

9:00 and 11:00 Worship

PRELUDE "Bergeuse de Noel" Sarah Douglas
Jim Ward, Organ

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH Dr. Melanie Rosa
Please record your attendance and pass the pad to your neighbor.

*HYMN OF PRAISE "O Come, All Ye Faithful" 234
(Verses 1-4)

GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE The Elliotts (9:00)
The Wrights (11:00)

ADVENT HYMN (Verse 3) 2090

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN Julie Cicak
*Loving Child Care is available for infants to age 3 in Room 103.
Children's Church for ages 4 to Grade 2 is held in Room 13, downstairs.
As the children leave we will sing "Jesus Loves the Little Children".*

REMEMBERING 125 YEARS Dr. Melanie Rosa

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
We thank God for you and welcome you today in Christian love. As members and friends, together with you in this body of Christ, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of this church. We promise with you to support it with our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ our Lord. Welcome to our church and God bless you!

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS WITH OTHERS
When we receive freely and give generously, everyone is blessed.

OFFERTORY "O Holy Night" Adolphe Adam, arr. Chin
Marty & The Methodists; Chancel Choir

*RESPONSE "Love Came Down at Christmas" 242
(Verse 1)

THE MUSIC OF CHRISTMAS Don Bleyle
"Silent Night" arr. Betty Garee
"O Come Little Children" arr. Patricia Sanders
"Silver Bells" arr. Ralph Stiles
Whitechapel Handbell Choir

THE MUSIC OF CHRISTMAS Bill Goodwin
"Hark the Herald Angels Sing" F. Mendelssohn, arr. Jim Engebretson
"He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child" arr. B. Burroughs
The LUMC Brass Ensemble

THE MUSIC OF CHRISTMAS Marabeth Dial
"What Child Is This" arr. David Heck, Jr.
Sulton Griffin, drums; Brent Nichols, finger cymbals
"Gesu Bambino" Pietro A. Yon
"I Just Heard Some Good News" Jay Althouse
Solos: David Heck, Jr., Vern Yost
"Betelehemu (Nigerian Christmas Song)" V. Olatunji & W. Whalum
Sulton Griffin, drums
Chancel Choir

THE MUSIC OF CHRISTMAS Amy McKean
"Joy (to the World)" Mason/Watts
"Rise Up Children" arr. Benjamin Harlan
Marty and the Methodists; Chancel Choir

THE MUSIC OF CHRISTMAS David Heck, Jr.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION "Joy to the World" 246
At this time kids in grades 1-6 are invited to go downstairs for Faith Power! A really cool Sunday School. All other classes begin at 10:00.

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE "There's A Song in the Air" 249
(Verse 1)

POSTLUDE "Christmas Joy" arr. Steven Scott
Jim Ward, Organ

Cherish the Past, Celebrate the Present, Create the Future Celebrating 125 Years

In 1981 this church celebrated 100 years. It was a festive year filled with many celebrations of a century of Christian service. There were visiting preachers from the past, banquets, picnics, organ and handbell concerts, and the Centennial Trust Fund was established that year as a way to assure a strong financial future for this congregation. Also our Columbarium was built by Bill Baird and Hank Hettinger as a way to honor and memorialize departed loved ones. Dr. Mason Willis was the pastor from 1980 until 1987, and when he became a District Superintendent, Rev. Don Hebert was named Senior Pastor. Rev. Hebert stayed here only 6 months and when he left many of our members left also. The late 1980s were a very difficult time for this congregation, but when Rev. Gordon Knuckey and Rev. Gary Haddock were appointed in the summer of 1987, things immediately improved and the church got back on a solid footing once again.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TODAY

Classes for Children and Youth:

- **Infants to Age 3** – Loving Nursery care in Room 103.
- **Age 3 through Kindergarten** - With Sandy Johnson in Room 104 .
- **Grades 1 through 6 – Faith Power!** Downstairs in Fellowship Hall.
- **Grades 7 through 12** - With Gary Dyer and Amanda Clark downstairs - Youth Room.
- **Confirmation Class** with Jim Marshall upstairs in Room 200.

Adult Classes:

- **Adult Bible Study** - With Jim Moore & Carl Smith, Room 109. This is an on-going class of stimulating lessons that explore ways to understand the biblical message and apply it to daily life.
- **Join Rev. Don Bleyle** in the Parlor at 10:00 a.m. for an Advent Preparation Study "The Miracles of Christmas". All are invited to attend.
- **Methodism and LUMC Class** - 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. This class, taught by Gayle Grimes, is on Methodist beliefs and what it means to be a "Methodist" and being involved in your church and community,

The United Methodist Women Wassail Bowl and Brunch will be served at 9:30 a.m. on Dec. 20th in the Parlor. The program will be "Here We Come A-Caroling" – Carols and customs of Christmas presented by Donita Banks, voice, piano and autoharp.

The next Men's Breakfast will be Wed., Dec. 20th, 7:00 a.m. at Café Del Sol. All men are invited to attend.

The LUMC Prayer Chain is hosting a retreat January 21st, from noon to 4:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Lunch is included at no cost. This will be an exciting time of interactive learning and sharing. Open to everyone in the LUMC family, but current Prayer Chain members are **encouraged** to attend if at all possible.

Please R.S.V.P. by Sunday, January 14th by calling the church office at 303.238.7768, or e-mail to krgies@gmail.com, jdmkmorse@comcast.net, or ZRNVV@aol.com. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity and share in an exciting time of learning more about prayer and the prayer chain.

Side By Side Counseling, LLC (Tania Henderson) will be moving to a new location on January 2nd – 4251 Kipling St. Ste 150. Check out her website: www.sbscounseling and watch for more details in the January Flame.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Health concerns: Joe & Nancy Darden, Tressie Heist, John LeVett, Kathy Campe; for students of Eiber Elementary.
JOYS: Reception of our new members today; the music program of our church.

Poinsettias for our Sanctuary given

In Memory of:

Frank Pacheco and loved ones by Katie Pacheco
 Vi Wiscamb by Leota and Hank Hettinger
 Heath and Alice Goodwin and Lester and Winona Kalbfleish by
 Bill and Suzanne Goodwin
 Jeff Hendry and Alice Karkstrom by
 Brenda Mueller and Kenny Cates
 Jolie Dawn Willbanks by Dawn Willbanks
 Archer Elliott by Lynne and Steve Shaver and Darline Elliott
 Naida and Earl Durbin by Mary Durbin Shopnitz
 Christopher Johnson by Bob and Cathy Johnson
 The Parents of Debbie Cooper
 Earl & Bess Chandler, Robert Griffin by Mark and Shauna
 Chandler
 Bob Henderson, Wes and Mary Hamilton by Jeanne Henderson
 Ron Gerig by Greg Elliott and Nel Gerig
 Millicent Pletcher by John Pletcher
 Casey DeBruyne by Mike and Denise Hennessy
 James V. Boxell by the Lyle Gallivan Family
 Rev. Maryann Downs by The Rosa Family
 The parents of Mary Ann and Don Bleyle

In Honor of:

The Severns family by Jackie and Frank Severns
 Christmas Hope by Brenda Mueller and Kenny Cates
 The Parents of Ken Gies
 The Stall Family by Fran and Dick Stall
 Parents of Chuck and Sue West
 Margaret by Clark and Ginger Crandall
 Our congregation for prayers for her son, Larry, by Hazel
 Clements
 Ann, Rick, Miranda, Delaney and Dalton Webb by
 Dick and Phyllis Fisher

For the enjoyment of our church family by
 Marabeth and Bill Dial, Sally Reed, Jeannine Seagren

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY TODAY @ LUMC
 4:00-6:30 Campfire with Trinity Youth

Join us at Noon today for an Informational Meeting on the vote
 that will be taken on Dec. 31st and Jan. 7th on the future of our
 church. All members are encouraged to attend.

Christmas Schedule

Dec. 24th – Candlelight Services 10:00 a.m., 7:00 and 9:00 p.m.
Dec. 31st – One Service 10:00
 Congregational vote (also Jan. 7th)

OUR MINISTRY THIS WEEK

Sunday, Dec. 17th

8:30-11:00 Social Time
 8:45-12:15 Child Care
 (Infant to age 3) Room 103
 9:00 Worship
 10:00 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship
 12:00 Staff Meeting
 12:00 Social Time
 12:00 Informational Meeting
 4:00 Silas
 4:00-6:30 Youth (with Trinity Youth)

Tuesday, Dec. 19th

9:00 Quilting
 10:00 Staff Meeting
 6:00 Therapy Group

Wednesday, Dec. 20th

7:00 Men's Breakfast
 9:30 UMW Wassail Bowl
 12:00 Bulletin Deadline
 7:00 p.m. Marty & The Methodists

Thursday, Dec. 21st

7:00 Eiberhood
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Saturday, Dec. 22nd

Church Office Closes at Noon

The Women's Discussion
 Group will not meet in
 December, but will have
 its next gathering on
 Monday, Jan. 22nd at Full
 Moon Books and Coffees.
 Contact Mary Gallivan at
 303-238-4156 for more
 information.

Be sure and get your
 grocery certificates/cards
 here for Safeway and King
 Sooper before you do
 that holiday grocery
 shopping.

The food item of the month
 of December for DenUM is
 pasta. The Jeffco Action
 Center bin is in the hall for
 those donations.

Large Print Bulletins and a
 Hearing Assistance System
 are available from an Usher.

NOW AVAILABLE – LARGE PRINT Church Directories.
 Check in the church office. More will be printed as
 needed. Check it out!

2007 OFFERING ENVELOPES are in the hall. Please do
 not use these envelopes until January, 2007.

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 Christian Education DirectorAmber Johnson
 Director of MusicDavid Heck, Jr.
 Organist.....Jim Ward
 Marty & The Methodists....David Heck, Jr., Al Hunter, Amy McKean,
 April and Brent Nichols, Fred Rosa, Will Thomas and Jim Ward
 Sound....Max Morse, Linda Lindholm and Terry Whitsel
 Video Team..... John Tallerday, Jeff Ward and Gary Grimes
 Head Ushers..... Frank Williamson and Mark Chandler
 Ushers.....Brenda Mueller, Fran Stall
 Coffee Hosts.....Staff Parish Relations

Lakewood
United
 Methodist Church 
celebrating 125 years



*Let
 Heaven
 and
 Nature
 Sing!*

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2006

**We are delighted to have you with us for worship today. We
 have two worship services each Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00.
 Sunday School classes for all ages are offered at 10:00 and
 coffee, juice, and doughnuts are available in Great Hall.**

We Welcome these New Members today!



MICHAEL AND KATHY CAMPE are transferring their membership to us from Green Mountain United Methodist Church. Michael and Kathy enjoy their family, hiking, camping, cooking and ice carving. They have four adult children, Melissa who is married, Joe, Alli and Sarah. Michael is a Culinary Instructor and Kathy is a Para Professional at Belmar Elementary.

They have been attending LUMC for approximately six years. They live at 1744 S. Dover Way Lakewood 80232.

ELIZABETH (LIZ) CHRISTIE is joining today by Profession of Faith. Liz has been attending LUMC for a year, and prior to that she was a member of Our Lady of Fatima. Liz and her family moved to Colorado from Seattle, WA in August 2003. Their daughter, Erin, is studying to take the Bar Exam in February. Erin graduated from Law School this past May. Their daughter, Janna, is a sophomore at CU in Boulder. Liz loves little dogs and recently adopted a 2-year old Chihuahua named Ivan. Liz enjoys reading and she and her husband enjoy camping on the property they own in Westcliffe, where someday they hope to retire. Liz works for Allied Insurance Co. as an adjuster, and her husband, Bill, is an Environmental Health and Safety Manager. Liz and her husband live at 2070 Yarrow St., Lakewood, 80214.



CONNIE EDWARDS is joining today by Profession of Faith. She has been attending LUMC since 1995 and over the years she has been blessed us by volunteering as a Sunday School Teacher, Faith Power Shepherd, Silas "Mom", honorary Marty, and has served on the Education Committee. Connie has two children: Courtney, age 18 (in college at UCD); and Will, age 16 (drummer for

Marty). Connie grew up on a farm in southern Illinois and has been a Colorado resident for almost 13 years, since relocating here from Savannah, Georgia in 1994. Connie works at United Western Bank in the construction lending area and has worked in the banking/finance industry for over 16 years. Connie and her children live at 1830 Cody St. in Lakewood.

ANNETTE JACKSON is transferring her membership to us from Golden First United Methodist Church. Annette is a Network Administrator for Builder MT. She enjoys singing with the Chancel Choir, hiking with her dog, camping, canoeing & computers. Annette lives at 1105 Xenon St. in Golden.



SHAWN MCCRARY is joining today by Profession of Faith. Shawn is the son of Tony & Linda McCrary who are also joining today. Shawn is a contractor and has a five year old son named Samuel. Shawn was confirmed at Hope United Methodist Church and has taught Sunday School, been a member of the choir and a worship leader. Shawn lives

at 700 S. Decatur St. in Denver.

TONY AND LINDA MCCRARY are re-joining our church today.



Tony previously was a Printed Circuit Board Designer at and now works for Tri-state as a Computer Drafter. He belongs to art guilds and enjoys weaving and watercolor. He belongs to the American Legion and is the State Chaplain for the 5th year. Tony also was an Adult Sunday School Teacher here for about ten years.

Linda has been busy caring for her parents who have both recently deceased. Linda also was State Chaplain for American Legion Auxiliary for two years and enjoys sewing, reading and gardening. Tony and Linda were both Stephen Ministers. They have two grandsons that they love spending time with. Tony & Linda live at 700 S. Decatur St. in Denver.

Join us in Great Hall for a reception to meet and greet these new members.