

HARRIS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*We Meet the
Christ Child*

12.22.2024



We are an open and
reconciling church.
All are welcome!

December 22, 2024
4th Sunday of Advent

**Please rise in body and in spirit as you are able.*

We gather...

Ringing The Peace Bell.....Davy Lee

Prelude.....O Little Town of Bethlehem

Welcome..... Rev. Dr. Fran Wiebenga

*Call To Worship¹..... Jessica Inouye

Leader: For you who are filled to the brim with happiness,

People: Jesus Christ, the joy of the world, is born.

Leader: For you who are mourning the loss of family and friends,

People: Jesus Christ, the comforter, is born.

Leader: For you who feel like you are tripping about in darkness,

People: Jesus Christ, the light of the world, is born.

Leader: For you who rest in gratitude and contentment,

People: Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, is born.

Leader: For you who feel the ache of loneliness,

People: Jesus Christ, who is love, is born.

Leader: For you who are surrounded by unlikely yet beautiful
companionship,

People: Jesus Christ, the joy of the world is born.

Leader: Come, let us worship, for Jesus is born into our hearts and
into the world.

**People: We come to worship, for God has come to dwell among
us once again!**

*Hymn of Praise: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"..... UMH 234

Lighting the Advent Candles:..... The Thiele Ohana

Candle Lighting Response:..... "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" UMH 204

*Welcoming 1st Time Worshipers Jo Tanimoto

Response: "All Are Welcome"URWB 58

A Time of Thanks and Recognition of Mona Ray Kino

Young and Young at Heart:..... Keven Matsuura

Gift of Music:..... "Mary, Did You Know?"
Harris Fellowship Choir: Jordan Goto, Director

to pray...

Call to Prayer: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" UMH 211, v.1 & 6

Prayers of The People..... Jo Tanimoto

Pastoral Prayer..... Rev. Dr. Fran Wiebenga

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in Heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever. Amen.**

to hear the word...

Hymn of Preparation: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" UMH 240 ,v.1 &3

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-20..... Jessica Inouye

Message: "We Meet the Christ Child" Rev. Dr. Fran Wiebenga

to respond...

Invitation to Offering:..... Rev. Dr. Fran Wiebenga

We gratefully receive your gifts of tithes and offerings as we pass the offering bowl through the congregation.

*Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"UMH 95

Ho'onani I ka Makua mau, Ke Keiki me ka 'Uhane nō, Ke Akua mau ho'omaika'I pū Kō kēia ao kō kēlā ao. 'Āmene.	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.
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and to be sent into the world...

*Hymn of Sending Forth: "Joy to the World"..... UMH 246

*Benediction..... Rev. Dr. Fran Wiebenga

*Three-fold Amen.....UMH 898

Postlude..... Endless Rainbow by Kaori Kawabuchi

Thought For The Week:

"The birth of Jesus made possible not just a new way of understanding life but a new way of living it." Frederik Buechner, from "The Life of Jesus" Gramercy

Altar flowers are dedicated by Carole Suzui in memory of her father, Satoru Suzui, whose birthday is Dec. 20th; by Jade Dung in memory of the Tom Hoon Ohana members who have passed.

PURPOSE

To make a difference
in our community and the world
as we seek to follow Jesus Christ.

VISION

Building a Christ-Centered Community
by Extending God's Hospitality
to One Another and to Our Neighbors.

<p>Lead Pastor: Rev. Dr. Fran Wiebenga, 536-9602, ext. 201 Church Secretary: Erin Takahashi, 536-9602, ext. 208 Facilities Secretary & Receptionist: Mona-Ray Kino, 536-9602 ext. 200 Preschool Director: Tasha Gushi-Kaneshiro, 808-532-4175</p>	<p><u>Lay Leader:</u> Wally Wake</p> <hr/> <p><u>Covenant Missionaries:</u> Rev. Claudia Genung Yamamoto (Japan) Jonathan McCurley (Japan) Miguel Mairena (Mexico)</p>
<p><u>Ministries of Sight & Sound</u> Pianist & Organist: Kaori Kawabuchi Music Coordinator: Jordan Goto Song Leader(s): Skylar Yamamoto</p>	<p><u>Multimedia</u> Multimedia Volunteers: George Nabea, Isabel Ohta Projectionist: Carole Suzui Coordinator: Mahe Vaka'uta <u>Ministries of Hospitality</u> Hospitality: Jo Tanimoto Liturgist: Jessica Inouye Greeters: Chad, Mari and Cooper Konishi Ushers: Mel Billingsley</p>

Litany Credits

*Rev. Dr. Fran Wiebenga

Music Credits

Song Title: "All Are Welcome (URWB Hymn #58)"

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Song Title: "Mary, Did You Know?" by Mark Lowry and Buddy Green, Arr. by Craig Courtney

O Come, All Ye Faithful #EXS00153SD List Type: Words and Music; First Line: O come all ye faithful Contributors: John Francis Wade, John Francis Wade, Stephen DeCesare Tune: Public Domain Text: Public Domain

emmanuel emmanuel #13870 List Type: Words and Music; First Line: Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name shall be Emmanuel Contributors: verse 1 based Iaaiah.Verse 2&3 Robert B Kelly., Unknown...arranged by Frances M Kelly.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #EXS00108SD List Type: Words and Music; First Line: Hark! The herald angels sing Language: English Contributors: Charles Wesley, Felix Mendelssohn, Stephen DeCesare Tune: Public Domain Text: Public Domain

Joy to the World #6961 List Type: Words and Music; First Line: Joy to the world Contributors: Traditional, Julian Wachner

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