



CHRISTMAS EVE AT WESTWOOD CHURCH

December 24, 2022 - 11pm

Little

PRELUDE MUSIC

10:30 pm

***Chorale Prelude on 'In Dulci Jubilo'* Johann Michael Bach (1648-94)**
Josh Roebuck, *organ*

***A Christmas Carol* Charles Ives (1874-1954)**
Louise Floyd, *soloist*
Josh Tan, *piano*

***Tomorrow Shall be My Dancing Day* John Gardiner (1917-2011)**
Chancel Choir
Josh Roebuck, *organ*
Richard An, *percussion*
Deanna Pyeon, *flute*

***Ave Maria* Sigvaldi Kaldalóns (1881-1946)**
Josh Tan, *piano*

"Schlafe, mein Liebster" from *Christmas Oratorio* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
arr. Harvey Grace (1874-1944)
Josh Roebuck, *organ*
Deanna Pyeon, *flute*

***Noël* Gabriel Fauré (b. 1970)**
Carmen Edano, *soloist*
Josh Tan, *piano*

***Dormi Jesu!* Jaebon Hwang (b. 1983)**
Sanctuary Singers
Josh Roebuck, *organ*

***'Bruyères' from Préludes, Book II* Claude Debussy (1862-1918)**
Josh Tan, *piano*

***Prelude on 'The Holly and the Ivy'* Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)**
Josh Roebuck, *organ*
Deanna Pyeon, *flute*



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by the generosity of the Friends of Music fund.

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CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

11:00 PM

SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-5, 14

Christopher Carter

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

WELCOME

Molly Vetter

*The Peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.*

ADVENT PROCESSIONAL

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

arr. J. Edmund Hughes

Chancel Choir
Sacred Dancers

*O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Molly Vetter, Matt & Jonah Parker

Over a hundred people, from the ages of two to eighty years old, were asked to fill in the blank for the statement: "My story is. . ." From the voices of different generations, hear their answers:

*Amazing!
Just beginning.
A wee bit messy, with lots of love.
Privileged.
Hopeful.
Full of silliness.
Still unfolding.
Long, but good.
One of resilience.
Incomplete, thank goodness.
Multilingual.
A work in progress.
My story is not just mine, it's tied to yours.*

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Tonight we tell the story that we tell every year—the story of Christ's birth, the story of love made flesh. It's a story that weaves through every generation. It's a story that picks up the bits and pieces of our narrative and braids us together.

*So tonight we light the Christ candle, because from generation to generation, our story belongs to God. Thanks be to God for a love like that.
Amen.*

-Prayer by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed
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HYMN

O Come All Ye Faithful

UMH No. 234

arr. David Willcocks

**1. O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him,
born the King of angels.
*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!***

**3. Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest:
*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!***

**6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.***

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

Taylor Jacobs

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

**1. Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the newborn King:
 peace on earth, and mercy mild,
 God and sinners reconciled!"
 Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
 join the triumph of the skies;
 with th'angelic hosts proclaim,
 "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
*Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the newborn King!"***

**2.(CHOIR ONLY) *Christ, by highest heaven adored,
 Christ, the everlasting Lord,
 late in time behold him come,
 offspring of the Virgin's womb:
 veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
 hail the incarnate Deity,
 pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
 Jesus, our Emmanuel.
 Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the newborn King!"***

**3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
 Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
 Light and life to all he brings,
 risen with healing in his wings.
 Mild he lays his glory by,
 born that we no more may die,
 born to raise us from the earth,
 born to give us second birth.
*Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the newborn King!"***

SECOND READING**Luke 2:1-7****Mackenzie MacDade**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor 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. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

ANTHEM***Nativity Carol*****Chancel Choir**

John Rutter (b. 1945)

*Born in a stable so bare,
 Born so long ago;
 Born 'neath light of star
 He who loved us so.
 Far away, silent he lay,
 Born today, your homage pay,
 For Christ is born for aye,
 Born on Christmas Day.*

*Cradled by mother so fair,
 Tender her lullaby;
 Over her son so dear
 Angel hosts fill the sky.
 Far away, silent he lay,
 Born today, your homage pay;
 For Christ is born for aye,
 Born on Christmas Day.*

Wise men from distant far land,
 Shepherds from starry hills
 Worship this babe so rare,
 Hearts with his warmth he fills.
 Far away, silent he lay,
 Born today, your homage pay,
 For Christ is born for aye,
 Born on Christmas Day.

Love in that stable was born
 Into our hearts to flow;
 Innocent dreaming babe,
 Make me thy love to know.
 Far away, silent he lay,
 Born today, your homage pay;
 For Christ is born for aye,
 Born on Christmas Day.

THIRD READING

Luke 2:8-14

Celeste Frey

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

CAROL

Angels We Have Heard on High

UMH No. 238

Please stand as you are able.

1. Angels we have heard on high,
 sweetly singing o'er the plains,
 and the mountains in reply
 echoing their joyous strains:
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

3. (Soprano/Alto) Come to Bethlehem and see
 Christ whose birth the angels sing,
 come, adore on bended knee,
 Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
(All) Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

2.(Tenor/Bass) Shepherds, shy this jubilee?
 Why your joyous strains prolong?
 What the gladsome tidings be
 which inspire your heavenly song?
(All) Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

4. See him in a manger laid,
 whom the choirs of angels praise;
 Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
 while our hearts in love we raise.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

FOURTH READING

Luke 2:15-20

Katherine Wessling

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

ANTHEM

Wexford Carol

arr. Dale Warland

Sanctuary Singers
Deanna Pyeon , flutist

*Good people all, this Christmas time,
Consider well and bear in mind
What our good God for us has done
In sending his beloved son
With Mary holy we should pray,*

*To God with love this Christmas Day
In Bethlehem upon that morn,
There was a blessed Messiah born.*

*The night before that happy tide,
The noble Virgin and her guide
Were long time seeking up and down
To find a lodging in the town.
But mark how all things came to pass
From every door repelled, alas,
As long foretold, their refuge all
Was but a humble ox's stall.*

*Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep
Their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep
To whom God's angels did appear
Which put the shepherds in great fear
Prepare and go, the angels said
To Bethlehem, be not afraid
For there you'll find, this happy morn
A princely babe, sweet Jesus, born.*

*With thankful heart and joyful mind
The shepherds went the babe to find
And as God's angel had foretold
They did our Saviour Christ behold
Within a manger he was laid
And by his side the virgin maid
Attending on the Lord of Life
Who came on earth to end all strife.*

MEDITATION

Molly Vetter

CALL TO PRAYER

Love Came Down at Christmas

arr. Hugh Benham

Chancel Choir

*Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and angels gave the sign*

*Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, Love divine;
Worship we our Jesus:
But wherewith for sacred sign?*

*Love shall be our token,
Love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and neighbor,
Love for plea and gift and sign.*

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Christopher Carter

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Molly Vetter & Christopher Carter

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*[the liturgy continues]...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

[the liturgy continues]...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

[the liturgy continues]...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen.

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.**

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Molly Vetter

*We will share communion in pre-packaged individual cups.
We invite you to come forward to receive one from the Communion table.
You are welcome to kneel at the communion rail, or stand to the side,
or return to your seats to receive the elements.*

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

**Josh Roebuck, organ
Deanna Pyeon, flute**

Est ist ein Ros entsprungen
Heinrich Lang (1858-1919), arr. Carsten Klomp

Wiegenlied, Op. 68, No. 5
Edvard Grieg (1843-1907), arr. Carsten Klomp

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Christopher Carter

CAROL

Please stand as you are able.

Silent Night, Holy Night

UMH No. 239
Taylor Jacobs, soloist

*Congregational candle lighting as the carol is introduced:
To avoid spilling wax, please tip your unlighted candle toward your neighbor's lit candle.*

SOLO: *Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht! Alles schläft, einsam wacht
nur das traute hochheilige Paar, Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
schlaf in himmlischer Ruh, schlaf in himmlischer Ruh.*

Please join in singing when indicated:

1. Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
'round yon virgin mother and child,
holy infant, so tender and mild.
Sleep in heavenly peace!
Sleep in heavenly peace.

3. Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth!
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth!

4. Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing
"Alleluia!" to our king.
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!

BENEDICTION

Please remain standing.

Molly Vetter

Candles may now be extinguished using the communion cups in the pew racks.

RECESSIONAL CAROL

Please remain standing.

Joy to the World!

UMH No. 246

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing!

2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns
Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy!

4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love
And wonders of his love
And wonders of his love

Candles may be deposited in receptacles provided at the door.

Christmas Flower Dedications

*Thank you to all who contributed to the Christmas Flowers
to decorate the chancel and narthex this Christmas season.*

Krystal, Chris & Thea Abernethy	~In loving memory of Kaia Abernethy
Yinka Bamgbose	~In honor of my children - Rolake, Ayowale, Olusinmi, Okerinola and Trinidad.
The Bamgbose Family	~In loving memory of Jimi Bamgbose
Marianne Barlow	~In memory of Alice, Mel, and Ralph Barlow ~In honor of Patricia Barlow
Patricia Barlow	~In loving memory of Ralph Barlow
Yoteen Cameron and Cyrus, Chandni, Indira & Jerel Banks	~Wishing our Westwood Church family a Blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year.
Lisa Chandler	~In memory and honor of the Coulson Family
Lisa Cochran	~In memory and honor of Howard and Eloise Siskel
Elizabeth Crews	~In memory of Ralph and Betty Crews ~In honor of Veronica and Will Crews
Cheryl Downey	~In grateful memory of Christopher Downey Bandasch
Ruth Elin Drossel	~In honor of our family weddings this year: Erich & Lauren and Patrick & Megan!
The Fonkalsrud Family	~In loving memory of our father, Dr Eric Fonkalsrud ~In loving memory of Katherine Fonkalsrud
Earle Hager & Jane Luetchens	~In memory of our fathers, Reuben Luetchens and Earle Hager, Sr.
Richard Keagy	~In memory of Jocelyn Keagy
The Kishibay Family	~In beloved memory of loved ones.
Angelina Kwan	~In loving memory of Hiram and Julia Kwan
Rhonda K. Lawrence	~In memory of her beloved parents, Keith O. and Mary W. Lawrence ~In memory of her cherished sister, Jennifer Lynn Lawrence, and dear Grandmother, Lizzie Lawrence.
The Brian McCarthy Family	~In memory and honor of all who have taught us the true meaning of Christmas.
Keith & Nancy Price	~In celebration of the birth of Holden Harmon, great-great-grandson of Alice Jackson, Nancy's mother. ~In memory of Keith's parents, James & WillaMae Price ~In honor of our grandchildren, Petra & Raina Matheson
Sharon Rhodes-Wickett	~In honor of Wesley, Henry and Simon Gipson
Nancy Richardson	~In celebration of John's birthday on December 27 th
Debby & Steve Scherer	~In honor of our wonderful children and grandchildren

Jo Schiff	~In loving memory of Gunther Schiff
Patti & Chris Schmidt	~In memory of Beloved husband and father, Roy Schmidt
Andrew & Maureen Schultz	~In loving memory of Maureen's father, Fred Connor
Louise Spear	~In memory of Nancy Rae Spear
Tonia Symensma-Cohen & Michael Cohen	~In memory of beloved father and Grandpa: Roger Lee Symensma ~In honor of our remarkable daughter and her loving Grammy: Savanna Cohen and Diane Symensma ~In memory of dear friend Soojung Thompson
Victoria Von Szeliski	~In memory of my mom, Karlene von Szeliski
Pam Wall	~In loving memory of Dave Wall and in honor of Steve, Ryan & Dana ~In loving memory of my parents, Dean and Mary Jean Andrews
Judy & Bob Wessling	~With thanks for this community of faith
Lynn Woods	~In memory of Mary & Bill Ohrner and Alan Ohrner Hartwell and Erma Watts
Pat Wood	~In memory of Dana Wood

Tonight in Worship

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Molly Vetter (she/her), *Senior Pastor*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Carter (he/him), *Associate Pastor/Pastor of The Loft*

Mackenzie MacDade (she/her), *Director of Youth Ministries & Social Justice*

LITURGISTS

Celeste Frey (she/her)

Taylor Jacobs (he/him)

Katherine Wessling (she/her)

Yen-Hsiang Nieh (he/him), *tenor*

HsinYu Hung (he/him), *bass*

SACRED DANCERS

Ruth Elin Drossel (she/her), *Director*

Denise Freese (she/her)

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Dr. Andrew Schultz (he/him), *Director*

Josh Roebuck (he/him), *Organist*

ACOLYTES

Charlotte Greene (she/her)

Jonah Vetter Parker (he/his)

Oz Peterson (he/his)

CHANCEL CHOIR SECTION LEADERS

Sabrina Langlois (she/her), *soprano*

Carmen Edano (she/her), *alto*

Taylor Jacobs (he/him), *tenor*

Louise Floyd (she/her), *baritone*

USHERS

Keith Price (he/him), Tom Burkhard (he/him),
Kenny Crews (he/him), & Ben Scherer (he/him)

GUEST MUSICIANS

Dr. Joshua Tan (he/him), *piano and bass*

Deanna Pyeon (she/her), *flute*

Cassie Schmitt (she/her), *soprano*

Kate Crellin (she/her), *mezzo-soprano*

Heeseong Lee (she/her), *alto*

PRODUCTION STAFF

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Videography & Sound

WESTWOOD CHURCH

Westwood Church is a Christian community that welcomes all people and focuses on becoming and making disciples committed to justice, kindness and walking humbly with God. We welcome and affirm our ministry with all persons, regardless of age, race, ethnic origin, economic status, ability, gender, marital status or sexual orientation, from first-time visitor to lifetime member.

We seek to understand and carry out God's will, bearing witness to Christ's compassion and embracing the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We foster spiritual growth in all persons – children, youth, and adults; through individual and corporate prayer and study, worship of God, nurturing relationships, and participating in ministries of justice and mercy at home and in the global community. ALL ministries of Westwood UMC are available to ALL people.

A Reconciling Church: We, the faith community of Westwood Church, affirm that a God-filled perspective understands and embraces diversity and radical inclusivity; for that reason we embrace and affirm the full inclusion of everyone regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. We explicitly welcome lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people who have been marginalized and diminished within the larger United Methodist tradition. We commit to embracing the responsibility of pushing for a more open and inclusive United Methodist Church. You are welcome here. You are supported here. You are included here.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING - MAKE A DONATION

We invite you to contribute to our Christmas Offering in support of our Good Samaritan Fund and the Echo Park Immigration Center. Use the QR code or visit our website at www.WestwoodUMC.org/Give.



CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

Sunday, December 25th (10am) The Loft

Join us for one, combined Westwood worship gathering in The Loft! Share in a warm, casual celebration as we sing beloved Christmas songs and share the good news of Christmas day.

NEW YEAR'S DAY WORSHIP

Sunday, January 1st (10am) The Sanctuary

Join us for one, combined Westwood worship gathering in The Sanctuary! Start the new year by grounding yourself in the good news of divine love, and recommit to living lives that echo that gift.

Sunday Worship

The Sanctuary – 9:30am

A sacred gathering with traditional liturgy, a thoughtful message, and resounding organ.

More info: www.WestwoodUMC.org

The Loft – 10:30am

An innovative gathering with spiritual conversation, creativity, coffee, and music.

More info: www.TheLoftLA.org

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