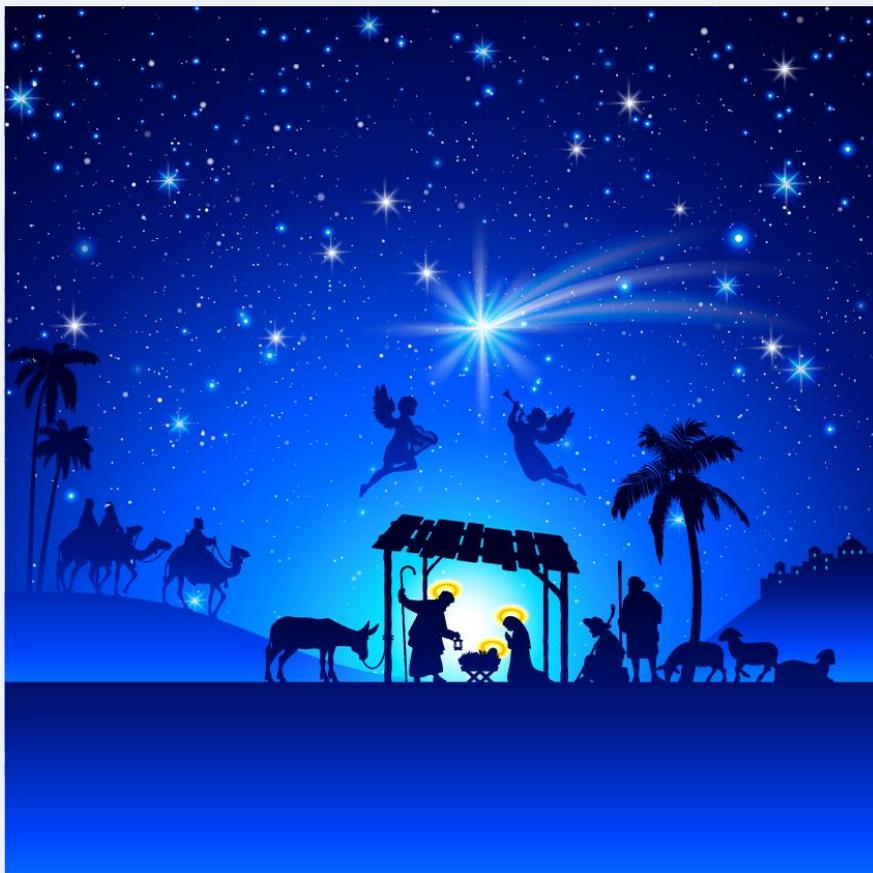


# Wellesley Village Church

## *Family Christmas Eve Service*



December 24, 2020

4:00 PM

## *Welcome to Worship on This Holy and Exciting Night!*

*We Welcome All!*

Dear Christmas Eve worshippers,

Lowly shepherds, worldly travelers, heavenly angels, and a young girl with her betrothed were among those who first experienced the marvel and mystery of God born among us. It's a reminder that God desires to be at home among ordinary people, and often calls the most unlikely together. With gratitude for the story of the first Christmas, we extend to you this Christmas Eve a welcome as broad as the outstretched arms of God.

Tonight, may our remote service provide a meaningful experience of the Christmas story in word, song, and image and a connection to our worshipping community. I hope you will visit our YouTube and Facebook channels regularly for worship. You may also peruse our website for more information on our vibrant and loving faith community.

Wherever you are on the journey of faith and life, may you experience the profound love of God made known in the birth of Jesus on this holy night.

*Wishing you a blessed Christmas and a New Year full of hope!*



*~ Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter, Sr. Pastor,  
on behalf of the members and staff  
of Wellesley Village Church*

## *O Come Let Us Adore Him!*

PRELUDE

Christmas Music  
David Carrier, organ

WELCOME

Sarah Sarchet Butter

CAROL

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”  
Connor McDonald, Youth Singer  
David Carrier, Organ

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.

*Refrain:* 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,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, glory in the highest. *Refrain*

### CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Diane, Grace & Graham Seaborn

One: Come, into this sacred place, into this sacred night,  
into this sacred story!

**All: O come, let us adore him!**

One: All Advent long, we have waited for hope,

**All: And hope has come in a tiny baby!**

One: All Advent long, we have waited for peace,

**All: And the Prince of Peace has been born!**

One: All Advent long, we have waited for joy,

**All: And the angels now proclaim good news of great joy!**

One: All Advent long, we have waited for love,

**All: And love is as abundant as the stars!**

One: Our waiting is over; Christ has been born!

**All: O come, let us adore him!**

**ANTHEM**

“Candles of Advent”  
Kevin McDonald  
Youth Choir

*Don Besig*

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Diane Seaborn

**ANTHEM**

“Nativity Carol”

*Francis Patrick O'Brien*  
Kevin McDonald  
Youth Singers

**“LISTEN TO CHRISTMAS”**

*Adapted from “Listen to Christmas,” by Judy Gattis Smith.  
Produced by special arrangement with Contemporary Drama Service.*

**SCENE 1** – Mary & the Angel

**SONG**

“Be It Unto Me”  
Kevin McDonald, piano  
Ashna Hille & Alex Hoskyns, Youth Singers

*Don Buen*

**SCENE 2** – Mary and Joseph Travel

**CAROL**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”  
Ashna Hille, Youth Singer  
David Carrier, organ

**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.**

### SCENE 3—Shepherds & Angels

CAROL

“Angels We Have Heard on High”  
Sydney Spangler, Georgia Spangler,  
Elise Sharrock, Alex Hoskyns, Youth Singers  
Kevin McDonald, piano

**Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echo back their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

### SCENE 4 - Mary & Joseph in the Stable with Animals

CAROL

“Away in a Manger”  
Sydney Spangler, Georgia Spangler, Youth Singers  
Kevin McDonald, piano

**Away in the 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 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 till morning is nigh.**

**SCENE 5 - 3 Kings**

**CAROL**

**“We Three Kings of Orient Are”**  
Ashna Hille, Youth Singer  
David Carrier, organ

**We three kings of Orient are,  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar.  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.**

*Refrain:* **O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.**

**SCENE 5 - Kings Arrive**

**CAROL REPRISE**

**“O Come, All Ye Faithful”**  
Connor McDonald, youth singer  
David Carrier, organ

**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!**

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Bob Feeny

*Financial gifts given directly to the church support the many ministries here.  
Checks may be made to Wellesley Congregational Church.*

*You may also donate through this link  
or visit our website for options for giving: [www.wellesleyvillagechurch.org](http://www.wellesleyvillagechurch.org).*

*A portion of the offering this evening will go to "Neighbors in Need,"  
a special offering of the United Church of Christ  
that supports ministries addressing hunger, poverty, violence, human rights, peace-  
making, social justice, environmental concerns and public policy advocacy.*

*Thank you for your generosity.*

## CAROL

*"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"  
Ashna Hille, Youth Singer  
David Carrier, Organ*

**Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born 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 host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold him come, off-spring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"**

**CHRISTMAS PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Bob Feeny

**CAROL**

**"Silent Night"**

Sydney Spangler, Georgia Spangler,  
Elise Sharrock, Alex Hoskyns, Ashna Hille, Youth Singers  
Kevin McDonald, piano

**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.**

**Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior is born!**

**Silent night, holy night, Son of God, loves 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**

Sarah Sarchet Butter

**POSTLUDE**

**"Joy to the World"**

Connor McDonald, trombone  
Kevin McDonald, euphonium  
David Carrier, organ

**Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

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**Please join us again for worship!**

Tonight, candlelight service @ 8pm; Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>, worship online at 9am.

Beginning Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, Family Life programming begins and we return to our regular online worship services at 9am & 10am.

Visit our website for links to services  
and for information on our faith formation.  
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