



PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
OF THE ROSES

*Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All People*



**First Sunday of Advent**

December 1, 2019

Worship 10 am

**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

*Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring*

J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anita Pinney, Alternative Christmas

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING Scott & Terry Swehla, Rich Osborne; New Members

*HOPE* (from Habakkuk 1-3)

The Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the true light coming into the world. In commemoration of that coming, we light candles for the four weeks leading to Christmas and reflect on the coming of Christ. It is significant that the church has always used that language—the coming of Christ—because it speaks to a deep truth. Christ is coming. Christ is always coming with healing and hope, always inspiring our troubled world to bring peace.

One: People of God, prophets like Habakkuk pointed to a future hope, our Savior.

**All: No one knew when he would come.**

One: They only hoped they would recognize the Messiah, the Son of God.

**All: We wait with hope for the One who has come and is coming.**

One: Today we light a candle to symbolize our hope. We hope in the One who will come. (*Light the candle of Hope*)

One: People of God, a New Hope is coming!

**All: We will rejoice in the Lord!**

INTROIT

*Oh Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Gracious God, shake us awake, for we await you.

**All: We wait for signs of hope.**

One: Shaping God, awaken the earth and come, for we await you.

**All: We wait for signs of peace.**

One: Surprising God, tear open the heavens and come, for we await you.

**All: We wait for signs of joy.**

One: Mysterious God, enliven our hearts as we worship you in wonder and trust.

**All: We wait for signs of love, on this day and in this season. Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN #82

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Wesley, 1744

\*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

One: God of light, once again we approach the season of Advent. We are not always alert to your coming; we are too busy with preparations of our own design. We are exhausted by trying to do everything ourselves and cannot keep our focus on watching for you.

**All: Like your people of old, we do not call upon your name, except to blame you. Yet, you are our maker, and we are all the work of your hand. Forgive us and restore us. Illumine our lives, that we may be witnesses to your faithfulness.**

One: God of justice and peace, from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness, that all on earth may stand in awe and wonder before your marvelous deeds.

**All: Raise our heads in expectation, that we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord and stand without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ.**

\*WORDS OF AFFIRMATION (responsively)

One: Advent alarms us! God awakens us!

**All: God awakens us now to Christ's coming, and bends our angers into God's peace. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen.**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 Gloria Patri

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Panis Angelicus* Traditional; arr. Chris Hazell

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*HYMN PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *Change My Heart O God!*

(to the tune of Hymn #695)

*Change my heart O God, Make it ever true, Change my heart O God, May I be like you! You are the potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me, this is what I pray! Change my heart O God, Make it ever true.*

*Change my heart O God. May I be like you!*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

This is the word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM *The First Noel/Pachelbel's Canon* Trad. English Carol

Performed by Bill Morgan and Chuck VanDeventer

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 24: 36-44

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Christ Created Christmas* Rev. Dr Cindy Alloway

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: May our God of Advent give you hope.

**All: May God grant you peace.**

One: Let us lift our hearts to God who offers righteousness to all.

**All: We open our hearts to the One who loves justice.**

One: Children of God, rejoice in the One who call us to live in harmony and welcome everyone. In those days when chaos reigned, creation appeared, Coming God, as you spoke the Word which caused snow to cap mountains; as you breathed the Spirit which give life to sheep and shepherds; as your steadfast loved shaped all that is beautiful and good. All this was intended for those clothed in your image of grace and hope, but we insisted on putting on sin's coat, cinching death's belt around our ways. Through the prophets of every age, we heard your words of encouragement, but chose to keep looking for life in the seductions offered to us by sin. So, in that moment we least expected, Jesus came, to baptize us with the Holy Spirit's peace and hope.

**All: Holy, holy, holy are you, God who gives hope to all. All creation gathers your harvest of peace. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who stands beside the most vulnerable. Hosanna in the highest!**

One: In your holiness, God, we find righteousness and justice; in your Child, Jesus, we discover our salvation and hope. As we inch closer to Bethlehem, as we wait for the kingdom to draw near, we sing of that mystery which comes as faith:

**All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

One: Now in these days, as we gather around the table gifted with the bread and the cup, may your Spirit of wisdom rest on us, so we may recognize the vulnerable and welcome their gifts in our lives; may your Spirit of might rest upon us, so we may stand up to injustices around us; may your Spirit of unity rest upon us, so we may resist all people, all words, which seek to divide us; may your Spirit of compassion rest upon us, so we may remember, and serve, the hungry, the homeless, the lonely, in this holiest of seasons.

**All: And when your harvest of peace comes at the end of all time, and we are gathered with our sisters and brothers around your heavenly feast, we will sing and glorify you 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 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 (unison)

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your spirit to give of ourselves for others and to show hospitality to all. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray saying: (The Lord's Prayer) Amen. CHORAL RESPONSE**

\*HYMN#100 (vs 1,4) *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout* Cooney, 1990

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Gloria Patri (from the Magnificat)*

J.S. Bach



*~ Flowers are given by Bajun and Chelsea  
in celebration of their wedding~  
Our Congratulations to Bajun and Chelsea!  
We wish you many years of happiness!*

**NOTICE: A Congregational  
Meeting will take place after  
service on Dec. 8, 2019**

***Today's Liturgist is Kay Young***

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Ruth Canniff, *Office Administrator*  
Nancy Morgan, *Finance Administrator*  
Jami Knuthson, *Receptionist*  
Susan Jenkins, *Rosebud Preschool Director*



## PRAYER REQUESTS: *Please include in your prayers*

- ❖ For the family of Sue Thomas, as they mourn her passing on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ For the family of Laurie Thomas, as they mourn the passing of her son, Eric on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Those with health issues**

Deborah Baker	Marilyn Hilen	Bob Simmons
John Baker	Sarah Hilen	Phil Sitzman
Bill Beaumont	Janice Holmes	Susan Smith
Bob Bunting	Emily Keyser (Steve	Jonathan Steele
Patrick Butler	Yeager's daughter)	Jim Taylor Sr.
Peggy Call	Linda Lance	Jacob Thomas
Wes Cox	Vivian Mazeski	Bob Weber
Dick Draper	Jessica Morse	Helen Wikle
Barbara Flannery	Jeanette Nichols	Betty Witchey-Ryer
Ray Foreaker	Carolyn Kenworthy	Avery Yudice
Janice Holmes	Debbie Seat	

### **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.

\*Janice Holmes is recovering from surgery at *Santa Rosa Post Acute, Room 20, 4650 Hoen Ave. Santa Rosa*

Join the  
**BOOMERS**  
CHRISTMAS CAROLING  
Dec 8th - meet at PCOR at 3:00pm  
5:00 pm Goodies and Gift Exchange  
See the Rose Clippings for more information  
Welcoming all active adults.

**December 1<sup>st</sup> - Sunday**

8:00 AM Korean Worship  
9:00 AM Learn Ukulele  
10:00 AM Worship  
**11:15 AM All Church Advent and Decorating Party**  
11:15 AM Plan Sacred Space  
3:00 PM Sonoma Dev Ctr Worship  
6:00 PM CoDA

**December 2<sup>nd</sup> - Monday**

7:00 AM MHS Breakfast  
9:30 AM Adult Social Club  
10:30 AM Qi Gong  
7:00 PM Boy Scouts #135

**December 3<sup>rd</sup> - Tuesday**

7:00 AM MHS Breakfast  
8:30 AM Buildings & Grounds  
10:00 AM PW Coord. Mtg  
11:30 AM Health Ministry  
12:30 PM Fellowship Com.  
1:30 PM Membership Com.  
7:00 PM Stephen Ministry

**December 4<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday**

7:00 AM MHS Breakfast  
9:30 AM Adult Social Club  
11:15 AM Pre-k Bowen  
**7:00 PM Advent Study/Movie "The Young Messiah"**  
7:00 PM Women's Al-Anon

**December 5<sup>th</sup> - Thursday**

7:00 AM MHS Breakfast  
10:15 AM Exploring the God Idea  
11:00 AM Tai Chi  
12:00 PM Noon Prayer  
5:00 PM Worship Com.  
6:10 PM Bells Practice  
7:00 PM A.A.  
7:15 PM Choir Practice

**December 6<sup>th</sup> - Friday**

7:00 AM MHS Breakfast  
10:30 AM Beginning Watercolor  
4:00 PM *Camera Club @ KC's Kitchen and Windsor Town Green*  
7:00 PM Gamblers Anon.  
7:00 PM Korean Youth

**December 7<sup>th</sup> - Saturday**

6:30 AM Korean Prayer  
**5:00 PM SACRED SPACE**

**December 8<sup>th</sup> - Sunday**

8:00 AM Korean Worship  
9:00 AM Learn Ukulele  
**10:00 AM Worship - CANTATA**  
**11:00 AM Congregational Meeting**  
11:15 AM Plan Sacred Space  
3:00 PM Boomers Caroling & Goodies  
3:00 PM Sonoma Dev Ctr Worship  
6:00 PM CoDA