



PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
OF THE ROSES

Reaching out with Nurturing Love to All



First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021
Worship 10:00 am

First time here? We are happy to have you visit with us today and hope that your worship experience is blessed. Please pick up a free visitor bag.
Children with you? Activity materials for young worshipers are on the back tables. **Assistance needed?** The ushers have large print bulletins.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

**One asterisk signifies the congregation stands if able.
The bold type is spoken by the congregation.*

PRELUDE "The God of Abraham Praise" Improvised by G.W. Cassler

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(If you are a visitor, have a prayer request, or want to update your contact info, please fill out the connect card and place it in a basket by the doors.)

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Alternative Giving

Nita Pinney

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING – Hope

Linda Burille, Ellen Marks

Reader #1: Advent is a time of waiting. We wait again for God to send divine love and light into our dark world.

Reader #2: God's light comes through Jesus who shows us the way to live in God's divine love and light.

ALL: "Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the darkness and put on the armor of light."

Reader #1: Today, we wait for the coming of Jesus. We begin in the dark, and on this first Sunday of Advent, we light the first candle of hope. (light a purple candle)

Reader #2: Every week in Advent, each candle will remind us that the Light of the World comes to us, first in the form of the humble baby Jesus.

ALL: The Kingdom of God is drawing near. May we prepare our hearts with God's peace, God's justice, and God's love. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In this season of waiting, of longing,
of looking for you to come into our world

All: We are seeking light!

One: In our work, in our families, in our nation,

All: We are seeking light!

One: Seek and you shall find, Knock and the door will be opened
Ask and it will be given to you

All: Jesus is the light of the Universe

Let us worship our cosmic light of hope!

*HYMN #88 (vs.1, 6,7) "O Come O Come Emmanuel" arr. John Weaver

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

[Refrain]

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight. **[Refrain]**

O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
fill the whole world with heaven's peace. **[Refrain]**

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER — Prayer for the Start of Advent

One: Lord, we have pulled out the Advent wreath,
the Christmas tree, the poinsettias.

We dusted off the hymns, unsung for a year,
and unearthed the words of your prophets.

**All: Yet, in your eyes, these efforts are for nothing
without the regular, persistent, deep pursuit
of justice for all people.**

One: Our efforts are hollow without consistent work
toward peace, reconciliation,
and participation in your mission for creation.

In our hearts, we do long to be your people,
to carry out your mission,
to be lights in the darkness—

proof that no darkness can overcome your truth.

All: Awaken us to action. Stir us to courage.

**Rouse us to prepare a way in the wilderness for your coming,
clearing the brush of oppression, racism, injustice, and hopelessness
so that all may see your light and perceive your coming. Amen.**

*WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

One: As we worship together, we offer ourselves to God
and we open ourselves to the abundant amazing grace of Jesus.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and blessed to try being faithful
again. Alleluia! Amen.**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 *Gloria Patri*

CALL FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jim Taylor

OFFERTORY

“Evening Song”

by Robert Schumann

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION HYMN #286 “Breathe on Me Breath of God”

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 25:1-10

Jim Taylor

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust;

do not let me be put to shame;

do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,

for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord;

therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right,

and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,

for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

"Light of Hope"

arr. by Mark Hayes

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 3:15

But in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you;

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

SERMON

"Be Prepared"

Rev. Stewart Perrilliat

*HYMN #87 "Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

Johannes Olearius

"Comfort, comfort now my people;
tell of peace!" So says our God.

"Comfort those who sit in darkness
mourning under sorrow's load.

To my people now proclaim
that my pardon waits for them!
Tell them that their sins I cover,
and their warfare now is over."

For the herald's voice is crying
in the desert far and near,
calling us to true repentance,
since the reign of God is here.

O, that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way.
Let the valleys rise in meeting
and the hills bow down in greeting.

Straight shall be what long was crooked,
and the rougher places plain.

Let your hearts be true and humble,
as befits God's holy reign.

For the glory of the Lord
now on earth is shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token
that God's word is never broken.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE: Prayer for Others during Advent

One: Into our troubles and weaknesses,

Into the barren places of our souls, Come Lord,

All: Come down, come in, come among us and make us whole.

One: Into the war torn and the refugee,
Into those who live in conflict, Come Lord,

All: Come down, come in, come among us and make us whole.

One: Into those who feel abandoned and isolated, Come Lord,

All: Come down, come in, come among us and make us whole.

One: Into the sick and the disabled,

Into those suffering with Covid 19 and with cancer, Come, Lord

All: Come down, come in, come among us and make us whole.

One: Into the poor and the starving,

Into those who are oppressed and imprisoned, Come Lord

All: Come down, come in, come among us and make us whole.

One: Into the lives of loved ones,

Into those from whom we are estranged, Come Lord,

All: Come down, come in, come among us and make us whole.

One: Into our joys and holiday celebrations,

Into our work and our service to the community, Come, Lord

All: Come down, come in, come among us and make us whole.

One: O Christ we long for your coming. Hasten the day when your Kingdom will come in all its glory and suffering and pain and sickness and oppression and death will be overcome forever. Hasten the day when we become a great multiculturally diverse family and live in peace, harmony, joy and love together in your kingdom. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN (Tune #738) "God, We Await Your Advent Here" Carolyn Gillette

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

God, we await your advent here:
When will these desert lands rejoice?

When will new blossoms bright appear
And all earth praise you with one voice?

We live in deserts we have made;
Gifts of your love we pass right by.
We seek possessions, more each day,
And then in thirst for joy, we cry.

God, we prepare for Jesus' birth —
Searching for gifts from store to store!
Yet when you sent your Christ to earth,
You gave us joy worth so much more.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" arr. Richard Elkasser



*Flowers donated by the Joe and Judy Clarke in
loving memory of our daughter, Amy Clarke
Ferrante, 11/21/68-8/11/09.*

Our Guest Preacher is Rev. Stewart Perrilliat: A native of Oakland, California, Stewart grew up in a community that was plagued with a number of challenging institutional socio-economic ills. Nevertheless, Stewart escaped the lures of the streets and became a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corp before becoming the Founder and Executive Director for Man 2 Man Urban Youth Advocate <http://www.man2man-uya.org>, which is a program designed to help strengthen the role of young men of color, as

powerful, positive, protective co-parents through recovery, intervention and educational programs.

Stewart is married to Jonnique Perrilliat and is also a single father of a 15-year-old daughter and an 18-year-old son, and he also has a 32-year-old daughter who resides in Cleveland, Ohio. He is an author and an ordained minister at Allen Temple Baptist Church, in Oakland.

Stewart has a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix, and Master's in Theology from San Francisco Theological Seminary where he is currently working on his doctorate in Executive Leadership.

Stewart has a passion for assisting men and equipping them with the tools to become more responsible, loving fathers, so that they can be more engaged in their children's lives and better able to interact with the other parent, for the sake of their children's personal development.

Stewart performs prison ministry, working with the men who are incarcerated at San Quentin Federal Prison in San Rafael, California. Through this ministry, Stewart helps facilitate change in their lives by providing life skills and using the word of God as an instrument for transformation.

Guest Preacher: Rev. Stewart Perrilliat
Pastor: *Rev. Dr. Cindy Alloway* Liturgist: *Jim Taylor*
Music: *Althea Wright, Linda Burille, Chancel Choir*
Technology: *Norm Smith, Phil Goede, Nico Wycoff*

Reference: Prayer of the People~

written by Christine Sine on **Godspace** <http://godspace-msa.com/>. It is part of a longer liturgy for Advent which can be viewed here: <http://godspace-msa.com/2015/11/29/liturgy-for-the-first-sunday-of-advent/>

PRAYER REQUESTS *Please include in your prayers*

Those mourning the death of their loved ones

* The family of Jake Parsons as they mourn his passing on Oct. 29, 2021.

His memorial will take place on Sunday, December 12 @ 1 pm.

* The family of Janice Holmes as they mourn her passing on Oct. 23, 2021.

Her memorial will take place on Saturday, December 11, 2021 at 2 pm.

* The family of Tony Burille as they mourn his passing on Oct. 28, 2021.

Those with health issues

Bill Beaumont	Maryann Iodence	Susan Smith
Dolores Borchers	Carolyn Kenworthy	Sharon Sorani
Patrick Butler	Margret Kram	Susie Vela
Peggy Call	Arnold Kuprian	Bob Weber
Doreen Cowden	Vivian Mazeski	Jill White
Pat Currier	Jessica Morse	Roger White
Eldon Davis	Spencer Nguyen	Helen Wikle
Dick Draper	Nancy Pinney	Betty Witchey-Ryer
Sam Gomes	Lynette Randerson	Chris Yen's mom
Michele Hare	Rosa Rosillo	Avery Yudice
Phil Henry	Pamela Sage	
	Bob Simmons	

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.

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Featured Crèche

Today's featured crèche is shared by Joy and Lindsay Olsen. It comes from the Philippines and is made of pine needles.



Join the **BOOMERS** as we go **Caroling** on **Dec. 18th**

Caroling on December 18th with potluck and gift exchange at the Morgan's afterward.

Meet in the church parking lot at 3:00 pm for caroling at a few nursing homes. *Vaccinated / Masks required*
Wear your festive Christmas attire! Songbooks provided.

We'll trek over to Morgan's ~ 5:30 ish after caroling. Bring a *hearty hors d'oeuvre* and/or *fun dessert* plus a *beverage of your choice*, also a *gift to exchange* in a pirate gift exchange. (~\$25)

Please RSVP to Joy Olsen - olsen@sonic.net

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Santa Rosa Children's Choral Academy
presents

A Choral Celebration

Carol Menke, Artistic Director
with special guests

**Cantiamo Sonoma,
Santa Rosa High School Concert Choir**

Sunday, November 28 at 5 pm
Church of the Roses, 2500 Patio Ct. Santa Rosa, Ca 95405
Masks required. Admission is Free. Donations appreciated.

Advent Study

Pastor Cindy will lead us in learning about the writings that didn't make it into the Canonical New Testament.

The Apocryphal New Testament

More stories of Jesus you'll love to hear!

**MONDAYS AT 7 PM BY
ZOOM
NOV. 29-DEC. 20**



The Giving Tree



**Support the Sonoma County
Secret Santa Program!**

*The Giving Tree will be
in Bowen Hall
beginning Nov. 28th.*