



Welcome to
Leitchfield United Methodist Church



December 7, 2025

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10:00 AM Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Special Music

Bell Choir

Hymn

People, Look East

Advent Reading & Candle Lighting

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
(verse 4)

Congregational Prayer

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/ Hymn

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

Doxology

Scripture

Luke 1:5-25 (NIV)

Message

Do not be Afraid: Your Prayer has been Heard
Week 2

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.

*catholic church is the Church Universal

Communion

Closing Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Luke 1:5-25 (NIV)

⁵ In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. ⁶ Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly. ⁷ But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old.

⁸ Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, ⁹ he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰ And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside.

¹¹ Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. ¹³ But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. ¹⁴ He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, ¹⁵ for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. ¹⁶ He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷ And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

¹⁸ Zechariah asked the angel, “How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years.”

¹⁹ The angel said to him, “I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. ²⁰ And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time.”

²¹ Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering why he stayed so long in the temple. ²² When he came out, he could not speak to them. They realized he had seen a vision in the temple, for he kept making signs to them but remained unable to speak.

²³ When his time of service was completed, he returned home. ²⁴ After this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion. ²⁵ “The Lord has done this for me,” she said. “In these days He has shown His favor and taken away my disgrace among the people.”

Sermon Notes

Welcome to Leitchfield United Methodist Church

Thank you for joining us for worship today. We appreciate you sharing some information with us on the Visitor’s Card you will receive from the Ushers. We pray that you sensed God’s presence with us this morning, and that you were given “food for thought” through the service. We invite you to join us again soon.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

<i>Sun</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>9:00 am, Sunday School</i> <i>10:00 am, Worship</i>
<i>Mon</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>6:00 pm, Leadership Council, The Rock</i> <i>7:00 pm, AA/NA, Church Basement</i>
<i>Tue</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>Noon-4:00 pm, Thrift Shop Open</i> <i>5:30 pm, Fellowship Café Community Meal, Church Basement</i>
<i>Wed</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>5:30-6:30 pm, Cantata Choir Practice, Church</i> <i>5:15-8 pm, Celebrate Recovery, The Well</i> <i>7:00 pm, AA/NA, Church Basement</i>
<i>Fri</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>10:00 am, AA/NA/Al-anon, Church Basement</i> <i>10:00 am – 3:00 pm Thrift Shop Open</i>
<i>Sat</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>10:00 am, AA/NA, Church Basement</i>
<i>Sun</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>9:00 am, Sunday School</i> <i>10:00 am, Worship</i>

LUMC & Community Info

Kid's Activity Packets and lap blankets are located in the vestibule.

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*Please see bulletin insert to update/verify contact preferences.

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Invite a friend and neighbor to this church community event as

Leitchfield United Methodist Church presents:

Tapestry of Light: A Celtic Christmas Celebration, by Joseph M. Martin

Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, December 20 at 6:00 pm

Performances: Sunday, December 21, 7:00 pm

Monday, December 22, 7:00 pm.

All are welcome!

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***Plan now to attend the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & Communion,
Wednesday, 12/24/25, 5:30 pm - Church Sanctuary.**

Invite a friend & neighbor! All are welcome!

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*Next Sunday, December 14th, following Worship there will be an informational meeting as LUMC transitions to the One Board model of leadership structure. Please bring questions and plan to attend.

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*There will be no Pickleball at The Rock Christmas Week, December 22-26.

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*For bulletin announcements, please contact the church office (270-259-4019)
no later than Wednesday morning. Thank you!

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

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