

CHRISTMAS EVE AT WESTWOOD CHURCH

December 24, 2022 - 5pm



ORDER OF SERVICE

As you enter, please silence all electronic devices.

PRELUDE

The Holy Boy
John Ireland (1879-1962)

Josh Roebuck

HYMN

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

UMH No. 211

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

OPENING PRAYER

Sharon Rhodes-Wickett

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Lauren, Don, Eliot, Ford, & Roag Miller
with Jo Schiff & Nancy Price

WELCOME

Molly Vetter

ANTHEM

Prince of Peace
arr. Bill Ingram

Youth Chime Choir

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:2-7

Cyrus Banks

ENTRANCE OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Rachel, Brett, Leo, & Grace Jellen

O Little Town of Bethlehem (UMH No. 230)

**O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;**

**yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.**

SCRIPTURES

Luke 2:1-7

Lydian Witt

SHEPHERDS/ANIMALS ARRIVE

Away in a Manger

UMH No. 217

**Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus
laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the sky
looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus,
asleep in the hay.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus,
I ask thee to stay,
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray!
Bless all the dear children
in thy tender care
And fit us to heaven,
to live with thee there.**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:8-14

Saoirse Holbert

THE ANGELS ARRIVE

Angels We Have Heard on High

UMH No. 238

Please stand as you are able.

**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.***

**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.***

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:15-20

Grace Worrell

ANTHEM

Echo Carol
John D. Horman

Westwood Children's
and Youth Choirs

*In a tiny town, on a clear, cold night,
In a stable small, as born the Lord of Light.*

*On that special night midst the manger stall
Came a tiny babe to be the Lord of All.*

*Angels filled the sky with their songs of joy
Bringing tidings of a newborn baby boy.*

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

A MESSAGE FOR OUR KIDS

Pastor Diana Holbert

THE MAGI & HEROD

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

UMH No. 240

**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"**

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-6

Quinn Weatherford

THE MAGI ARRIVE

What Child is This?

UMH No.219

**What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?**

**This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!**

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:7-12

Merrick Shiflett

CAROL

The First Noel

UMH No. 245

Please stand as you are able.

**The first Noel the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay:
In fields where they
lay keeping their sheep**

**On a cold winter's night
that was so deep
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!**

OFFERING INVITATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christopher Carter

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Molly Vetter

CALL TO PRAYER

Love Came Down at Christmas
arr. Hugh Benham

Sanctuary Quartet

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Christopher Carter

INVITATION TO CANDLELIGHT

Molly Vetter

CAROL

Silent Night, Holy Night

UMH No. 239

Please stand as you are able.

**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.**

**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!**

BENEDICTION

Molly Vetter

CAROL

Go! Tell It On the Mountain

UMH No. 251

Please remain standing.

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

**Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills, and ev'rywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.**

PARTICIPATING IN TONIGHT'S SERVICE

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Molly Vetter (she/her), *Senior Pastor*
Rev. Dr. Christopher Carter (he/him), *Associate Pastor/Pastor of The Loft*
Rev. Dr. Diana Holbert (she/her), *Children & Families Pastor*
Mackenzie MacDade (she/her), *Director of Youth Ministries & Social Justice*

LITURGIST

Sharon Rhodes-Wickett (she/her)

SANCTUARY MUSIC

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

SANCTUARY QUARTET

Sabrina Langlois (she/her), *soprano*
Carmen Edano (she/her), *alto*
Taylor Jacobs (he/him), *tenor*
Louise Floyd (she/her), *bass*

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MUSIC

Ruth Elin Drossel (she/her), *Director*
Tonia Symensma-Cohen (she/her), *Accompanist
and Acolyte Coordinator*
Emily Morales (she/her), *Children's Choir Assistant*

ACOLYTES

Charlotte Greene (she/her)
Savanna Cohen (she/her)
Quinn Weatherford (he/him)
Sydney Weatherford (she/her)

CAMEL WRANGLERS

Jonah Vetter Parker (he/him)
Oz Peterson (he/him)

USHERS

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

PRODUCTION STAFF

Joshua Morales (he/him), *Production Manager*
Richard An (he/him) & Maureen Schultz
(she/her), *Videography & Sound*



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) in 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!

NEW YEAR'S DAY WORSHIP

Sunday, January 1st (10am) The Sanctuary

Join us for one, combined Westwood worship gathering in The Sanctuary as we welcome in the New Year by grounding yourself in the good news of divine love, and recommit to living lives that echo that gift.

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT WESTOOD CHURCH

The Sanctuary – 9:30am

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

www.WestwoodUMC.org

The Loft – 10:30am

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

www.TheLoftLA.org