



PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
OF THE ROSES

Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All People



Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 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

Maranatha

Greg Westphal

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the red friendship pad and pass it along for all to sign

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING – *Joy (from Isaiah 42)*

Led by new members: Ed and Marilee Marcoux, Bill and Karen Nakata and Reverend Lynne Vandercook

One: People of God, Isaiah promised a servant God who would come to save us.

All: The Savior will be a light to the nations.

One: People everywhere are eager for the justice he will teach and the joy he will bring.

All: We will see prison doors opened and people set free.

One: Today we light a candle to symbolize the joy we anticipate. We hope in the One who will come. We pray for God's peace to prevail. Our joy will come with God's son.

(Candles representing Hope, Peace and Joy are lit.)

One: People of God, great change lies ahead as we faithfully follow the path of Jesus.

All: We will follow Christ's light with joy!

INTROIT

Rejoice! Emmanuel!

Arr. Thomas Helmore

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

One: Into our world

All: Come Lord Jesus

One: Into the forgotten places, as into the manger

All: Come Lord Jesus

One: Into the lives of the poor bring hope; into the lives of the weary, bring rest; into the lives of the wise, bring mystery, and into our lives and longings....

All: Come Lord Jesus

One: This is the Good News! Christ is coming! Blessed are those who wait on the Lord!

All: Come quickly Lord! With great joy, let us worship God!

*HYMN

Mary Heard the Angel's Message

Carolyn Gillette

(to the tune of Hymn #366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling")

*Mary heard the angel's message: "Greetings, Mary, favored one!
Do not fear, for God is with you; You will one day bear God's Son."
Filled with questions, filled with wonder, She proclaimed her faith in God:
"May it be as you have spoken; I'm the servant of the Lord!"*

*When she heard her cousin's greeting, Mary's heart was filled with joy,
So she sang of God's great blessing Promised in her baby boy:
"God has looked on me with favor, So I sing this song of praise.
God has worked, the proud to scatter... Humble, hungry ones to raise."*

*Mary heard the shepherds' story, Words she treasured with delight.
Then an angel gave the warning: "Flee with Jesus in the night!"
Mary wondered in her anguish, What would be the pain he'd know?
Fleeing then, she held him closely... One day she must let him go.*

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (*responsively*)

One: Open our eyes, Lord, because we are tired of looking and fear to see too much; because yesterday and today and tomorrow may be filled with the same pain, because when we look, we see what we want to see.

All: Open our eyes, Lord, to gently scan the life we lead, the home we have, the world we inhabit, to find places that need faithful transformation and places that inspire hope and joy.

One: Give us whose eyes are dimmed by familiarity, a bigger vision of what you can do with us, even with what might seem to be hopeless cases and lost causes and people of limited ability.....

All: Show us the world with your true sight, riddled by debt, deceit, and disbelief, and yet also, full of possibility, renewal, redemption.....

One: Open our eyes to one person, or one place, where we might identify a potential for hope, peace, and joy.

All: And with all this open our eyes in yearning for Jesus!

One: Help us see him, on the mountains, in the cities, through the corridors of power, and streets of despair, to help, to heal, to confront, to console.

All: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel! Amen.

*WORDS OF AFFIRMATION (*responsively*)

One: God is good! All the time! I declare to you; in the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God for mercy, grace, and second chances. Let us live lives worthy of such amazing grace and steadfast love!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 Gloria Patri

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Holy Darkness*

Dan Schutte

*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 35: 1-10

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

ANTHEM *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

M. Praetorius

GATHERING OF THE CHILDREN

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1: 46b-55

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

*HYMN#87 *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* Genevan Psalter, 1551

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

One: We bless you, our God, mighty sovereign power, gentle caring mother.
You do not forget your children.

**All: We bless you our God, for your great gifts to us: creation—fragile
and fascinating, Scripture—revealing your truth.**

One: And you bless us with your forgiving love, with the vision of your
kingdom, shedding light in our darkness.

**All: Bless us and disturb us O God with that vision of your kingdom and
as we voice our hopes to you now, may they strengthen us, reassure us
and move us...(Silence)**

One: We pray for those caught up in wars around the world; soldiers,
refugees and for those who no longer recall what they are fighting for.

All: We pray for the homeless - excluded from what the rest of us are doing; often cold and struggling to keep hold of who they are...

(Silence)

One: We pray for those who are ill, coping with pain, fearing the worst, and for health professionals who worry for the future...

All: We pray for those people struggling in relationships, especially at this 'family time', when the cracks are kept just below the surface...*(Silence)*

One: And for the deepest hopes of our hearts, we pray for now in silence....
Into the mess of this world a fragile child will come -

All: We pin our hopes on you, little baby, our God - pushed out into the world, through pain, into poverty.

One: Our God is with us and our hope is re-born as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us saying: **(The Lord's Prayer) Amen.**

HYMN #97

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

Joseph Parry, 1876

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

Frederick Faber



*Flowers are given by Norm Smith
In loving memory of my parents,
Noel and Barbara Smith*

***If you are an usher or would like to become an usher,
please meet us in the library at 11:30 am today
for a short meeting.***



PRAYER REQUESTS: *Please include in your prayers*

❖ For the family of Laurie Thomas, as they mourn the passing of her son, Eric on November 11th.

Those with health issues

Deborah Baker
John Baker
Bill Beaumont
Bob Bunting
Patrick Butler
Peggy Call
Wes Cox
Dick Draper
Barbara Flannery
Joyce Furlong
Ray Foreaker
Janice Holmes

Marilyn Hilen
Sarah Hilen
Janice Holmes
Carolyn Kenworthy
Emily Keyser (Steve Yeager's daughter)
Linda Lance
Vivian Mazeski
Jessica Morse
Jeanette Nichols
Chris Peña
Debbie Seat

Bob Simmons
Phil Sitzman
Susan Smith
Jonathan Steele
Jim Taylor Sr.
Jacob Thomas
Bob Weber
Helen Wikle
Betty Witchey-Ryer
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.

Today's Liturgist is Terry Swehla

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Jami Knuthson, *Receptionist*
Susan Jenkins, *Rosebud Preschool Director*

December 15th - Sunday

10:00 AM Worship
11:15 AM Healthy BP Screening
11:00 AM FAIR TRADE MARKET
11:30 AM Usher Meeting
3:00 PM Sonoma Dev Ctr Worship
6:00 PM CoDA

December 16th - Monday

7:00 AM MHS Breakfast
9:30 AM Adult Social Club
10:30 AM Qi Gong
1:00 PM Personnel Meeting
6:00 PM Cub Scouts
7:00 PM Boy Scouts #135

December 17th - Tuesday

7:00 AM MHS Breakfast
8:30 AM Buildings & Grounds
10:30 AM PW Bible Study/Luncheon
5:30 PM Church and World
6:00 PM Boy Scouts Board
7:00 PM Session Meeting at PC

December 18th - Wednesday

7:00 AM MHS Breakfast
9:30 AM Adult Social Club
7:00 PM Advent Study
7:00 PM Women's Al-Anon

December 19th - Thursday

7:00 AM MHS Breakfast
11:00 AM Tai Chi
12:00 PM Noon Prayer
6:10 PM Bells Practice
7:00 PM A.A.
7:15 PM Choir Practice

December 20th - Friday

NO MHS BREAKFAST
7:00 PM Gamblers Anon.
7:00 PM Korean Youth

December 21st - Saturday

6:30 AM Korean Prayer

December 22nd - Sunday

8:00 AM Korean Worship
9:00 AM Learn Ukulele
10:00 AM Worship
3:00 PM Sonoma Dev Ctr Worship
& Christmas
6:00 PM CoDA



*Join us for a Family-Friendly
Candlelight Christmas Eve with
harpist, Celeste Ray!*

- **NO MHS Breakfast Dec.20-Jan.5**
- **The office will be closed at noon on Dec. 24th and Dec. 25th.**