



1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 1, 2024 (Worship: 8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Guests, please sign in at the "Welcome Table" and receive a gift. For young children, a nursery is available - sign in your child and grab a pager. We also love children in worship and Sunday school (8:30/10am - Children may leave after children's message for Sunday school and return at Holy Communion).

TODAY is the First Sunday in Advent. Our theme during this four week preparation for Christmas is "A Weary World Rejoices". It's all about singing and praying for days of hope, peace, joy, and love. May you discover these gifts in worship today!

PRELUDE MUSIC

Pianist/Organist Micaela Lum (8:30am/10am)
Pianist Rachel Ehring (5pm)

(The Sacrament of Baptism for Luke Cicciarelli at the outdoor font, 9:45am.)

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

(People read/sing **bold** words.)

Blessed be God, who comes to wake us from sleep, who leads us into the light of grace.
Amen.

Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor. God of all hopefulness,

We confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.

(A moment of silence for confession.)

The prophet Isaiah announced, "*The days are surely coming,*" saith the Lord. Christ, the Savior has come and brings new life to the entire world. Rejoice in this good news - your sins are forgiven in His name! **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: Love Has Come

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**Love has come - a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;
hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.**

**Love is born! Come, share in the wonder.
Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of his mother;
what is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers;
Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.**

**Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.**

**Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

LITANY FOR LIGHTING OF THE FIRST CANDLE

(Following the reading, we sing, *O, Come, O, Come, Emmanuel*.)

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

Refrain: **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

**O come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh:
in strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way.** (Refrain)

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Youth Director Paige Gulck

(8:30/10am - Children may leave for Sunday school.)

THE FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand.)

Tune: *O, Come, O, Come, Emmanuel*

Alleluia, alleluia. O come to us Emmanuel.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the 1st chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

LUKE 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David.

The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

THE ANTHEM: *Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)* arr. Luke Gambill 8:30am

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: ***On Christmas Night***

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**On Christmas Night all Christians sing
to hear the news the angels bring.
On Christmas night all Christians sing
to hear the news the angels bring:
news of great joy, news of great mirth,
news of our merciful king's birth.**

**Then why should we on earth be sad,
since our redeemer made us glad?
Then why should we on earth be sad,
since our redeemer made us glad,
when from our sin he set us free,
all for to gain our liberty?**

**When sin departs before his face,
then life and health come in its place.
When sin departs before his face,
then life and health come in its place.
Angels rejoice with us and sing,
all for to see the newborn king.**

OFFERING, OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Gentle Mary Canzona* by J. William Greene

Micaela Lum, harpsichord

THE ADVENT OFFERTORY RESPONSE (Taize)

(Sung 2x)

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful; in the Lord I will re -
 joice! Look to God; do not be a - fraid. Lift up your
 voic - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light; through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (All who believe Christ is present in this Sacrament are welcome to receive. Non-communing children and others who wish to receive only a blessing may come forward also. For those who prefer, white juice is located in the center of each tray.)

HOLY COMMUNION MUSIC:

Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
 grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.**

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

**The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
 with wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:
 "All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,
 most highly favored lady." Gloria!**

#265

**"For know a blessed mother though shalt be,
 all generations laud and honor thee;
 thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
 most highly favored lady." Gloria!**

**Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;
 "To me be as it pleaseth God," she said.
 "My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name."
 Most highly favored lady, Gloria!**

**Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
 in Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn,
 and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
 "most highly favored lady." Gloria!**

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

**'Twas in the moon of wintertime when all the birds had fled,
 That God, the Lord of all the earth, sent angel choirs instead.
 Before their light the stars grew dim, and won-d'ring hunters heard the hymn:
 Jesus your king is born! Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria!**

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**Within a lodge of broken bark the tender babe was found:
 a ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped his beauty round;
 but as the hunter braves drew nigh, the angel song rang loud and high:
 Jesus your king is born! Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria!**

**The ear-liest moon of winter-time is not so round and fair
 as was the ring of glory around the infant there.
 The chiefs from far before him knelt with gifts of fox and beaver pelt.**

Jesus your king is born! Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria!

**O children of the forest free, the angel song is true;
the holy child of earth and heav'n is born today for you.
Come, kneel before the radiant boy, who brings you beauty, peace, and joy.
Jesus your king is born! Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria!**

THE BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: *My Lord, What a Morning*

#438 vv. 1-2

Refrain: **My Lord, what a morning; My Lord, what a morning;
Oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.**

**You will hear the trumpet sound, to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.** (Refrain)

**You will hear the sinner cry, to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.** (Refrain)

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Pianist/Organist Micaela Lum (8:30am/10am)

Pianist Rachel Ehring (5pm)

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THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Coffee Prep: Dianne & Greg Blanda; Communion: John Adams & Barbara Keim; Lector: Sandy Furlong;
Refreshments: Dianne & Greg Blanda; Ushers: Christian Asis & Timothy Boyd; Welcome Table: Gene Rathbun

10am: Coffee Clean-up: Gloria Dei Staff; Communion: Susan Behnke & Jim St. Martin; Lector: Jenna Hallowell;
Refreshments: Gloria Dei; Ushers: Jeanne Mills & Gini Sherwood; Welcome Table: Cheryl Swinehart

5pm: Communion & Lector: Lorraine McCarty

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5pm Worship Leader Harrison Michael

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS provided by Melody & Ron Bacon in praise for God's grace & love!

ART AND MUSIC CONCERTS COMING UP!

Christmas Tinsel & Tunes (December 6, 6pm)

Join us for an evening of Christmas fun! With Christmas music (Harrison Michael, Michelle Lum, & Micaela Lum), cookies, carols, Christmas story for kids (and everyone) by Pastor David and the tree lighting. All ages are invited to kick off the season with us.

Art Gathering/Harpsichord Concert (December 13, 6:30pm)

A special art gathering this December and the debut of our new Christmas artwork! Join us for an opening reception of our art installation along with a harpsichord concert by Micaela Lum and other guest musicians. Mark your calendars now for these don't miss events!

WOMEN'S FASHION SHOW! All women and girls are invited - Saturday, December 7, noon - 3pm, Bankson Hall. Cost: \$20. More details at the Welcome Table. Sign-up.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - The Sunday school Christmas program is December 8, 10am service. If you would like to be a part of it or help out, contact Susie Boland (fellowship@mygloriadei.org).

L & L (Lunch and Learn) - Understanding dreams and the Christmas story (& *Christmas Carol*) with Dr. Melody Bacon. Sunday, December 8, 11:15am. See the sign-up at the Welcome Table.

PRIME TIMERS (SENIORS) - Sherman Library & Gardens outing, Wednesday, December 11. Lunch reservations are at 12pm, and a one hour docent tour is at 1:15pm. Sign up at the Welcome Table.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP - Saturday, December 14, 6pm - Chow and Cookie Decorating at Gloria Dei. Come enjoy some food and decorate cookies for the season.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS - If you would like to provide a poinsettia honoring a loved one, complete a poinsettia form at the Welcome Table & drop it in the offering box or at the office. Forms due by 12/15/24. Cost: \$10. You may pay via cash, check, Venmo, Zelle or credit card.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING - Dec. 15, at 4pm. Meet at the church. Come sing to spread Christmas cheer!

BLUE CHRISTMAS: A healing service honoring people that have lost loved ones and are experiencing grief. Wednesday, December 18, 7pm.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP

Tuesday, December 24,, 4pm, 5:30pm & 10pm.
Carols, candlelight, special music, & uplifting message.
Holy Communion will be celebrated at 10pm.
Invite a friend to worship with you!

- Women's One Day Retreat (March 22, 2025)
- Annual Church Campout (June 6-8, 2025)
- Vacation Bible School (June 16-20, 2025)

STEWARDSHIP THANK YOU! Members and friends, thank you for filling out a "Time and Talent Sheet" and "2025 Pledge Card." You are the ones who make our ministry go!

PLANNING SURVEY INSERT - If you have not completed one online, please complete one today. Pick it up at the Welcome Table and place it in the offering boxes. Thanks for helping out!

PICK UP - your 2025 Offering Envelopes at the Welcome Table, IF you don't give electronically. They are arranged alphabetically.

GIVING TREE - Supporting 2 groups: *Foster All* and students in need at *Dana Hills High School*. Grab a tag at the Welcome Table & return a gift card (offering box or to the office.) No need to wrap. Thanks!

MEMBERSHIP PHOTO DIRECTORY - Pick up one at the Welcome Table (only for Gloria Dei purposes). If interested in receiving a PDF copy, reach out to Carol Weinhardt at gloriadei@mygloriadei.org.

OFFERING - Thank you for supporting Gloria Dei! Please place check/money in donation boxes or give electronically - Venmo app - @GloriaDei-DanaPoint or Zelle - gloriadei@mygloriadei.org. You can also donate via credit/ debit card through Vanco, our secure site: mygloriadei.org/donate.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR NOVEMBER 24 - 30, 2024

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am, 5pm); Preschool Choir (8:30am); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); Middle School Youth Gathering Return Home (2pm); NA Meeting (6:30pm)

Monday: South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); AA Coed Meeting (7pm)

Tuesday: AA Men (7am); Al Anon (7pm); Men's Book Club (7pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); AA Group (6pm); Thanksgiving Eve Worship (7pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)

Thursday: AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); AA (7pm); Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday: Al Anon Meeting (10am)

Saturday: AA Men (7am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School of OC (1:30pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- OC Tremble Clefs Concert at Gloria Dei (December 14, 3pm)
- Stephanie Trick & Paolo Alderighi Concert (January 5, 2025)
- Sr. High Burgers & Bowling at Saddleback Lanes (January 10, 6pm)
- Alzheimer Resources L & L (January 19, 2025)
- Women's Bunco (January 24, 2025)
- New members received (January 26, 2025)
- Prime Time Seniors Docent Ancient World Tour at The Nixon Library (February 13, 2025)
- Celebrating Life Community Health Center (CLCHC) Health Job Fair L & L (March 2, 2025)
- Men's Spring Training Retreat (March 7-9, 2025)