



December 27, 2020

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Announcements

Greeting

*Are any among you sick?
They shall call for the elders of the church
and have them pray over them,
anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.
The prayer of faith will save the sick,
And the Lord will raise them up;
And anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.
Therefore confess your sins to one another,
And pray for one another,
So that you may be healed.*

*May grace and peace be yours in abundance
In the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.
We have come to lift up our brothers and sisters before the Lord
That they may receive healing.
Let those who seek God's healing
Open their hearts to the Spirit of the Lord.*

Bless the Lord, O my soul!
And all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits.
The Lord forgives all our iniquity, and heals all our diseases.*

*The Lord redeems our lives from the pit,
And crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.
**God satisfies us with good as long as we live
So that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.***

Hymn

"We Three Kings" vv. 1,4

1 We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

Hymn

“Go Tell It on the Mountain” vv. 1. 3

Refrain:

Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. [Refrain]

3 Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]

LRUMC Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 27

8:30 & 11:00 Traditional Services (Healing Service)

9:30 Contemporary Healing Service

Monday, December 28

10:00 Dignity Ministry, L.C.

Tuesday, December 29

Wednesday, December 30

12:00 Wednesday Service, Sanctuary

Thursday, December 31

New Year's Eve

9:00 – 2:00 Receiving your gifts in church office

10:00 Dignity Ministry

Friday, January 1

New Year's Day

Church Office Closed

5:00 Shepherds Table Dinner, F. Hall

Our Presence on December 20, 2020

In Person Worship Returning from Covid-19 Church Closing.

8:30 AM	42
9:30 AM	64
11:00 AM	32
Worship Total:	138

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PRAYER FOR THOSE WITH LIFE-THREATENING ILLNESS

Lord Jesus Christ, we come to you sharing the suffering that you endured. Grant us patience during this time, that as we live with pain, disappointment, and frustration, we may realize that suffering is a part of life, a part of life that you know intimately. Touch us in time of trial, hold us tenderly in your loving arms, and let us know you care. Renew us in our spirits, even when our bodies are not being renewed, that we might be ever prepared to dwell in your eternal home, through our faith in you, Lord Jesus, who died and are alive for evermore. Amen.

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES IN CONFLICT

God of infinite love and understanding, pour out your healing Spirit upon those who are dealing with the pain and loss caused by family conflict. Where there is hurt or bitterness, grant healing of memories

and the ability to put behind the things that are past. Where feelings of despair or worthlessness flood in, nurture the spirit of hope and confidence that by your grace tomorrow can be better than yesterday.

We pray for the children and ask for help as we minister your healing to them. We pray for family and friends, for the healing of their hurts and the acceptance of new realities. All this we ask in the name of the One who sets us free from slavery to the past and makes all things new, even Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THOSE WITH MEMORY LOSS

Please grant my visitors tolerance for my confusion, forgiveness for my irrationality, and the strength to walk with me into the mist of memory my world has become. Please help them take my hand and stay awhile, even though I seem unaware of their presence. Help them to know how their strength and loving care will drift slowly into the days to come just when I need it most. Let them know that when I don't recognize them, that I will...I will. Keep their hearts free of sorrow for me, for my sorrow, when it comes, only lasts a moment... then it's gone. And finally, Lord, please let them know how much their visits mean. How even through this relentless mystery, I can still feel their love. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM
ADDICTION/ SUBSTANCE ABUSE

**God of mercy, we bless you in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who ministered to all who came to him. Give your strength to those bound by the chains of
addiction. Enfold them in your love
and restore them to the freedom of your children.
Look with compassion on all those who have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them
the assurance of your unfailing mercy.
Strengthen them in the work of recovery, and help them to resist all temptation. To those
who care for them, grant patient understanding and a love that perseveres. We ask this
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE LOSS OF A SPOUSE

**Our heart grieves for those who have lost a spouse. It is hard to imagine losing a best
friend and lover, yet many husbands and wives know that pain all too well. We pray that
your loving kindness will comfort them. We pray that your love will fill their hearts. Help
them to regain strength and confidence. If any of them have pulled away from you in
anger we pray that you would soften their hearts and mind. Draw near to them in
personal ways. May you help them cope with the pain from day to day as they
experience healing and peace in Jesus name AMEN.**

PRAYER IN TIME OF WAR

**Our Father, Who art in Heaven: give us, we pray Thee, the courage and the strength to
stamp out the threat of paganism and slavery that hangs over the world today. Be merciful to
all those who have died in the service of our country. Console those who have lost their
loved ones in the struggle.**

**Help our fighting men and women to be always clean of heart and therefore unafraid.
Soothe the wounded in battle. Sustain the courage of those who suffer persecution for
conscience sake. Have pity on all who have been insulted, robbed, tortured, defiled, or
enslaved by their conquerors.**

**Grant wisdom to our leaders, civil and military, that they may
most effectively direct our efforts, at home and abroad. Teach us
all to walk humbly with Thee, so that we may be worthy to conquer, and having conquered,
may build a peace with justice, under the Fatherhood of God. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR CAREGIVERS

Lord, show me enough strength within me because I am very tired.

**Show me patience to care for the one I love.
Show me peace of mind as I struggle through each day and night.
Show me the joy in the little things my loved one does to help me.
Show me love when anger wants to take over my thoughts.
Show me hope when I can see no hope.
And Lord, show me kindness for those who care about me. Amen**

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS WITH ANOINTING
AND LAYING ON OF HANDS**

***PRAYER AFTER ANOINTING AND/OR LAYING ON OF HANDS**

**Almighty God, we pray that those who have asked for healing
may be comforted in their suffering and made whole.
When they are afraid, give them courage;
when they feel weak, grant them your strength;
when they are afflicted, afford them patience;
when they are lost, offer them hope;
when they are alone, move us to their side;
when death comes, open your arms to receive them.
In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE DEATH OF A CHILD

**Almighty God, loving Parent of all your children,
we come in sorrow that a child has been taken from us so soon.
Sometimes the burdens of life almost overwhelm us.
Yet we put our full trust in you, knowing that through your
Son Jesus Christ you are with us always. Our despair is profound, and we know you weep
with us in our loss.
Help us to hear your consoling voice,
and give healing to our grief, merciful savior. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE HEALING OF THE NATION

**God of all the ages, in your sight nations rise and fall,
and pass through times of peril.
Now when our land is troubled, be near to judge and save.
May leaders be led by your wisdom;
may they search your will and see it clearly.
If we have turned from your way,
reverse our ways and help us to repent.
Give us your light and your truth, let them guide us;
through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of this world,
and our Savior. Amen.**

