



PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
OF THE ROSES

*Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All*



*Epiphany*

*January 9, 2022 ~ Worship 10 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. Join us for coffee and fellowship in Bowen Hall after the service.

**Children with you?** Activity materials for young worshipers are on the back tables. **Assistance needed?** The ushers have large print bulletins. Hearing assistance is available.

## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE            "I Wonder as I Wander"            John Jacob Niles, arr. F. Bock

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This year, we will follow the Star of Bethlehem.

**All: The Star of Hope.**

One: The Star of Peace.

**All: The Star of Joy.**

One: The Star of Love.

**All: The Star that leads us to Christ our Lord. Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN #145            "What Child Is This"            text: William Chatterton Dix

What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through;  
the cross be borne for me, for you.  
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh,  
the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
come, one and all, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high.  
The virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
the babe, the son of Mary!

#### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

One: Gracious Jesus...

**All: We praise you for your loving, life-giving presence in our world and in our lives. We thank you for all the gracious gifts you have given us to bless all people. Forgive us for all the ways we hold onto more than we need and hold ourselves back from giving to those in need. Forgive us for all the hurts and grudges we can't let go of and the anger that eats us up inside. Forgive us for all the words that we have spoken that we wish we could take back. Forgive us for all the ways we've lived out of brokenness instead of blessedness, and the shame that keeps us trapped in brokenness instead of blessedness. Forgive us and give us the grace to forgive others and ourselves.**

One: Gracious Jesus, hear us as we continue our confessions in silence...

**Amen.**

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

One: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, abounding in steadfast love...

**All: Jesus, we praise you for your love!**

One: There is nothing in all of creation that can ever separate us from the love of God.

**All: Jesus, we praise you for your forgiveness and grace! Amen.**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

*Gloria Patri*

CALL FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Diane Pierce

OFFERTORY

"Jesu So Meek, Oh Jesu so Kind"

Cologne, 1623

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION "Your Word is Like A Lamp" Carolyn W. Gillette

**(to the tune of Hymn #722, "Lord Speak to Me That I May Speak")**

Your word is like a lamp, O Lord, and like a light to guide our way,

For in this ever-changing world, it bears your promise every day.

God, open wide each heart and mind, by your own Spirit, now we pray,

That in your scriptures we may find, new strength to serve you every day.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14

Diane Pierce

**Prayer for Guidance and Support for the King**

Of Solomon.

Give the king your justice, O God,

and your righteousness to a king's son.

May he judge your people with righteousness,

and your poor with justice.

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,

and the hills, in righteousness.

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,

give deliverance to the needy,

and crush the oppressor.

May he live while the sun endures,

and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.  
May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
like showers that water the earth.  
In his days may righteousness flourish  
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles  
render him tribute,  
may the kings of Sheba and Seba  
bring gifts.  
May all kings fall down before him,  
all nations give him service.

For he delivers the needy when they call,  
the poor and those who have no helper.  
He has pity on the weak and the needy,  
and saves the lives of the needy.  
From oppression and violence he redeems their life;  
and precious is their blood in his sight.  
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! **Thanks be to God!**

DRAMA by PCOR Players

HYMN #151 (vs 3)                      "We Three Kings"                      John Henry Hopkins Jr.

**[Refrain]**

**O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light!**

[verse 5] Glorious now behold him arise,  
King and God and Sacrifice:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
sounds through the earth and skies. [Refrain]

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 2:1-12

### **The Visit of the Wise Men**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel." '

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word!

**Thanks be to God!**

\*HYMN #135            "There's a Star in the East"    African-American Spiritual

There's a star in the east on Christmas morn.

Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

It will lead to the place where the Christ was born.

Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

**[Refrain]**

**Follow, follow;**

**rise up, shepherd, and follow.**

**Follow the star of Bethlehem.**

**Rise up, shepherd, and follow.**

If you take good heed to the angel's words,

rise up, shepherd, and follow.

You'll forget your flocks, you'll forget your herds.

Rise up, shepherd, and follow. [Refrain]

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

**Christ of the Four Directions**

One: Christ of the East, Christ of the South, Christ of the West, Christ of the North: We turn our hearts to you hoping and praying for peace and life to dispel the shadows of war and death.

**All: We turn our faces to you trusting and believing for love and grace to shine upon us and to radiate to all.**

One: We turn our lives to you even if we know only in part what we will one day know fully even as we are fully known. And now may faith hope and love, love most of all, abide in us as we journey together through this year praying the prayer Jesus taught us saying: **(The Lord's Prayer). 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 #152 "What Star is This with Beams so Bright?" Michael Praetorius

What star is this, with beams so bright,  
more lovely than the noonday light?  
'Tis sent to announce a newborn king,  
glad tidings of our God to bring.

'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed,  
"From Jacob shall a star proceed;"  
and lo! the eastern sages stand  
to read in heaven the Lord's command.

While outward signs the star displays,  
an inward light the Lord conveys  
and urges them, with tender might,  
to seek the giver of the light.

O Jesus, while the star of grace  
impels us on to seek your face,  
let not our slothful hearts refuse  
the guidance of your light to use.

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Psalm XIX"

Benedetto Marcello, arr. Dubois



*Flowers are given in honor of our new choir  
director, Carol Menke.*

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**Due to an increase in local Covid-19 cases, we will not be having  
Fellowship hour for the next two weeks.**



# PRAYER REQUESTS *Please include in your prayers*

## **Upcoming Memorials**

A memorial for Tony Burille will be held on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022 at 2 pm.

A memorial for Lucy Poindexter will be held on Sat., March 19, at 2 pm.

## **Those mourning the death of their loved ones**

- \* The family of Rev. Frank Hamilton, as they mourn his recent passing.
- \* The family of Lorraine Nichols, as they mourn her passing on Dec.21, 2021.
- \* The family of Shirley Weber, as they mourn her passing on Dec. 3, 2021.
- \* The family of Janice Holmes as they mourn her passing on Oct. 23, 2021.
- \* The family of Tony Burille as they mourn his passing on Oct. 28, 2021.
- \* The family of Jake Parsons as they mourn his passing on Oct. 29, 2021.

## **Those with health issues**

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

PASTOR: Rev. Dr Cindy Alloway    LITURGIST: Diane Pierce  
MUSIC: Carol Menke, Althea Wright, Chancel Choir,  
TECHNOLOGY: Norm Smith, Phil Goede, Nico Wycoff

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*Understanding the New Testament*

Mondays at 7pm by ZOOM  
Beginning January 10th



**Professor Brake continues his  
lectures on the Gospels with**


*The Gospel of John*

**Reading this beloved Gospel  
ahead of class is recommended.**


**HEARING ASSISTANCE**

**GO TO THE SOUND DESK  
IN THE BACK OF CHURCH**


Join the  
**BOOMERS**



**Oakland Zoo**  
Gondola Tram &  
California Trail



**Saturday, January 15th**  
Advanced Reservations Required



See the Rose Clippings for more information  
Welcoming all active adults.

# Suzanne Ford

Guest Preacher



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Sunday, January 23

10 am

Church of the Roses

Suzanne is a Trans Activist, Chair of the Board of The Spahr Center, Vice President of SF Pride and Communications Coordinator of TransHeartLine

Roses  
Concert  
Series  
Is Back!



Masks are  
required for  
your safety  
and the safety  
of others.



The program will  
include a variety of  
*a cappella* choral  
music spanning from  
the Renaissance to  
the present.  
Admission  
is free.  
Donations are  
welcomed.

# Cantiamo Sonoma

Carol Menke, Artistic Director

**Sunday January 23 at 2:00 P.M.**

Presbyterian Church of the Roses  
2500 Patio Court, Santa Rosa, CA 95405



## HELP REQUESTED TODAY

Worship and Arts Committee appreciates your help in taking down the Christmas decorations. If you are able, please join us after worship, this Sunday, Jan 9, to dismantle the décor. It won't take long.

Thank you everyone!!

