

December 8th , 2024

10:15 am Worship Service

Second Advent Sunday

PEACE



LAKEVIEW

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Todd Peterson
Pastor

Corey Nieman
CYF Minister

Natalie Nolte
Dir. Vocal Music

Irina Hall
Dir. Instr. Music

Ministers
All People

IMPORTANT INFO

Connecting

If you are joining us for the first time, welcome! If you'd like more information about Lakeview., you can email the office: info@lakeviewucc.com, visit our website: lakeviewucc.com, or chat before or after the service with one of our fellowship volunteers/greeters.

Childcare

Nursery Care for our youngest children will be available starting at 10am in Room 7 (in the CE Wing). Older children and teens are encouraged to enjoy the opening portion of the worship service in the sanctuary. They will be dismissed to Sunday School during the Hymn of Welcoming.

Restrooms

You're invited to use the restroom that corresponds with your gender identity or the restroom that is the safest and most comfortable for you. Gendered, multiple-occupancy restrooms are available through the North double glass doors in the Narthex, across from the conference room.

Open and Affirming

Lakeview is an O&A church and has affirmed a public covenant welcoming people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions in the full life and ministry of our congregation.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Centering *Dona Nobis Pacem* Handbell Choir

Lighting the Advent Wreath

One: When conflict seems never-ending and
 relationships rocky,
 When we want to deny and pretend,
 The Holy invites us to make space for truth-telling
 That we may find Peace.

ALL: *We journey today in peace.*

Advent Hymn *Peace Waits for Us at Advent* Chancel Choir

Advent Prayer

One: Please join in our Advent Prayer:

ALL: *God with us, as we continue this journey of
Advent, grant us the courage of peace. The
Peace of Your presence, the Peace of Your
justice, the Peace of Your promise. Amen*

Hymn of Welcoming *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (v 1-2) #116

Prayer of Community

One: When we are quick to point the finger at someone
 else;

Many: **Merciful God forgive us...**

One: When we put our heads down and ignore the cries
 of injustice;

Many: **Merciful God forgive us...**

One: When we presume to easily understand the
 complexity of the issues that others face;

Many: **Merciful God forgive us...**

One: When we become divided and distracted, ignoring
 Your call to love:

Many: **Merciful God forgive us...**

ALL: *Merciful God, forgive us, heal us, encourage us
and speak through us, that we may be
transformed, and the offerings of our hands and
our hearts may prepare the way for Your Love,
and Your peace.*

[TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER]

Assurance of God's Presence

Passing of the Peace

Call to Prayer

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior (v.1)

#551

Prayers of the People

One: We lift them up in prayer

Many: Lord, hold them in Your love.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Special Music

God So Loved the World

Pam Massung, *handbells*, Bill Overholt, *cello*, Irina Hall, *piano*

Hearing the Good News

LUKE 3:1-6

NRSVUE

Sharing the Good News

Hymn of Rejoicing

Toda la Tierra (All Earth is Waiting) (v.1-2, English)

#121

Stewardship Moment

Offertory

Irina Hall

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

God of Enough, help us to be generous with our gifts and bless their use so that they may bring about Your good purpose in this community and throughout the world. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

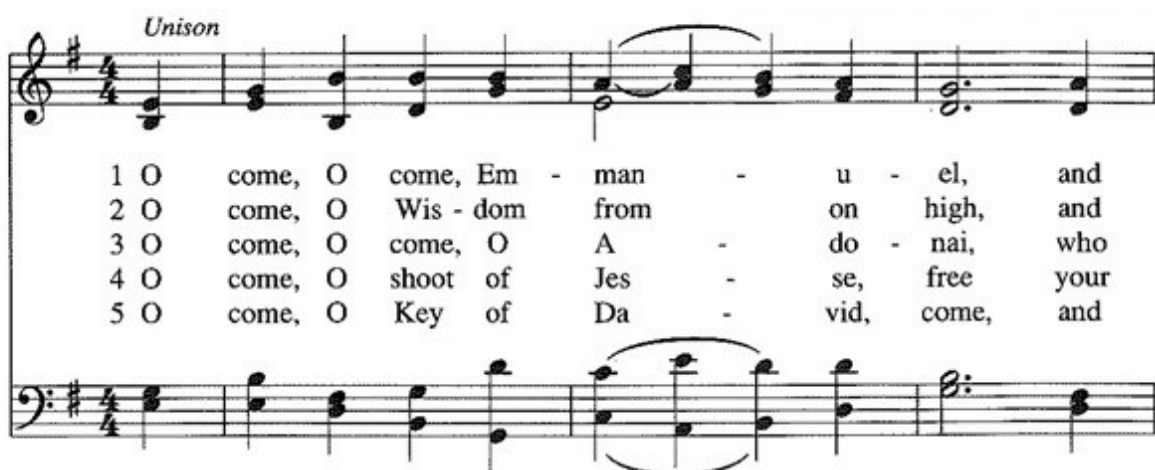
Hymn of Sending

Born from a Star (v.1-2)

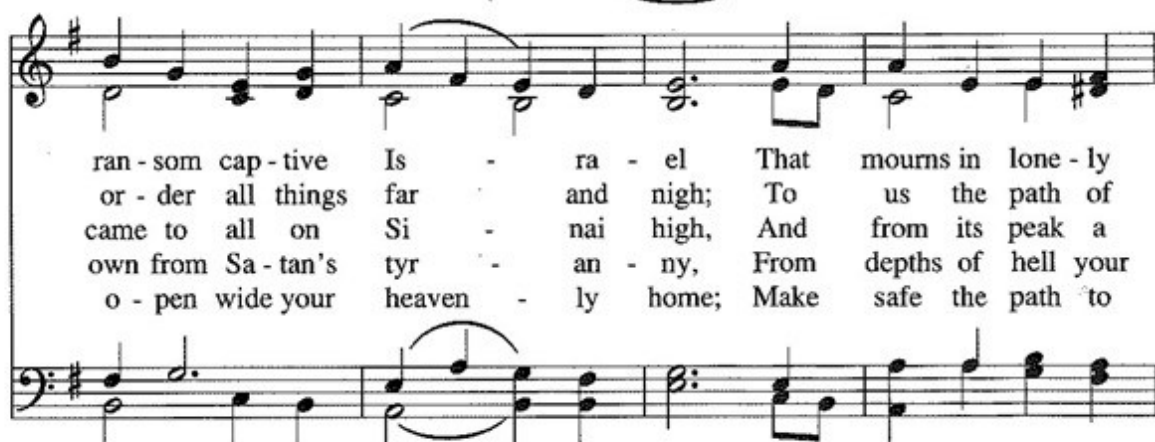
Benediction and Blessing

Postlude

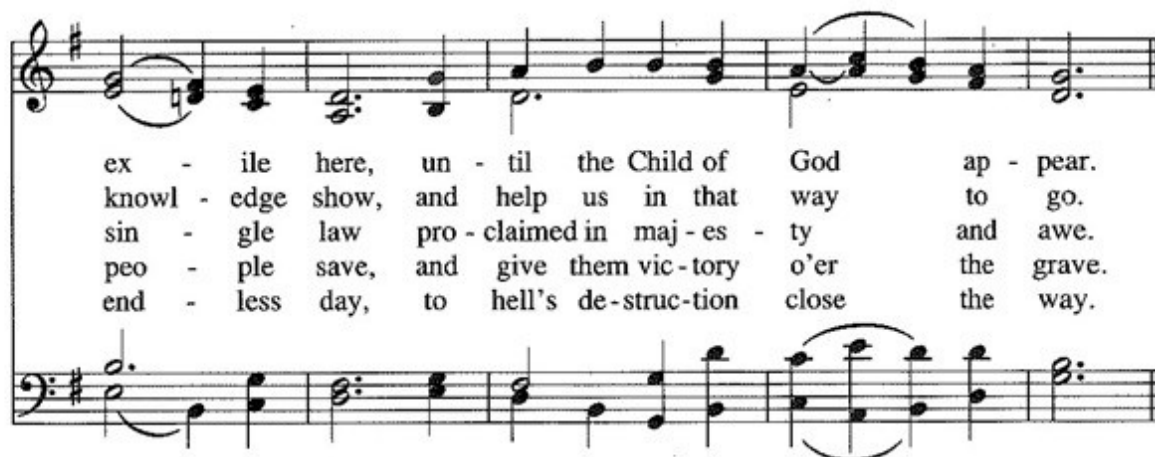
Unison



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, and
 3 O come, O come, O A - do - nai, who
 4 O come, O shoot of Jes - se, free your
 5 O come, O Key of Da - vid, come, and



ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly
 or - der all things far and nigh; To us the path of
 came to all on Si - nai high, And from its peak a
 own from Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny, From depths of hell your
 o - pen wide your heaven - ly home; Make safe the path to



ex - ile here, un - til the Child of God ap - pear.
 knowl - edge show, and help us in that way to go.
 sin - gle law pro - claimed in maj - es - ty and awe.
 peo - ple save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.
 end - less day, to hell's de - struc - tion close the way.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

In the medieval Western church, seven "Great O" antiphons, the basis for this hymn, were sung consecutively on the seven days before Christmas, ending with what appears above as the first stanza.

*Tune: VENI EMMANUEL. L.M. with refrain
 Melody from a 15th-century French "Processional"
 Arr. Thomas Helmore, 1854*

Luke 18:35-43

Fanny Crosby (1820-1915); alt.

1 Pass me not, O gen - tle Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble cry;
 2 Let me at your throne of mer - cy find a sweet re - lief;
 3 Trust - ing on - ly in your mer - it, would I seek your face;
 4 Be the Spring of all my com - fort, more than life to me;

While on oth - ers you are call - ing, do not pass me by.
 Kneel - ing there in deep con - tri - tion, help my un - be - lief.
 Heal my wound - ed, bro - ken spir - it, save me by your grace.
 Not just here on earth be - side me, but e - ter - nal - ly.

Refrain

Sav - ior, Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble cry;

While on oth - ers you are call - ing, do not pass me by.

Fanny Crosby was already a successful writer when she became associated with gospel hymnists Sankey, Sweney, Root, and others. She directed her talent to gospel songs in her early forties, and collaborated with William Doane on many hymns.

Tune: PASS ME NOT 8.5.8.5. with refrain
 William H. Doane (1832-1915)

Toda la Tierra

(All Earth Is Waiting)

Isa. 40:3-5; Luke 3:4-6; Matt. 1:23

Alberto Taulé, 1972; alt.
Transl. Gertrude C. Suppe, 1987; alt.

Unison

1 To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor y el sur - co a - bier - to, la
2 Di - ce el pro - fe - ta al pue - blo de Is - ra - el: "De ma - dre vir - gen ya
1 All earth is wait - ing to see the Prom - ised One, and o - pen fur - rows, the
2 Thus says the proph - et to those of Is - ra - el, "A vir - gin moth - er will

o - bra del Crea - dor; es el mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad,
vie - ne Em - ma - nuel," se - rá "Dios con no - so - tros," se - mi - lla se - rá,
sow - ing of our God. All the world, bound and strug - gling, seeks true lib - er - ty;
bear Em - man - u - el": One whose name is "God with us," our Sav - ior shall be,

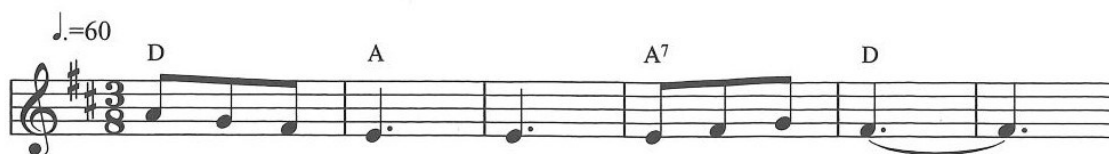
re - cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. (4 dar - nos li - ber - tad.)
con él la es - pe - ran - za al mun - do vol - ve - rá. (4 brings us lib - er - ty.)
it cries out for jus - tice and search - es for the truth. (4 brings us lib - er - ty.)
through whom hope will blos - som once more with - in our hearts.

Alberto Taulé, composer and author of this new Advent hymn, has served as a parish priest and music editor for the Roman Catholic Church in Spain. This hymn was his first to be published in the United States.

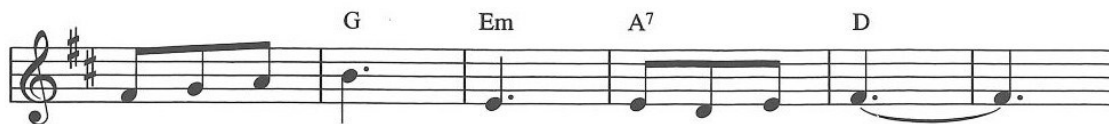
Tune: TAULE 11.11.12.12.
Alberto Taulé, 1972
Harm. Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1988

Born from a Star

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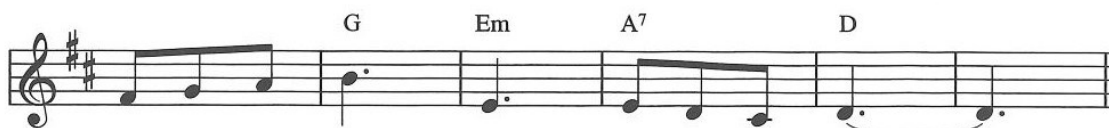
Now let them gath - er, from near and far. _____
 Cir - cle to - geth - er, no need to fear. _____



God's ho - ly chil - dren, dust of a star. _____
 Sing - ing God's prais - es, for all to hear. _____



Shine with great bright - ness, pure as the light. _____
 Re - claim God's pow - er, be who you are. _____



Join with each oth - er, dance in the night. _____
 God's own cre - a - tion, born from a star. _____

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**“No matter who you are or where you are on
 life's journey, you are welcome here!”**



We make a point to say this from the pulpit most Sundays. We like saying it. We like what it means. It means that at Lakeview United Church of Christ you don't have to be sure about your understanding of God to worship here. It means that in this community of faith you are welcome to share your gifts and your needs---no matter what they are. It means that no matter your race, nationality, sexual orientation, gender identification, age, ability, or *whatever it is that makes you you, our welcome to you is extravagant!*

If you have found yourself excluded and alienated, spiritually homeless or questioning, you are welcome here. If you have ever felt there is no room for you within Christianity or the Church, you are welcome here. We are a community of faith that celebrates diversity and strives to fulfill our mission to: Reach out through God's spirit by Involving, Serving and Learning Together. *We hope you will return and even consider joining this band of fellow travelers. Let's journey together!*



The Pastor's Discretionary Fund (PDF) is our mission for the month of December.

The PDF enables us to assist with the real-world kind of emergencies encountered by people in both the Lakeview congregation and the wider community. Throughout the year we are frequently contacted by members of the community, non-profit agencies, and other churches to request help that cannot be obtained from other sources. We have helped with those in need as they wait for new benefits to kick in; assistance with rent/utility bills and security deposits; unexpected car repairs; prescriptions and medical needs; families in need of baby formula, etc.



Through your giving, the Pastor is able to offer emergency help while also working to help find long term solutions and resources for the future. Your gifts to this mission allow us to offer direct emergency help to our friends and neighbors in our immediate community. Thanks for giving generously, so we can give generously.

DONATIONS FOR KINGS FOOD PANTRY

For November and December Holiday Meals

To help struggling families enjoy Holiday feasts, please consider donations of holiday favorites

- Potatoes- instant or boxed
- Stuffing Mix
- Jello & Pudding
- Cranberry Sauce
- Boxed Pie crust mix
- Canned fruits



- Canned veggies (& cream of mushroom soup for casseroles)
- Pumpkin Pie filling (& evaporated milk)
- Roll or Muffin mix
- Gravy- mixes or canned



As we kick off our 2025 Stewardship Campaign, “Imagine Together”, you should have received an email message from our Stewardship team, along with info on how to make your pledge online. You can use this link to return your pledge: <https://form.jotform.com/232774737198168> or scan the QR code here. Paper pledge cards are available in the narthex or email or call the office to request one.



The December **Just for Lunch** will be held on Wednesday, December 18th at 12:30pm at deShā's 11320 Montgomery Rd. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office. All are welcome, but space is limited! We hope that those of you who haven't been available on Mondays will be able to join us on this special Wednesday date.



A Note from the Treasurer: Please be sure that all contributions for 2024 are received in the office by **December 29th** so they can be included on your 2024 statements. Thank you!

Contributions to the Lakeview Operating fund can be made during offering, by using the giving envelopes in the main aisle, via automatic bill pay at your bank, online using the Pushpay app or the QR code here. Your generosity is deeply appreciated! Applepay is now accepted via Pushpay.





5TH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH: AIM CHALLENGE

Since December is financially challenging for many of us, in place of a monetary donation, the AIM committee would like to challenge the Lakeview congregation to perform an act of kindness as a family or as an individual as their 5th Sunday offering. Think of a simple, inexpensive way to spread joy. Some ideas:

- Visit a shut in
- share cookies with an elderly neighbor or busy parent
- send a note of encouragement to someone on the Lakeview prayer list or someone you know who needs a reason to smile
- pay it forward at the coffee shop
- forgive someone
- leave the postal carrier a nice surprise
- drop something brand name in the food pantry box. Donate the Smuckers and the Jif
- tip extra generously the next time you eat out
- help a neighbor finish a yard chore
- look for an organization that needs a volunteer and resolve to step forward
- thank someone by note or in person. Pick someone you don't think hears 'thank you' often enough
- resolve to pray for someone every day for a month or more
- gather old towels and blankets to drop off at an animal shelter

Plan to drop a note into the offertory plate sharing about your act of kindness (anonymously if you prefer.) We can post your acts of kindness on the AIM bulletin board to inspire others.

Should you prefer to donate, any funds that are collected as a 5th Sunday offering will be donated to **Beloved Ashville**, an organization helping hurricane Helene victims.



Check out our App! Scan the QR code to download and use our keyword **"GIVE2LAKEVIEW"**

Christmas at Lakeview

Thursday December 19th

Blue Christmas Service - online service-available starting at 7:00 PM

During the holiday season, there are many folks who don't feel so "merry and bright." Often we find we are struggling with anxiety, depression, loneliness, or the grief faced when living with loss.

So we invite everyone to a time of peaceful worship, filled with reflective liturgy, beautiful music, and words of lament and compassion as we take moment to rest in God's love on this, the longest night.

Please see the Lakeview App, website, or Facebook page for the link.

Sunday December 22nd

10:15 AM-Family Centered Worship Service

We will be celebrating the last Sunday of Advent as we light the fourth candle in our Advent Wreath, sing, pray, and worship- all with a family friendly focus! There will be a Christmas Play, and lots of special music. We hope the whole family will join us for this time of worship and rejoicing!

Tuesday December 24th

7:00 PM -A Service of Lessons and Carols at Lakeview-

At 7:00 PM on Christmas Eve we will be gathering in the Sanctuary for a service of 'Lessons and Carols'. It will be a moving time of music, prayer, and candle light as we hear again the Nativity story. Come and be part of this time of worship and rejoicing!

The service will also be recorded and available for online worship later in the evening.

Wednesday, December 25th - Christmas Day

A Christmas Reflection

Take a few minutes during your busy Christmas morning to center and consider the joy of the Christmas celebration. We will be offering an online time to reflect and rejoice. The link will be provided on the Lakeview App, website, and Facebook page when it becomes available.



In Our Prayers

Chris Bilyeu and Family; the Anderson Family; Mac McKenzie;
the Alkire Family; Louise (Pam's Mother-in-law); Ed McEleney; the Paul Family;
Ernie and Karen (Pam's friends); Leslie (Pam's friend); the Madden family;
Adrienne (daughter of Lisa Barrows' friend); Esther Friedhoff & family;
Katie & John (Overholt family); Karen Baumann & Larry ; Katha Kievit

Birthdays this Week

Jan Galaas (12); Kay Alkire (13); John Baughman, Harold Hamblin (14)

Today

10:15 AM Sunday Worship
5:00 PM Umlang Piano Recital

Monday, Dec 9

11:00 AM AA- FH
6:00 PM Girl Scouts- rm 8
6:30 PM BSA Scouts- FH
7:00 PM AA - Conf. Room

Tuesday, Dec 10

5:30 PM Cub Scout Pack Mtgs- Sanctuary/ FH/CR/Lobby/CE wing
8:00 PM AA Meeting- FH/CR

Wednesday, Dec 11

10:00 AM Lakeview Quilters—CR
12:00 PM AA Meeting - FH
6:30 PM Girl Scouts—rm 8
6:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal—Sanctuary
7:00 PM NAR-Anon rm 7
7:30 PM Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

Thursday, Dec 12

7:00 PM AA Meeting— FH
7:00 PM Al-Anon —rm 8

Friday, Dec 13

9:00 AM Preschool Christmas Programs- Sanctuary

Saturday, Dec 14

8:30 AM AA Meeting—FH





Members of our Lakeview music community will be participating in the following special events and would love your support:

The students of our amazing accompanist, Irina Hall, will be giving their recital at Lakeview on Thursday, **December 19th** at 5:00pm.



Jubilant Singers Present
A Not
 So Silent Night
 December 8, 2024

FAMILY FRIENDLY, FREE CONCERT. DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED.

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH - 5 PM

445 CRAIG ROAD
CINCINNATI, OH 45244

VILLAGE OF BATAVIA, BATAVIA ARMORY - 2 PM

65 N. 2ND STREET
BATAVIA, OH 45103

Mason Symphony Orchestra
 Christmas in Mason
Festival Concert
 Sunday, December 8, 2024
 5 PM
 Manor House, Mason


Featuring
 Javier Ortiz, Bass-Baritone

Holiday Ringers
 Mason Chorale
 The Studio for Dance

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 CHORALE

<https://www.masonsymphonyorchestra.org/>

DAYTON PERFORMING ARTS ALLIANCE
Opera Philharmonic Ballet



SCAN ME

Handel's Messiah

December 18, 2024, at 7:30pm

Schuster Center
 Winsupply Theatre
 1 W 2nd St, Dayton, OH 45402

Neal Gittleman
 Conductor

Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra

Dayton Philharmonic Chamber Chorus

Steven Hankle
 Chorus Director

<https://daytonperformingarts.org/production/messiah/>
 or QR Code for tickets and information.

Mason Chorale
Christmas Concert

- **Sunday, December 22, 2024**
- 6:30pm - 8:30pm
- Heritage Presbyterian Church
 6546 Mason-Montgomery Rd
- <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/masonchorale/1473568>

