



ORDER OF SERVICE

As you enter, please silence all electronic devices.

PRELUDE *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen* Chime Choir
arr. Sandra Eithun

WELCOME Molly Vetter

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Star-Child* TFWS No. 2095

**Star-Child, earth child,
go-between of God,
Love Child, Christ child,
Heaven's lightning rod:**

*This year, this year,
let the day arrive
When Christmas comes for everyone,
everyone alive.*

**Hope-for-Peace Child,
God's stupendous sign,
down-to-earth Child,
Star of stars that shine,**

*This year, this year,
let the day arrive
When Christmas comes for everyone,
everyone alive.*

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING The Worth Family

SONG *O Come, All Ye Faithful* UMH No. 234

**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, (3x)
Christ the Lord.**

**True God of true God,
Light from Light Eternal,
lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father,
begotten not created;
O come let us adore him, (3x)
Christ the Lord.**

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9:2-7 Christopher Lange

**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.**

HOLY FAMILY ENTERS Luke 2:1-7 Ada Desai

HYMN *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 for heaven,
to live with thee there.**

SHEPHERDS & ANIMALS ENTER Luke 2:8-14 Saoirse Holbert

HYMN *Angels We Have Heard on High* UMH No. 238

**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 (repeat 2x)**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo (repeat 2x)**

ANTHEM *Do Not Be Afraid* Westwood Children's Choir
Mark Burrows

SHEPHERDS VISIT Luke 2:15-20 Simon Gipson

ANTHEM *Little Baby Boy* Westwood Children's Choir
Richard Avery and Donald Marsh

CHILDREN'S TIME Pastor Diana Holbert

CAROL *The First Noel* UMH No. 245

**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!***

SONG *We Three Kings* Josh Roebuck, organ

HEROD & MAGI ARRIVE Matthew 2:1-6 Savanna Cohen

HYMN *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!**

MAGI OFFER GIFTS

Matthew 2:7-12

Quinn Weatherford

HYMN

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"**

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Molly Vetter

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Christopher Carter

OFFERING INVITATION

Love Came Down at Christmas

Sanctuary Quartet

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Joy to the World

UMH No. 246

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing! (repeat 3x)**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Christopher Carter

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! (repeat 2x)**

**Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born! (repeat 2x)**

**Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth! (repeat 2x)**

BENEDICTION

Molly Vetter

RECESSIONAL CAROL

Go! Tell It On the Mountain

UMH No. 251

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

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

EXIT MUSIC

Go! Tell It On the Mountain
arr Richard Elliot

Josh Roebuck

We invite you to greet one another as you depart during the music.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'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*

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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.



NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP

Sunday, December 31st

9:30am in The Sanctuary & 10:30am in The Loft

Rev. Dr. Christopher Carter will preach in both of our worship gatherings as we continue to celebrate Christmas and prepare for the New Year.

SUNDAYS AT WESTWOOD

The Sanctuary (9:30am) - A sacred gathering with traditional liturgy, a thoughtful message, and resounding organ. For more information, go to www.westwoodumc.org.

The Loft (10:30am) - An innovative gathering with spiritual conversation, creativity, coffee, and music from our Loft band. For more information, go to www.theloftla.org.

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