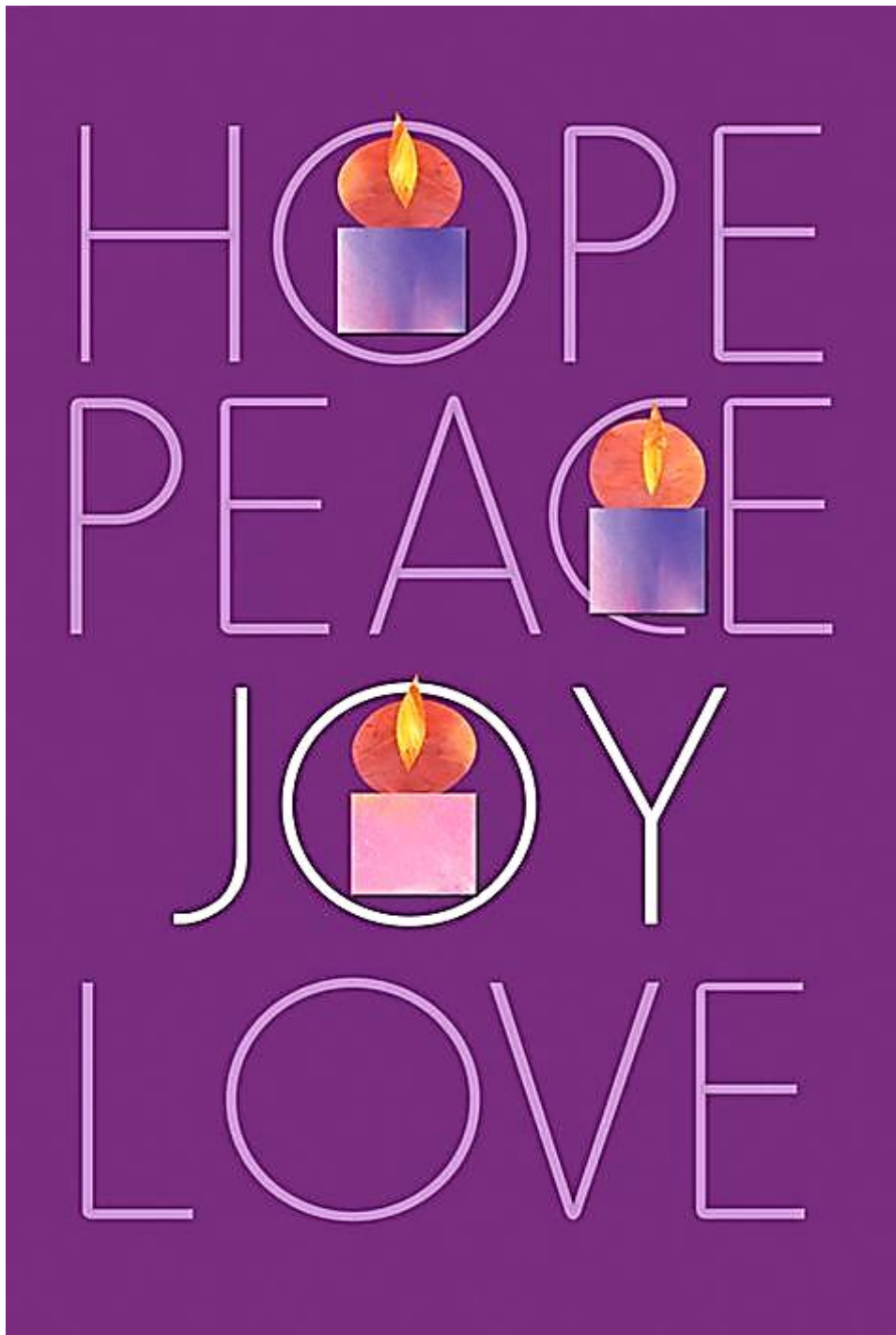




PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE ROSES

Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All God's People



December 16, 2018 | Worship 10 am
Third Sunday of 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Christmas Joy Offering

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Presbyterian Women

The Candle of Joy

Reader 1: In a world of despair, where depression rates run high, where there has been so much sadness and loss, God, we call upon you to come.

Reader 2: In a world where joy is a distant memory, we call upon you, Great God of Joy, to come. (*Light the pink candle of Joy*)

Reader 1: In this season of Advent, we wait for the coming of Joy into our world. We await the birth of the Anointed One, the Promised Child, who comes into our lives in a new way.

Reader 2: Come, Messiah, Come, and help us sing with joy!

All: Dear God, we pray for all to experience the joy that is found in Jesus. Today may we celebrate in song, the joy found in You.

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

INTROIT

Joy to the World

arr. Valerie W. Stephenson

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*based on Isaiah 12:5–6*)

One: Sing praises to God on high, for glorious are God's works.

All: Sing praises to the ends of the earth.

One: Shout and sing for joy, O people of God,

All: for great is the Holy One in our midst, blessed is the One who comes to dwell among us!

*HYMN #146 *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

J. Simpson Cook, 1919

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

One: God of hope, peace and joy, you call us home from the exile of selfish oppression to the freedom of justice, the balm of healing, and the joy of sharing. Make us strong to join you in your holy work, as friends of strangers and victims, companions of those whom others shun.

All: Give us eyes to see Jesus today, among those who are oppressed, brokenhearted, and beaten down by life. Help us show in our actions your love that releases and sets free; love that repairs and builds up what is ruined. Give us ears to listen attentively to others in need and point them to hope in you, our Light of the world. In the precious name of Jesus, we pray. Amen

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

One: Our God of joy strengthens us when we are weak, enriches the poor with good hope, and gives peace to those who live in fear. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and redeemed!

All: Alleluia! Amen!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 *Gloria Patri*

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Benedictus from Oratorio de Noel by Camille Saint-Saens*

Myles and Dee Andrea Ellis

*DOXOLOGY #606 AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

***HYMN #519 vs1**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
You are My Strength When I am Weak

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 12:2-6
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! **Thanks be to God!**

SONGS OF CHRISTMAS

<i>Breath of Heaven</i>	Chris Eaton and Amy Grant; arr. By Craig Courtney
<i>Shepherd's Joy</i>	John Parker and Mark Hayes
<i>Mary Sat A-Rockin</i>	Greg Gilpin
<i>Adore Hymn</i>	Trad; arr. by R. Vader, J. Rouse and Camp Kirkland

(Chancel Choir & Reverend Dr Cynthia Alloway)

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

One: Advent God, who comes to us in love, peace and joy, we thank you for love that nourishes and sustains our hearts,

All: for peace that enables us to live in friendship with others for joy that illumines and inspires our lives.

One: We pray for those for whom joy seems far away and meant for others:

...for all whose loneliness is made worse by parties, laughter and other people's joy ...for bereaved people still hurting from the death of someone they have loved ...for those who feel broken by family break-up, divorce and the dismantling of their hopes ...for older people now living on their own, some of whom will see no loved ones at Christmas

All: Lord in their loneliness, may these your children know the loving presence of you as their Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Emmanuel, comfort them through the prayer you taught us saying: (The Lord's Prayer) Amen.

*HYMN #104

O Lord How Shall I Meet You

Paul Gerhardt, 1653

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



***Greenery is given by Norm Smith
in memory of his parents
Noel and Barbara***

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Myles Ellis, *Director of Music*

Althea Wright, *Accompanist*

Chelsea Howard, *Sunday School Teacher*

Bajun Mavalwalla II, *Audio-Visual Technician*

Eddie Seamans, *Director of Youth Activities*

Ruth Canniff, *Office Administrator*

Nancy Morgan, *Finance Administrator*

Jami Knuthson, *Receptionist*

Susan Jenkins, *Rosebud Preschool Director*

Join us for Advent & Christmas!

Advent Sacred Space Service Dec. 1 @ 6 pm

Advent Study 'The Messiah' Dec. 2 @ 11:30 then Wed. @ 7 pm

Songs of Christmas ~ Dec. 16 @ 10 am

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 7 pm



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

NO MHS BREAKFAST: Fri., Dec. 21st – Jan. 4th

Breakfast resumes Monday, January 7th

OFFICE CLOSED: Mon. Dec. 24th, Tues. 25th and Tues. Jan. 1st.

Office will be OPEN: Dec. 26, Dec. 27, Dec. 31, Jan. 2, Jan. 3

However, a lot of our staff will be off during this time so if you have a question re: year-end, please call this week.



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
Wes Cox
Kyle Donaldson
Margie Donaldson
Dick Draper
Barbara Flannery
Ray Foreaker
Felipa Jones

Nancy Lee (daughter in
law of Nancy Hansen)
Marilyn Hilen
Kathy Holmes
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
Jim Taylor Sr.
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 MON. TO THURS. ONLY 7 AM

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
12/17 <i>Monday</i>	10:00 AM	ADVENT STUDY – THE MESSIAH
	11:00 AM	Tai Chi
	12:00 PM	Qi Gong
	6:00 PM	Cub Scouts
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts Troop #135
12/18 <i>Tuesday</i>	8:30 AM	Buildings & Grounds
	10:30 AM	PW Bible Study & NOON Luncheon
	12:30 PM	Personnel Meeting
	6:30 PM	Session Meeting at Pastor Cindy's
	7:30 PM	Boy Scouts Board
12/19 - Wed	10:30 AM	Staff Meeting
12/20 <i>Thursday</i>	10:30 AM	Senior Exercise
	12:00 PM	Noon Hour of Prayer
	6:00 PM	Bells Practice.
	7:00 PM	A.A.
	7:00 PM	Girl Scouts
	7:30 PM	Choir Practice
12/21 <i>Friday</i>		NO BREAKFAST
	11:30 AM	Ladies Who Lunch at Lita's on Mendocino Ave.
	7:00 PM	Gamblers Anon.
	7:00 PM	Korean Youth
12/22 <i>Saturday</i>	6:30 AM	Korean Prayer
	12:00 PM	Sodelpha (facility use)
12/23 <i>Sunday</i>	8:00 AM	Korean Worship
	9:00 AM	Learn Ukulele
	10:00 AM	Worship
	6:00 PM	CoDA

★ ★ ★ Last Chance -- ★ ★ ★
 Deacon's Giving Tree &
 YWCA Holiday Depot in
 Bowen Hall Today !!




December 16

New Time  Revised Format

WRITING GROUP

A Support Group for Writers
 You may bring a short piece to share for feedback.

Third Sunday of the month at 11:30 in the Sunday School Room




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

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

LADIES WHO LUNCH

DEC. 21 @ 11:30 AM
LITA'S CAFE
 1973 Mendocino Ave.
 in the CVS Shopping Center

RSVP to Marilyn Hilen 326-5478



The 2018 Christmas Joy Offering
December 23

This PCUSA churchwide offering helps retired pastors and missionaries in need

and also

Ethnic Schools and Students

Every generous act of giving is from above. James 1:17



3RD SUNDAYS MONTHLY IN LIBRARY

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

EPIPHANY – SATURDAY JAN. 5th

Sacred Space

FIRST SATURDAYS
Monthly 6-7 PM

Experience the Spirit in a New Way!

VOYAGERS

2019 PLANNING POTLUCK
Saturday, Jan. 5
Bowen Hall 5 pm

Bring your choice of a dish to share

Question/Suggestions:
 Call Flandies at (707)538-5277