

The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light.
Isaiah 9:2

Welcome to Worship at Westwood

December 24, 2024 - Christmas Eve 11:00 AM, 3:00 PM, & 4:30 PM

Westwood is an open, affirming and inclusive church, welcoming all who seek God.

GATHERING MUSIC **begin 10 mins prior to service start time**

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Charles Wesley

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" Edmund Sears

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory" Kristin Husom

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

↑ SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

↑ CAROL

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" John Francis Wade (Stanzas 1, 3, and 4)

PRAYER

God of love, **you are the light that shines into our darkness. You are the voice that welcomes us home. You are the hope that gives us a new future. You are the spirit at work in our world, bringing comfort and peace. Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus, on this Christmas night. Amen.**

(11 am) OUR YOUTH SING

"Carol of the Bells" Ukrainian Carol, setting by Peter Wilhousky

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 9:2-7

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN "Go Tell It On the Mountain" ELW 290 Traditional, Negro Spiritual

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL Luke 2:1-20

The gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SONG "Away in a Manger" ELW 277 James R. Murray

SERMON Pastor Jason Van Hunnik

OFFERING

11 am: "Calypso Christmas Carol" Phyllis Wolfe

3 & 4:30 pm: "A Christmas Alleluia" Chris Tomlin

(children are invited forward to place their offering in the blue pigs)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

3 brief petitions, then flow into last verse "O Little Town..."

CAROL "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ELW 279 (stanza 4)

LORD'S PRAYER



CANDLELIGHTING

CAROL "Silent Night" Hymn 281, Franz Gruber

↑ CHRISTMAS BENEDICTION

Now may God bless you with the wonder of Mary, the good courage of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds and the peace of the Christ Child... this Christmas and always. In the name of God the Creator + Christ, Emmanuel, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

↑ PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

○ God, **you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

↑ CLOSING HYMN "Joy to the World" Hymn 267 (Stanzas 1, 2, and 4)

↑ DISMISSAL

Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere that Jesus, our Savior is born!
Thanks be to God!