



Wesley United Methodist Church  
**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

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**CHRISTMAS EVE  
JOINT WORSHIP**

**December 24, 2023 • 4:00 pm**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*(Please be sure to silence your cell phones. Thank you!)*

**PRELUDE** 前奏 – Shane Cantanho, piano

**ALOHA** 歡迎

– Mark Teagle, Director of Spiritual Formation,  
Community Engagement, and Music

**\*SONG:** “Mele Kalikimaka”

– Wesley Ukulele Band

*Words and Music by R. Alex Anderson*

Mele Kalikimaka is the thing to say  
on a bright Hawaiian Christmas day.  
That’s the island greeting that we send to you  
from the land where palm trees sway.  
Here we know that Christmas  
will be green and bright.

The sun to shine by day and all the stars at night.  
Mele Kalikimaka is Hawaii's way  
to say Merry Christmas to you.

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to say Merry Christmas,  
a very Merry Christmas,  
a Mele Kalikimaka to you.

**\*SONG: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"** UMH #234, v. 1, 3, 6

– Wesley Praise Band

*Words and Music by John F. Wade Public Domain.*

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.

Sing, choirs of angels,

sing in exultation;

O sing, all ye citizens of heaven 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.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.

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.

### **ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING:**

— Karri & Ricardo Murillo and family

Isaiah said that the Lord spoke to the king and said,  
“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as the  
darkness or high as heaven”. But when the king refused,  
God would not be stopped. “Therefore, the Lord himself  
will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child  
and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel”.

God wants us to know, even when we aren't sure ourselves. God wants us to experience God's presence, even when we think we can handle life on our own. God sends us signs of God's presence with us; all we need to do is keep our eyes open and look.

A reading from Matthew 1:23-25, "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, 'God is with us.'" When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

We light these candles, the candle of joyous hope, of proclaimed peace, of deep everlasting joy, and today of presence that speaks of love, as a sign that no matter our circumstance, we know we are not alone.

**OFFERING:** — Mark Teagle

**OFFERTORY CAROL:** "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

UMH #230

*Words by Phillips Brooks and Music by Lewis H. Redner  
Public Domain.*

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.

For Christ is born of Mary,  
and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars together,  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King,  
and peace to all on earth!

How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is given;  
so God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming,  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still  
the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in,  
be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide in us,  
our Lord Emmanuel!

## **THE CHRISTMAS STORY, part 1: — Luke 2:1-7**

— Keith Urauchi

<sup>1-5</sup>About that time Caesar Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Empire. This was the first census when Quirinius was governor of Syria. Everyone had to travel to his own ancestral hometown to be accounted for. So Joseph went from the Galilean town of Nazareth up to Bethlehem in Judah, David's town, for the census. As a descendant of David, he had to go there. He went with Mary, his fiancée, who was pregnant.

<sup>6-7</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. She gave birth to a son, her firstborn. She wrapped him in a blanket and laid him in a manger, because there was no room in the hostel.

## **CAROL: "Away in a Manger"**

*Words anonymous, Music by James R. Murray  
Public Domain.*

Away in a manger, no crib for a 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 on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;  
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky  
and stay by my cradle 'til morning is night.

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.

**CHORAL ANTHEM** 聖歌隊讚美: “Little Drummer Boy”

— Wesley Chancel Choir

with the Wesley Ukulele Band

*Words and Music by Katherine Davis, Henry Onora, and Harry Simeone*

**THE CHRISTMAS STORY, part 2:** — Luke 2:8-12

— Leighton Horio

<sup>8-12</sup>There were shepherds camping in the neighborhood. They had set night watches over their sheep. Suddenly, God’s angel stood among them and God’s glory blazed around them. They were terrified. The angel said, “Don’t be afraid. I’m here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide: A Savior has just been born in David’s town, a Savior who is Messiah and Master. This is what you’re to look for: a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger.”

**CAROL: “Angels We Have Heard on High” UMH #238**

– Wesley Praise Band

*Traditional French Carol, Public Domain*

Angels we have heard on high  
sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply  
echoing their joyous strains.

Glo — — — — — ria,  
in excelsis Deo!

Glo — — — — — ria,  
in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heavenly song?

Glo — — — — — ria,  
in excelsis Deo!

Glo — — — — — ria,  
in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Christ whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord, the new-born King.



Glo — — — — — ria,  
in excelsis Deo!

Glo — — — — — ria,  
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.

Glo — — — — — ria,  
in excelsis Deo!

Glo — — — — — ria,  
in excelsis Deo!

### **THE CHRISTMAS STORY, part 3: — Luke 2:13-20**

— Peter Hikido

<sup>13-14</sup>At once the angel was joined by a huge angelic choir singing God's praises:

Glory to God in the heavenly heights,

Peace to all men and women on earth who please him.

<sup>15-18</sup>As the angel choir withdrew into heaven, the shepherds talked it over. "Let's get over to Bethlehem as fast as we can and see for ourselves what God has revealed to us." They left, running, and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. Seeing was believing. They told everyone they met what the angels

had said about this child. All who heard the shepherds were impressed.

<sup>19-20</sup>Mary kept all these things to herself, holding them dear, deep within herself. The shepherds returned and let loose, glorifying and praising God for everything they had heard and seen. It turned out exactly the way they'd been told!

### **HULA:** "Haleluia"

*Original words and Music by Leonard Cohen,  
Hawaiian words and choreography by Kuana Torres Kahele*

Here is the newborn King from heaven.  
Let us sing praises!  
This is Christ our Savior,  
the heavenly father of the world.  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Come all and see  
the newborn King of Bethlehem,  
So beautiful is the child of the Virgin Mary, beautiful  
indeed.  
True God of the world.  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Give praise to the heavens,  
to the beautiful King Jehovah.  
(We) exalt the King of Kings

And the angels sing Psalms for him.  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Jesus is Christ, let us worship him  
on the Sabbath day, Hallelujah.  
Praise the Father of the highest heavens,  
(our) Savior, the King.  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

**REFLECTION 説教: “Sermon Title”**

— Rev. John Oda

**CANDLELIGHTING INSTRUCTIONS:** — Rev. John Oda

**CANDLELIGHT CAROL: “Silent Night”** UMH #239

— Wesley Ukulele Band

*Words by Joseph Mohr, Music by Franz Gruber  
Public Domain*

Silent night, holy night.  
All is calm, all is bright  
‘round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant, so tend and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace,  
sleep in heavenly peace.

Japanese:

Kiyoshi kono yoru

Hoshi wa hikari  
Sukui no miko wa  
Mabune no naka ni  
Nemuri tamou  
Ito yasuku.

Hawaiian:

Pô la`i ê, pô kama ha`o  
Maluhia mâlamalama  
Ka makuahine aloha ê  
Me ke keiki hemolele ê  
Moe me ka maluhia lanī  
Moe me ka maluhia lanī.

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** 祝禱: — Rev. John Oda

**POSTLUDE MUSIC** 後奏: — Shane Cantanho

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