**Flowers** in worship today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of their 64th wedding anniversary by Jim and Meredith Holt.

## Please pray for church members, their friends and families

Church Family —

Vic Aloisio Amber Smith John Konsowitz Sheila Fraser-Derfler Dot Gallagher Brianna O'Rouke Keith Walisch Jan Urban

### **WELCOME to worship at Level Creek UMC!**

We are glad you are here. Restrooms are located out the doors to the right of the front altar. Worship activity bags are available for children who stay in worship and a loving nursery is always provided. Children's Sunday School is offered during the 11:00 am worship hour.

**Advent Pop-Up Class this Tuesday!** Have you ever wondered how our beliefs and traditions surrounding Christmas have developed and changed over time? Join Rev. Tom Petty and Rev. Elaine for a time of learning and conversation. Christmas cookies included! Tuesday, December 2 at 10:00 am or 7:00 pm. Mark your connection card to RSVP.

**Holiday Mission Project.** Thank you to everyone who took home a Christmas box to fill with items for elementary school children in Lawrenceville. Boxes are due back next Sunday, December 7. Thank you for serving with us!

**United Methodist Men and Women** will meet this Saturday, December 6 at 9:30 am in the OFLC for breakfast and their monthly meetings. All are welcome!

**The Men's Cook Team** is firing up the smoker to cook ham, turkey and sides for our Church Christmas party. They will gather at 8 am on Saturday, December 6 and be finished mid to late afternoon. If you'd like to join in the fun, mark your Connection Card.

Church Christmas Party and Children's Musical will be on Sunday, December 7 at 5:00 pm. Our Men's Cook Team is providing dinner for everyone! You're invited to bring a dessert to share. Our children will present their Christmas Musical, "The Christmas County Spelling Bee," in the Sanctuary at 6:00 pm. RSVP on your connection card.

**Student Ministry** for 6-12 graders will meet tonight from 6:00 – 8:00 pm for dinner and & small groups.

Children's Choir will rehearse today at 4:30 pm in the Family Life Center.

**Membership Sunday is December 14.** Are you ready to make LCUMC your church home? Join with others as a group in worship. Mark your connection card or email Rev. Elaine (elainewilder@lcumc.net) and she will connect with you.

**Electronic Giving During Worship.** To make a financial gift to Level Creek UMC, text any dollar amount to (888) 488-8974. You will receive a link to enter your card information.

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## **Order of Worship**

Level Creek UMC | November 30, 2025 First Sunday of Advent

**Prelude**Beth Ann Wise

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Elaine Wilder

**Entrance of the Light of Christ** 

\*Call to Worship

We have entered a season of joy and anticipation.

We wait with hope for the coming of our King.

We once walked in darkness;

Now we see a great light!

Even in times of uncertainty,

We can lift our hands in praise.

Let us worship with open hearts.

Let us receive the gift of hope this day. Amen.

\*Hymn of Praise "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" UMH 196 (vs 1, 2)

\*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*Gloria Patri "Glory Be to the Father" UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**Barry Kyrklund and Carly Kyrklund Haden (9:30 am)
Brian and Kim Morice with Thomas & Mary (11:00 am)

Special Music "Peace, Peace, Peace" Chancel Choir

## Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Elaine Wilder

## 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 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.

## Offering

Scripture Luke 2: 1-3

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered.

\*Hymn "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" UMH 213 (vs 1, 3)

**Sermon** On the Way to Bethlehem: Rev. Elaine Wilder

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\*Closing Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" UMH 230 (vs 1, 4)

\*Benediction Rev. Elaine Wilder

\*Recessional "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally,
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

## **Postlude**