



PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
OF THE ROSES

*Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All People*



*Epiphany Sunday*  
*Sunday, January 8th, 2023*  
*Worship 10:00 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.

We recommend that all keep masks on during worship especially if you are not vaccinated and boosted.

**Assistance needed?**

Large print bulletins, a hearing loop and hearing assist devices are available from the sound system tech.

**Tip for the Service**

\*Asterisk means please stand if able.

The **BOLD** is spoken by the congregation.

**Children with you?**

Activity materials for young worshipers are in the entry way.

Sunday School is provided during the service.

**Please keep your masks on around the children and, if you are not vaccinated.**

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*"Come Holy Ghost, God, & Lord"*

Andrew Armsdorf

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 the offering basket).*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

This year, we will follow the Star of Bethlehem.

**The Star of Hope.**

The Star of Peace.

**The Star of Joy.**

The Star of Love.

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

\*HYMN #151      *"We Three Kings of Orient Are"*      John Henry Hopkins, Jr  
*(The congregation sings verses 1 and 5; Kings processing will sing verses 2, 3, and 4. The congregation sings all choruses).*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER *(responsively)*

Gracious Jesus...

**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.**

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

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

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

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

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

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

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 "Gloria Patri" Henry W. Greatorex

CALL FOR OFFERING Robert Cortez

OFFERTORY "Blessed are Ye Faithful Souls" Johanna Brahms

\*DOXOLOGY #606 Genevan Psalter

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Robert Cortez

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy your message for us today. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 60: 1-6

Robert Cortez

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD. This is the word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

"Epiphany"

Bob Chilcott

GATHERING OF THE CHILDREN

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 2:1-12

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!**

SERMON        *"Epiphany: 12<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas"*        Rev. Dr Cindy Alloway

\*HYMN# 152    *"What Star is This With Beams So Bright?"*    Charles Coffin

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

### **The Light of Christ**

On this day when peoples from afar came to worship Jesus the Lord, let our prayer be as wide as the world. Let us say to the Father: **Let the light of Christ shine on all people.**

That the light of Christ may shine on all nations far and near and that the Church may welcome them with the diversity of their cultures, let us pray to the Lord: **Let the light of Christ shine on all people.**

That in our day justice may flourish and peace come to all of the world, That God's people may hear the poor when they cry, have pity on the weak and open their hearts and hands to the needy, let us pray: **Let the light of Christ shine on all people.**

That those who persecute the Lord in those who try to follow him may see his light and be converted, let us pray: **Let the light of Christ shine on all people.** That all who look for a star to guide them may discover the goodness of the Lord in people full of faith and love, let us pray: **Let the light of Christ shine on all people.** That in our Christian communities we may learn, like the wise men, to share the treasures of our goods and hearts, let us pray: **Let the light of Christ shine on all people.** Lord our God, we rejoice that you have become near to us in Jesus your Son. Let him be the light of life now and for ever. **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 145                      *"What Child is This?"*                      William C. Dix, 1871

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                      *"Magnificat"*                      Johannes Pachelbel

Reference: Prayer of the People from a post on: Liturgy Alive: Models of Celebration.

PASTOR: *Rev. Dr Cindy Alloway*      LITURGIST: *Robert Cortez*

MUSIC: *Carol Menke, Althea Wright, Chancel Choir.*

AUDIO VISUAL TECHNOLOGY TEAM : *Phil Goede, Norm Smith, Jonathan Parnell, and Nico Wycoff*



*"Flowers are given to  
the Glory of God"*

*A new Flower Calendar is in Campbell Ct. waiting for you to sign-up for a Flower Donation to honor your special occasion this year.*

*\*Sign up before your special date is taken.*

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

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

\*The family and friends of AnnaLeigh(Ellie) Sage, Pamela Sage's daughter as they mourn her death on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 2022.

### **Those with health issues**

Darren Adams	Michele Hare	Howard Powers
Donald Adams	Phil Henry	Priscilla
Jeanette Bauer	Mary Lou Hensley	Lynette Randerson
Bill Beaumont	Werner Hoehenrieder	Sherry Rupp
Barbara Blinn	Brittany Hunt	Pamela Sage
Patrick Butler	Maryann Iodence	Bob Simmons
Peggy Call	Jennifer	Marie Slack
Leslie Colby	Rusty Jump	Pat Sneath
Marjorie Cortez	Carolyn Kenworthy	Bill St. John
Doreen Cowden	Margret Kram	Dina Takahama
Pat Currier	Vivian Mazeski	Bob Weber
Eldon Davis	Marilyn MacLean	Jill White
Toni Drucker	Gene Michel	Roger White
Robert Flandermeyer	Jessica Morse	Helen Wikle
Wendy Galde	Lisa Nolan	Betty Witchey-
Cathy Guy	Nancy Pinney	

### **Those serving in our military**

James Kuntz (Sorani), US Navy on the USS Scranton. Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, Coast Guard Lt. Commander Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. with the Air Force Reserve.

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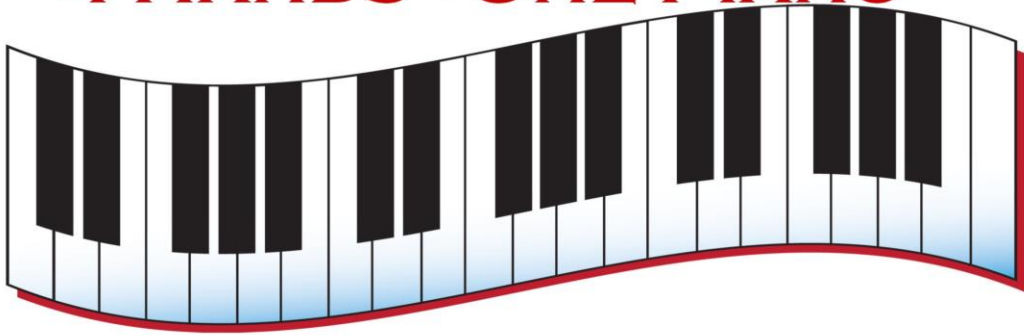
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## 4 HANDS - ONE PIANO



*The third Roses Series Concert is:*

**Piano 4-Hands concert happening on Sunday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.,  
featuring Marilyn Thompson and Nancy Hayashibara.**

Marilyn and Nancy are very busy, well-known pianists throughout the Bay Area and much sought after. Marilyn is on the faculty at Sonoma State University and Nancy teaches and is the staff accompanist at the Santa Rosa Junior College. *This is a rare opportunity to hear wonderful piano literature for 4-Hands played by two extraordinary musicians. The repertoire will include Ravel's Mother Goose Suite, the elegant Dolly Suite by Fauré, and more! **This one is not to be missed!***

**Free concert- Donations accepted**



## BOOMERS EVENTS

**Mark Your New 2023 Calendars:**

**January 14 - Art Walk in Sebastopol & PotLuck**

February 19 - Blessing Bags with Girl Scouts in Bowen Hall

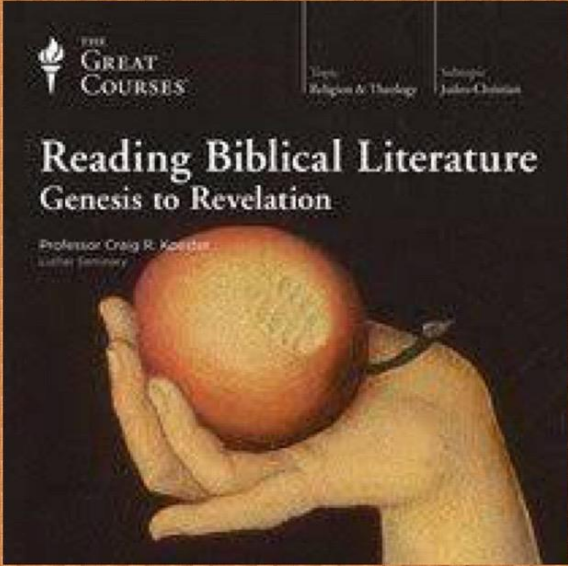

March 18 - Bay Area Model in Sausalito

April - Cheese Tasting - Sonoma/Marin

May - Rose Garden & Tour in Healdsburg

**Please Contact Joy or Lindsay Olsen for more information or to  
RSVP/Carpool**



**Back by popular demand-**

**Bible Study via Zoom!**

**Prof. Craig Koester is back with another course on Scripture.**

**Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m.  
January 9 to February 13**



YUM, MMM.....Smell the aroma of freshly brewed coffee and delicious treats.....  
Join us after service in Bowen Hall.

***Want to help?***

Each week we need: Folks to bring food  
Help to set-up  
Help with clean -up

**Please sign-up in Bowen Hall TODAY!**





Monday	1/9	<i>Office Closed</i> 6:30 MHS Breakfast 7:00pm Bible Study via Zoom
Tuesday	1/10	<i>9am-3pm Office hrs</i> 6:30 MHS Breakfast 8:30am Building & Grounds 10:00am Quilting group meets 7:00pm Deacons meet
Wednesday	1/11	<i>9am-3pm Office hrs</i> 6:30 MHS Breakfast 11:00pm Staff Meets 7:00pm Church & World Comm. meets
Thursday	1/12	<i>9am-12pm Office hrs</i> 6:30 MHS Breakfast 10:30am Seniors Exercise Video/Rose Rm 6:15 Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday	1/13	6:30 MHS Breakfast
Saturday	1/14	10:00am PW (Presbyterian Women) meet Boomers Art Walk in Sebastopol & Potluck
Sunday	1/15	11:30am Don & Steve- On the Road in Ecuador 2:00pm PIANO 4-Hands Concert



# Alternative Christmas 2022



## Church World Service

Chickens to Tanzania	\$238.00
Blankets for Refugees	\$150.00



## PCUSA Mission Agency

Kitchen Kit	\$275.00
Educate a Child	\$250.00



## Doctors Without Borders

At work in Ukraine \$1,088.00



## Partners in Health Haiti

Helping in Haiti	
Emergencies	\$395.00



## Blue Theology Mission Station

Promoting Ocean Clean Up	
	\$380.00



## ByGrace Orphanage Kenya

School Supplies and Clothing	
for children	\$746.00



**Grand Total: \$3522.00**



## Ways you made a difference this Christmas

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***In an effort to save money for 2023 our Session has voted to close the office on Monday's.***

***Office Hours are Tues/Wed 9-3 and Thur. 9-12***