



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE ROSES

*Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All God's People*



DETAIL FROM *MARY AND CHILD*,  
MOSAIC IN THE BASILICA OF SANT'APOLLINARE NUOVO IN RAVENNA, ITALY, 526.

JANUARY 7, 2018 | WORSHIP 10 AM

EPIPHANY

## First time here?

Thank you for coming! Please pick up a Welcome Bag in the narthex. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in Bowen Hall.

### Assistance needed?

Large print bulletins and hearing devices are available from the ushers.

### Tip for the Service

\*Asterisk means please stand if able.

The **BOLD** is spoken by the congregation. Please sign the red friendship pad in the pews and pass it.

### Children with you?

Activity materials for young worshipers are in the entry way. Childcare and Sunday School are provided during the service.

### Questions on where to go?

Please ask the Ushers by the doors.

## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE                      "The Lord is my Shepherd"                      by Thomas Koschat

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT                      "What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"                      15th century tune

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) Isaiah 60:3

By the light of a wondrous star the Magi were led to the humble infant Jesus.

**Through the miraculous and the mundane, the light still calls to us.**

**Let us follow the light and worship God!**

\*HYMN #133 (vs. 1, 2)                      "O Come All Ye Faithful"                      John Francis Wade, c 1743

\*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (responsively)

O God of light and peace, whose glory, shining in the child of Bethlehem, still draws the nations to yourself:

**dispel the darkness that shrouds our path, that we may come to kneel before Christ in true worship, offer him our hearts and souls, then return from his presence to live as he has taught us to be. Amen.**

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE (responsively)

The radiance and power of the Holy Spirit working in the world will gather together all peoples and nations in one community.

**God is good! All the time! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

Gloria Patri

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY "O Jesu so Meek, O Jesus so Kind" arr. by Margrethe Hokanson

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN #2071 PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Sing the Faith hymnal)

"Jesus, Name Above All Names"

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

This is the word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

"Jesus, Oh, What A Wonderful Child"

arr. LLOYD Larson

SECOND READING: A dramatic narrative based on: Matthew 2:1-12

*How the Magi Became Truly Wise* by Reverend Donnel O'Flynn

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine*

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine*

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine*

*Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine.*

*Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine*

*Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine*

*Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine*

*Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine!*

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

We have come to this table, weary and heavy laden, thankful and contrite. Christ invites us to satisfy our thirst for healing and wholeness through this meal of grace that affirms God is with us.

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

People of Epiphany: the Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

People of Hope, lift up your hearts.

**We lift our hearts to the One who was born for us.**

People of the Star, offer your songs of joy and thanksgiving to God.

**We sing out praises to the One who has revealed glory and hope in the Babe of Bethlehem.**

In that first moment, you spoke, Radiant God, the light of your creation dispelled the thick darkness of chaos. You whispered, and your glory filled the skies.

You sang, and the dust of the earth was shaped into your image, as you breathed life into us. The prophets were sent to tell of your hope for all creation. Finally, you sent Jesus, our Prince of Peace, Emmanuel, to be with us. Therefore, we will join our voices with the wise ones, of every time and place who forever sing of your grace:

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and light!**

**All creation is full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Holy are you, God of redemption, and blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior. Overwhelmed with compassion, he left the glory of heaven to be with us. Overwhelmed with love, he travelled another road, to Calvary, so we might someday run with joy into your waiting arms. As we remember his birth, and prepare to journey with him this New Year, we speak of that mystery called faith, which is revealed to us through Christ:

**Christ was born, Christ died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Holy One of stars and sinners, send down your Spirit of hope upon those

gathered around this Table, and on the gifts of this bread and cup. Transform these ordinary objects. Pour out your grace that empowers us to overflow with your love for all.

**Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen**

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

HYMN # 527

"Eat this Bread"

by Jacques Berthier

Sing as the elements are passed. *Please hold the bread until all are served so we may eat together as a church family (gluten free wafers are in the center of the plates). All of the cups are filled with grape juice. You may drink the cup when it is passed symbolizing your individual relationship with our loving God.*

#### COMMUNION PRAYER (responsively)

May this holy season be for each of us a time of moving toward the star of wonder; Help us break off from old familiar paths and ways of being to follow the Light where it leads to you. May the grace we have received through this meal help us to move beyond competition toward cooperation, seeing that all humans are sisters and brothers; May your Spirit help us move beyond the anxiety of small concerns towards the joys of justice and peace.

**May the transforming acceptance of Mary and Joseph, the imagination of the shepherds, and the persistence of the wise men guide us as we seek the Truth, always moving toward the Divine promise. always aware God can be hidden in the frailest among us, always open to the unexpected flash of Grace, to the showing forth of your unconditional Love that embraces us all. Thank you for the gift of Jesus, who taught us to pray saying: (The Lord's prayer). Amen.**

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

"Psalm XIX" by Benedetto Marcello arr. Theodore Dubois



Please pick up your 2018 Offering Envelopes. They are in Bowen Hall next to the Adult Ed Rm. They are listed in alphabetical order from left to right.

- **The OFFICER TRAINING AND COMBINED BOARD RETREAT will take place Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018 at Westminster Woods.** If you are a new Deacon or Elder, please arrive by 9 am. If you are a continuing officer, please arrive by noon.
- **MHS Breakfast Resumes Monday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Office Closed, NO breakfast on Mon., Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> – Martin Luther King, Jr**
- **COMMITTEE CHAIRS, VOYAGERS, PW, DEACONS Annual Reports Due by 1/12.** Please email them to [ruth@churchoftheroses.org](mailto:ruth@churchoftheroses.org)
- **HEALTHY SOUL? Soul Sermon series for the New Year! Jan.14, 21, 28** *Searching Your Soul, Make Time for your Soul, Jesus, Your Soul-mate*



*Liturgist:* Kay Young



***Flowers are given in gratitude  
for the service  
of Pastor Cindy and the staff.***

2500 Patio Ct. Santa Rosa, Ca 95405

Phone: 707-542-4272

Email: [office@churchoftheroses.org](mailto:office@churchoftheroses.org)

Website: [www.churchoftheroses.org](http://www.churchoftheroses.org)

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Alloway, *Pastor*

Barbara McElroy, *Director of Music*

Althea Wright, *Accompanist*

Cassie Carroll, *Sacred Space Coordinator*

Chelsea Howard, *Sunday School Teacher*

Eddie Seamans, *Director of Youth Activities*

Ruth Canniff, *Office Administrator*

Nancy Morgan, *Finance Administrator*

Jami Knuthson, *Receptionist*

Susan Jenkins, *Rosebud Preschool Director*

CCLI#1153510 & CVLI#503696701

Prayer Requests: Please include in your prayers:  
**Those mourning the loss of a friend or family member**

- ❖ Please pray for the family of Nicolas St. Juste, who passed away on Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
*His memorial will be Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.*
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Virginia Rylett, who passed away on Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- ❖ Please pray for Jeanette Bauer's family as they mourn the passing of her brother, Don Morse.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Wayne Seamans, as they mourn his mother.
- ❖ Please pray for the Gobble-Skelly family as they mourn the passing of Lew Gobble on October 4, 2017.

**Those facing health issues**

John Baker	Eric Hoeche	Bob Simmons
Judy Bello	Helen MacKenzie	Marguerite St. Juste
Barbara Blinn	Ted McCarthy	Marisa Taylor
Bob Bunting	Jason Montsier	Ines Teague
Patrick Butler	Jessica Morse	Bob Weber
Kathryn Alloway Culver	Lucrecia Muñoz	Helen Wickle
Dick Draper	Marie Patchin	Betty Witchey-Ryer
Peggy Erhardt	Rhonda Patton Knoles	Jamie Yen
Ray Foreaker	Polly Post	
Wendy Galde	Fred Recknagel	

**Those serving in our military**

Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, Coast Guard Lt. Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. is stationed at the Joint Air Force Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Ak and serves as a Cardiologist with the Alaska Native Medical Center, Chris Loranger serving in Afghanistan.

**BOOK CLUB NEWS! We will meet January 18 at Jeanne's house (255 Webb St.) Meet at 3:30 pm to plan the book selections for next year.** Around 5:15 we will dine on soup and French-style bread. (That gives choir people time to make practice.) There is no book discussion but the Optimist's Daughter, February's selection, will be available for pick-up. **Everyone is invited including newcomers!** We need input on the books we consider. An RSVP would be helpful.

**THE SPIRITUALITY  
OF WRITING CLASS**

*for every age and every writing goal!*

A six-week Sunday writing class  
**begins Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.**  
Guidance by author, Judith Moore  
and various guest speakers.

Duration 1-1.5 hours. Bring a sack  
lunch or power bar. Water and/or punch  
will be provided.

1/7 <i>Sunday</i>	8:00 AM	Korean Worship
	9:00 AM	Learn Ukulele
	10:00 AM	Worship
	11:30 AM	<b>The Spirituality Of Writing Class</b>
	6:30 PM	<b>Sacred Space Evening Service</b>
1/8 <i>Monday</i>	7:00 AM	<b>MHS Breakfast Resumes</b>
	10:30 AM	New Testament Video Class
	12:00 PM	Qi Gong with Josepha Eveleigh
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts
1/9 <i>Tuesday</i>	7:00 AM	<b>MHS Breakfast</b>
	8:30 AM	Buildings & Grounds
	10:00 AM	<i>PW Quilt Sewing</i>
	12:30 PM	<i>Personnel Meeting</i>
	1:30 PM	<i>Membership Meeting</i>
	4:00 PM	<i>Worship Committee</i>
	6:00 PM	<i>Deacon's Meeting</i>
1/10 <i>Wednesday</i>	7:00 AM	<b>MHS Breakfast</b>
	10:30 AM	Staff Meeting
	7:00 PM	How Jesus Became God - Video Class
1/11 <i>Thursday</i>	7:00 AM	<b>MHS Breakfast</b>
	12:00 PM	Noon Hour of Prayer
	6:00 PM	Bells practice
	7:30 PM	Choir practice
1/12 <i>Friday</i>	7:00 AM	<b>MHS Breakfast</b>
	7:00 PM	Korean Youth Group
1/13 <i>Saturday</i>	9-2	<b>OFFICER TRAINING at Westminster Woods</b>
	12-2	<b>9-2 for New, 12-2 for Returning Officers</b>
	10:30 AM	Tai Chi
1/14 <i>Sunday</i>	8:00 AM	Korean Worship
	9:00 AM	Learn Ukulele
	10:00 AM	<b>Worship - Installation of New Officers</b>
	11:15 AM	S.S. Team Planning
	<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>Voyagers Planning Meeting</b>
	11:30 AM	The Spirituality Of Writing Class
	<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b><i>Memorial for Nicolas St. Juste</i></b>