holmes(Walter Hadden),  
Jean Thomas, Julie Wardlaw, Pat and Skip Fenton, Bob and Josie Geehreng, Rick Brezeale(Stanley Morgan),  
David and Betsy McJunkin, Cherie Pressley(Sandra and Lou), Zack, Morgan and Cameron Martin,  
Gwen Hummel, Jimmy Goodnight, Liam Pickens(Catie Pickens).

### **ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Counter: Skip Davison

Greeters: Stanley and Sandra Morgan

Children's Church: Suzi Harmon and Deanna Phifer

Offertory Reader: Justin Ritter

Acolytes: Lynn Kelley

### **Meeting Reminders:**

12/1 10:00am Coffee with Justin meets in the fellowship hall

12/3 12:00pm Hooks and Needles meets in the library.

6:15pm Children's Play and dinner.

12/4 10:00am The Chosen meets in the library.

12/8 10:00am Coffee with Justin meets in the fellowship hall.

12/10 12:00pm Senior Lunch - lunch is provided.

12/11 10:00am Unveiling Mary Magdalene meets in the library.

12/14 11:30am Wreaths Across America Ceremony and light lunch.

12/18 10:00am The Chosen Christmas Movie and light lunch.

6:00pm Blue Christmas Service at LCUMC.

YTD Income/Expense Summary, October 2025			
Budget YTD	Expenses Paid YTD	Giving YTD	Variance Expenses to Giving
\$206,53.00	\$199,535.01	\$187,933.29	(\$11,601.72)

Year to Date 2025 General Fund gifts, tithes and offerings (YTD January-October 2025) lagged YTD General Fund expenses by (\$11,601.72). Your financial contributions to Lawrence Chapel are tremendous, exceeded only by the commitment of your time, talents, and other resources as you engage in and support the ministries, outreach, and services of Lawrence Chapel UMC. You make so many things possible in service to Jesus Christ. God bless you.

Website: [lawrencechapel.church](http://lawrencechapel.church) Email: [lawrence.chapel90@gmail.com](mailto:lawrence.chapel90@gmail.com)

**Nursery and Restroom facilities are in the Education Building across from the sanctuary.**

Church WiFi ID – LCMGuest Password – PeaceBeWithYou!

***Those interested in joining others for lunch today, please meet at the bottom of the front steps after the service.***

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# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
and order all things far and nigh;  
to us the path of knowledge show  
and cause us in her ways to go. [Refrain]

3 O come, O come, great Lord of might,  
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times once gave the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe. [Refrain]

4 O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree,  
an ensign of thy people be;  
before thee rulers silent fall;  
all peoples on thy mercy call. [Refrain]

5 O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home.  
The captives from their prison free,  
and conquer death's deep misery. [Refrain]

6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thy justice here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight. [Refrain]

7 O come, Desire of nations bind  
all peoples in one heart and mind.  
From dust thou brought us forth to life;  
deliver us from earthly strife. [Refrain]

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## Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.
2. Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

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## Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with th'angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new born King!"
2. Christ, by highest heaven adored;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail th' incarnate Deity,  
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King!"
3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun 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 new born King!"

## There's a Song in the Air

1. There's a song in the air!  
There's a star in the sky!  
There's a mother's deep prayer  
and a baby's low cry!  
And the star rains its fire  
while the beautiful sing,  
for the manger of Bethlehem  
cradles a King!
2. There's a tumult of joy  
o'er the wonderful birth,  
for the virgin's sweet boy  
is the Lord of the earth.  
Ay! the star rains its fire  
while the beautiful sing,  
for the manger of Bethlehem  
cradles a King!
3. In the light of that star  
lie the ages impearled;  
and that song from afar  
has swept over the world.  
Every hearth is aflame,  
and the beautiful sing  
in the homes of the nations  
that Jesus is King!
4. We rejoice in the light,  
and we echo the song  
that comes down through the night  
from the heavenly throng.  
Ay! we shout to the lovely  
evangel they bring,  
and we greet in his cradle  
our Savior and King!



# Joy to the World

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. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.
4. 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.

## O Come, All Ye Faithful

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;

1. Adeste, fideles, laeti triumphantes;  
venite, venite in Bethlehem.  
Natum videte Regem angelorum.

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Refrain:

Venite adoremus, venite adoremus,  
venite adoremus, Dominum.

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)
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)
4. See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,  
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;  
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;  
(Refrain)
5. Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,  
we would embrace thee with love and awe.  
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?  
(Refrain)
6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:  
(Refrain)