



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE ROSES

Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All God's People



Mary the Mother of Jesus by Anthony VanArsdale

December 9, 2018
Second Sunday in Advent

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 Shepherds

by J.F. Dandrien

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION Stewardship campaign wrap up

Elder Chris Nelle

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Buildings and Grounds Committee

Reader #1: Today is the second Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of waiting, and watching, and wondering.

Reader #2: God's light comes through Jesus to show us the way back to God's divine love and light.

All: The prophet Malachi proclaimed: "The LORD All-Powerful, will send a messenger to prepare the way. Then suddenly the Lord you are looking for will appear in his temple. The messenger you desire is coming with God's promise, and he is on his way."

Reader #1: Last Sunday, we began in the dark, then lit one candle. Today, on the second Sunday of Advent, we light two candles. (*Light two purple candles*)

Reader #2: Each candle that we light reminds us that the Light of the World will come to us in the human form of the baby Jesus.

All: The Way of the Lord is being prepared in our hearts. May every valley be filled, and every mountain and hill be made low. May the crooked paths be made straight and the rough ways smooth. When our Lord comes, may all of us then see the salvation of God. Amen.

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

Hunger Task Force collection

INTROIT

Canticle of the Turning

Rory Cooney, 1990

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our souls magnify the Lord, and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

All: God has looked with favor on the lowliness of Mary.

One: God's mercy is from generation to generation.

All: God has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

One: God has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

All: God has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

One: Come, for God is doing a new thing!

All: Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN #82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

John Newton, 1775

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

One: O Living God of past and future, we praise you for this present moment. Fill us with your joy and empower us with your Holy Spirit, that our strength may be renewed to sing a new song of your glory in a world which longs for your justice and peace.

All: Merciful God forgive us... Forgive us when we are quick to point the finger at someone else. Forgive us when we hide and ignore the cries of injustice. Forgive us when we presume to understand the complexity of issues that divide and distract the peoples of the land your feet once walked. Refine us and prepare us for life in your kingdom. Amen

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION (responsively)

One: Seasons come, and seasons go, but our God endures forever.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

Gloria Patri

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Away in a Manger

by W.J. Kirkpatrick

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN #519 vs1**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

You are My Strength When I am Weak

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 1:3-11

This is the word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Somebody Build a Manger

Joel Raney

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 1: 47-55

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Theme Song

Reverend Sandy Tice

*HYMN #100 *Canticle of the Turning* (Choir sings verse 1)

Rory Cooney, 1990

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

One: Lord Jesus, many of us are waiting for you: the war-torn are waiting for peace, the hungry are waiting for bread. The refugees are waiting for a homeland, the sick are waiting for healers.

All: On this holy day of memory, O LORD our God, awaken our dreams and inspire our vision so that we might see with clear eyes the hope and fullness of life in you. We pray for clarity and courage to see that dream in which the poor are blessed and the hungry full. We pray for the humility to hear the dream in which popularity fades and wealth turns to dust.

One: On this holy day of visions and dreams, O God, we seek healing and unfailing comfort for those persons (known and unknown) who are struggling, in pain, in fear. By your mercy and grace, grant us wisdom for these days of dreaming, of remembering, and of living into the coming of your future, strengthened by your witnesses of the past as we pray the prayer you taught us saying:

All: (The Lord's Prayer). Amen.

*HYMN #177

I Will Come to You

David Haas, 1991

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

NOEL Suisse

by Louis-Claude Daquin

Reference: The Call to Worship is adapted from one written by Rev. Stephen M. Fearing -
www.stephenmfearing.com

***A congregational meeting to elect Deacons, Elders, and the nominating committee for 2019 will be held in the sanctuary directly following the service. Please plan to stay for 10 minutes.**



***Flowers are given by
Mike Sepulveda
In remembrance of Jean's 90th
birthday on December 11th.***

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PRAYER REQUESTS: Please include in your prayers:

Those with health issues

Bob Snater is currently recuperating at Marin Post Acute.

Cards can be sent to 234 North San Pedro Rd., San Rafael, CA 94903

John Baker
Jim Bauer
Bill Beaumont
Judy Bello
Barbara Blinn
Bob Bunting
Patrick Butler
Gwen Christiansen
Kyle Donaldson
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Dick Draper
Barbara Flannery
Ray Foreaker
Felipa Jones

Nancy Lee (daughter in
law of Nancy Hansen)
Jason Montsier
Jessica Morse
Lucrecia Muñoz
Jeanette Nichols
Marie Patchin
Carolyn Kenworthy
Rhonda Patton Knoles
Polly Post
Evelyn Radunich
Mickey Marshall
Bill Rathjen
Peter Ray
Fred Recknagel

Debbie Seat
Bob Simmons
Bob and Marge Snater
Marisa Taylor
Dr. Gershom Thompson
Sylvia Turner
Bob Weber
Helen Wikle
Betty Witchey-Ryer
Jill White
Roger White
Michael and Katie Wolff
Jamie Yen
Avery Yudice

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.

IMPORTANT: The last date to complete many gifts is 2pm, Thursday, Dec. 27, 2018.

- Gift checks mailed via USPS with postmark and check date on or before Dec. 31, 2018 will be counted for 2018 regardless of when they are received or deposited by PCOR.
- Gift Checks dated Dec. 31, 2018 and ***hand-delivered*** to the church office by 2pm Thursday, Dec. 27, 2018 will be counted for 2018 regardless of when they are deposited by the church.

If we have your email address, your 2018 Giving Statement will be emailed by the end of January 2019. Otherwise, it will be mailed. Look for it!

MHS BREAKFAST EVERY DAY @ 7:30 AM

12/9 <i>Sunday</i>	8:00 AM	Korean Worship
	9:00 AM	Learn Ukulele
	10:00 AM	Worship
	11:00 AM	Congregational Meeting
	11:30 AM	Alternative Giving Market
	6:00 PM	CoDA
12/10 <i>Monday</i>	10:00 AM	Conference room use
	11:00 AM	Tai Chi
	12:00 PM	Qi Gong
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts Troop #135
12/11 <i>Tuesday</i>	8:30 AM	Buildings & Grounds
	10:00 AM	Leadership Cohort
	10:00 AM	PW Quilt Sewing
	1:30 PM	Piano Tuning
	6:00 PM	Deacons
12/12 - <i>Wed</i>	10:30 AM	Staff meeting
12/13 <i>Thursday</i>	10:30 AM	Senior Exercise
	12:00 PM	Noon Hour of Prayer
	3:30 PM	Book Club
	5:00 PM	Preschool Family Craft Night
	6:00 PM	Bells Practice
	7:00 PM	A.A.
	7:30 PM	Choir Practice
12/14 <i>Friday</i>	6:00 PM	Boomers Go Caroling!
	7:00 PM	Gamblers Anon.
	7:00 PM	Korean Youth
12/15 <i>Saturday</i>	6:30 AM	Korean Prayer
	9:30 AM	Handicapables
12/16 <i>Sunday</i>	8:00 AM	Korean Worship
	9:00 AM	Learn Ukulele
	10:00 AM	Worship - Songs of Christmas
	11:15 AM	Healthy BP Screening
	11:30 AM	Writing Group
	6:00 PM	CoDA

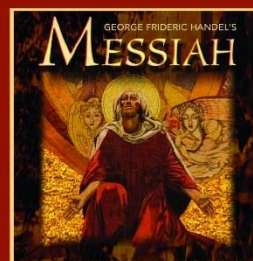


**CHURCH OF
THE ROSES
ALTERNATIVE
CHRISTMAS**

DECEMBER 2 & 9
Equal Exchange Market

**HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES
WITH GIFTS THAT HELP PEOPLE IN NEED**
Attractive cards to announce your gift.

**Sunday
December 2
11:45 A.M.**



**Wednesday
Dec. 5, 12 & 19
7:00 P.M.**

**For Advent
A study of the scriptures
that inspired Handel's Masterpiece**

Join the

BOOMERS

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

December 14th 6:00 p.m.

See the Rose Clippings for more information

Welcoming all active adults.

**Deacon's Giving Tree & YWCA
Holiday Depot in Bowen Hall**



→ **December 9
&
December 16**

**Today
11:30**

**LADIES WHO LUNCH
DEC. 21 @ 11:30 AM
LITA'S CAFE**

*1973 Mendocino Ave.
in the CVS Shopping Center*
RSVP to Marilyn Hilén 326-5478



**Presbyterian
Women
Tuesday
December 18
10:30 a.m.**

**God's Promise: I Am With You: Lesson Four
Special prepared luncheon at noon.**

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

**NO MHS BREAKFAST
Friday, Dec. 21 TO Jan. 4.
Resumes Monday, Jan. 7th**

**OFFICE CLOSED
Mon. Dec. 24th, Tues. 25th**



**Stronger Seniors
Exercise Program**

Do your Body some Good!

**Now on Thursday Mornings
10:30 AM in the Rose Room**