



We want to bear witness to God.

We do that by seeing where God is working, joining God in that work, and telling the world what God has done.

We hope you witness God today.

December 18, 2022

### **Things to Know**

- Prepackaged communion is located in the sanctuary by the main entry door and the lift door.
- Communion is open to all who profess faith in Jesus.
- There is an accessible restroom in the main foyer on the upper level. Additional men's and women's restrooms are located downstairs.

## Welcome and Opening Prayer

*Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

## “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 7:10-16

## Candle Lighting: Love

The Response:

Psalm 146:4-9

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
**shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.**

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
**stir up your strength and come to help us.**

Restore us, O God of hosts;  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

O LORD God of hosts,  
**how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?**

You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
**you have given them bowls of tears to drink.**

You have made us the derision of our neighbors,  
**and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

Restore us, O God of hosts;  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,  
**the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

And so will we never turn away from you;  
**give us life, that we may call upon your Name.**

Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

## Prayer

Fill out a Connect Card if you have a prayer request

## “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

## **“O Come O Come Emmanuel”**

**Behold: Love in the Flesh**

**Matthew 1:18-25**

## **“All Who Are Thirsty”**

### **Communion**

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### **Closing**

### Giving

You can drop any gift that you have in one of our offering boxes in the back of the sanctuary or give online [westwoodchristian.com/give](http://westwoodchristian.com/give)  
We are helping His House Christian Fellowship put a new roof on their building. Give above and beyond your regular giving by indicating on the memo line of your check/envelope “His House” or “Holiday Give”

### Advent Devotional - Love

Pick up an Advent Devotional on your way out today.

Alternatively, you can find PDF versions on our website if you would prefer. [WestwoodChristian.com/Christmas](http://WestwoodChristian.com/Christmas)

### Christmas Services

Christmas Eve service will take place at 5pm on Saturday, the 24th. Together, we'll read the story of Jesus' birth, sing some carols, hear a brief meditation, and sing to candlelight.

There will not be any children's programming, but we would love for your kids to worship with us. Our service will involve a candlelight song, but we have special candles for your children.

Invite your neighbors and friends to Come and Behold him!

### **Benediction**

Use this space to reflect on how you witnessed God today.  
Whether in song, sermon, Scripture or elsewhere.



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