



Level Creek United Methodist Church

Worship with us in the New Year!

Sunday, December 28: We will have ONE worship service at 11:00 am. Children are invited to come in their pajamas for a cozy morning together in Sunday School.

Sunday, January 4: We will celebrate Epiphany and the arrival of the Wise Men to see the infant Jesus. We will choose Star Words as a way of inviting God to guide us in the new year. Worship at 9:30 and 11:00 am.

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LEVEL CREEK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



He gave his one and only Son

SO THAT EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM
WILL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE

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Welcome to Level Creek United Methodist Church's Christmas Eve candlelight communion service. Whether you are a longtime member of the church or a first-time participant in this most special night, we are glad you are here. Our prayer is that you will meet God in the beauty of this worship service and in the people around you.

We hope you will join us for our regular Sunday activities:

Worship: 9:30 am and 11:00 am

Children's Sunday School: 11:00 am

A loving nursery is available during 9:30 & 11:00 am worship

Our Student Ministry meets on Sundays at 6:00 pm

We want to share the many opportunities to be involved and to become a part of the community of faith at LCUMC.

Visit us at www.lcumc.net or contact the church office at 770-945-0205.

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

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.

*** Candlelight Carol**

“Silent Night/O Holy Night”

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright

Round yon virgin mother and Child.

Holy Infant so tender and mild;

Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;

Radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,

Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

O holy night! the stars are brightly shining;

It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.

Long lay the world in sin and error pining,

Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.

A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,

For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!

Chorus:

Fall on your knees! Oh hear the angel voices!

O night divine, O night when Christ was born!

O night, divine. O night, O night divine.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;

with the angels let us sing, alleluia to our King;

Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

***Christmas Benediction**

***Recessional**

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Glory to God. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...
...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer
ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with
Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the
body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all
the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and
glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Order of Worship

December 24th, 2025 | Christmas Eve

Prelude Beth Ann Wise

Greeting and Welcome Rev. Elaine Wilder

***Entrance of the Light of Christ** Acolyte

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
People: Let us celebrate the coming of the Light.
Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song, for God's salvation is at hand.
People: Let us celebrate the coming of Salvation.
Leader: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us.
People: Let us celebrate the coming of the Prince of Peace.
Leader: I bring you good news of great joy for all the people.
People: Let us celebrate the coming of Christ!

***Opening Hymn** "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

Hark, the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn 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 hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark, the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

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 God-head see; hail th' incarnate Deity,
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark, the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

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 newborn king!"

Lighting of the Christ Candle

11:00 am	Terry Reynolds, Keith & Danielle Walisch with Austen and Bryson
5:00 pm	Todd & Julia Davis with Blakely, Emilia, Teddy and Brooks
7:00 pm	Wayne & Deb Green with Daisy Denton

Jesus is the light of the world. On this holy night, we gather to welcome the Christ child.
Our waiting is over; let us celebrate Christ's birth.
Together we rejoice...

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Christ has come to be with us.

As we light the Christ candle, we proclaim that the people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light. A Savior has been born today; our world will never be the
same. Let us receive Christ into our hearts.
Together we rejoice...

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Christ has come to be with us.

Special Music

11:00 am	"There are Angels Hov'rin' Roun"	Dr. Mark Fiddie
5:00 pm	"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"	Chancel Choir
7:00 pm	"Mary Did You Know?"	Heather Gearhart

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Elaine Wilder

Offering

Our Christmas Eve Offering will benefit Rise Against Hunger and their work to feed hungry children
around the world. You can place your gift in the offering box as you leave worship. Please mark your
check "Rise Against Hunger." For electronic giving, text any dollar amount to 888-488-8974.

*Carol Medley

"Away in a Manger"
Away in a manger, no crib for a bed. The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay. "O Little Town of Bethlehem" O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie. Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light. The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

"The First Noel"
The first Noel, the angels did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields where they lay. In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel!

"Joy To The World"
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!

*Scripture	Luke 2:1-20
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Special Music

11:00 am & 7:00 pm	Hyun Jo
5:00 pm	"Christmastime" Chancel Choir

Homily

Rev. Elaine Wilder

Special Music

11:00 am	"Mary, What You Gonna Call Your Pretty Little Baby?"	Dr. Mark Fiddie
5:00 pm	"O Holy Night"	Kylee Caldwell
7:00 pm	"Breath of Heaven"	Chelsea Shankles & Hyun Jo

Sacrament of Holy Communion

INVITATION
Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSIO AND PARDON
Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.