



2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 8, 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 Second 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! Today (10am) is also the Sunday school Christmas program.

PRELUDE MUSIC: *Meditation on "Silent Night"* Pianist/Organist Micaela Lum (8:30am/10am)
Harrison Michael, Worship Leader (5pm)

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

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

GATHERING HYMN: Sing We Now of Christmas
Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we here!
Hear our grateful praises to the babe so dear.

Refrain: **Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!**
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

Angels called to shepherds, "Leave your flocks at rest,
journey forth to Bethlehem, find the lambkin blest." (Refrain)

In Bethlehem they found him; Joseph and Mary mild,
seated by the manger, watching the holy child. (Refrain)

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

LITANY FOR LIGHTING OF THE SECOND CANDLE

THE HYMN (during lighting of the Advent Candles)
O come, O come, Immanuel, and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

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

O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times did give the law in cloud and majesty and awe. (Refrain)

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (8:30am)
SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM (10am)

Deacon Daneen Pysz

THE FIRST LESSON: Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight--indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like washers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in

righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD, as in the days of old and as in former years. (Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE SECOND LESSON: Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. (Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand.)

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

THE GOSPEL: Luke 1:46-56

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

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

THE APOSTLES' CREED (8:30am)

ANTHEM: *Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)* arr. Luke Gambill (10am)

Sanctuary Choir, Art & Music Minister Michelle Lum

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: *I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve*

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I am so glad each Christmas Eve, the night of Jesus' birth!

Then like the sun the star shone forth, and angels sang on earth.

The little child in Bethlehem, he was a king indeed!

For he came down from heav'n above to help a world in need.

He dwells again in heav-en's realm, the Son of God today;

and still he loves his little ones and hears them when they pray.

I am so glad each Christmas Eve! His praises then I sing;

he opens now for ev-'ry child the palace of the king.

THE MESSAGE: *Put It In R*

Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERING, OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Let It Be So* by Hart and York

Michelle Lum

ADVENT OFFERTORY RESPONSE (Taize)

(Sung 2x)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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 and gluten free bread is available.)

HOLY COMMUNION MUSIC:

Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) Page 191;

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing from tender stem hath sprung!

Of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung,

it came, a flow'r so bright, a-mid the cold of winter,

when half-spent was the night.

I-sai-ah 'twas fore-told it, the rose I have in mind;

with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.

To show God's love a-right, she bore to us a Sav-ior,

when half-spent was the night.

This flow'r, whose fra-grance ten-der with sweet-ness fills the air,

dis-pels the glo-rious splen-dor the dark-ness ev-'ry where.

True man, yet ver-y God, from sin and death he saves us

and lightens ev-'ry load.

**O Sav-ior, child of Mar-y, who felt our human woe;
O Sav-ior, king of glo-ry, who dost our weak-ness know:
bring us at length we pray to the bright courts of heav-en,
and to the end-less day.**

THE BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: Canticle of the Turning

**My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest,
Could the world be about to turn?**

Refrain: **My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.**

**Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn. (Refrain.)**

**From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
ev-'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn. (Refrain.)**

SENDING WORDS

POSTLUDE: *Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates* Pianist/Organist Micaela Lum (8:30am/10am)
Harrison Michael, Worship Leader (5pm)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS provided by Barbara Baldwin & Tom McKeown in honor of peace.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - Sunday school Christmas program is today, 10am service. Thanks to Sunday School Director Susie Boland, the teachers, helpers, and children for acting out the wondrous story!

L & L (Lunch and Learn) - Understanding dreams and the Christmas story (& *Christmas Carol*) with Dr. Melody Bacon today, 11:15am, Bankson Hall. Donations for the meal.

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. Carpool at 11:15 lower level parking lot. Sign up at the Welcome Table.

ART AND MUSIC CONCERT COMING UP!

Art Opening Reception/Harpsichord Concert (Friday, December 13, 6:30pm)

A special art gathering this December with 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 this don't miss event!

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'd like to provide a poinsettia, complete a form at the Welcome Table & drop it in the offering box or office. Forms due by 12/15/24. Cost: \$10.

CAROLING - Next Sunday, meet at church, 4pm. Come spread Christmas cheer! (No 5pm service)

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE - Prayerful, meditative healing service honoring people experiencing grief and loss. Wednesday, December 18, 7pm, Sanctuary. Questions? Speak with Deacon Daneen.

EMPTY NESTERS - "Mingle & Jingle" - December 20, 5pm, \$20, Bankson Hall with dinner, drinks, and Christmas cheer. (Bring an ornament to exchange, or just come.) Sign up at the Welcome Table.

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!

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!

CHRIST IN OUR HOME - Pick up your copy of January - March, 2025 devotional at the Welcome Table.

PIANO DUET CONCERT - January 5, 2025, 5pm. Come see Stephanie Trick & Paolo Alderighi play four-hand piano! They'll be our guests during morning services. Come enjoy their amazing talents!

MEMBERSHIP AT GLORIA DEI? Next Adult Inquiry Class (non-Lutheran background) (Jan. 11, 9am) and New Member Orientation (Jan. 12, 11:30am) is coming soon. See sign-up for details or call the office.

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 DECEMBER 8 - 14, 2024

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am, 5pm); Children's Christmas Pageant (10am); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); Lunch & Learn - Dreams with Dr. Melody Bacon (11:15am); NA Meeting (6:30pm)

Monday: South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Group (6:30pm); AA Coed Meeting (7pm)

Tuesday: Art Installation in Sanctuary; AA Men (7am); Surfside Quilters Guild General Meeting (9am); Heart Lifters (6:30pm); VFW Auxiliary (6:30pm); Al Anon (7pm); Church Council (7pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Prime Time Sherman Gardens (12pm); Piano Tuning (1pm); AA Group (6pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)

Thursday: AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Grief Healing (1pm); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); Handbell Choir (6:30pm); AA (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)

Friday: Al Anon Meeting (10am); Art Gathering Harpsichord Concert (6:30pm)

Saturday: AA Men (7am); Men's Breakfast Study (8:30am); Women's Board Meeting (9am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School of OC (1:30pm); OC Tremble Clefs (3pm); Sr. High Chow & Cookie Decorating (6pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- OC Tremble Clefs Concert at Gloria Dei (December 14, 3pm);
- Sr. High Burgers & Bowling at Saddleback Lanes (January 10, 6pm);
- Alzheimer Resources L & L (January 19, 2025);
- Women's Bunco (January 24, 2025);
- Prime Time Seniors - Nixon Library (February 13, 2025);
- L&L - Celebrating Life Community Health Center (March 2, 2025);
- Men's Spring Training Retreat (March 7-9, 2025);
- Women's One Day Retreat (March 22, 2025);

- Annual Church Campout (June 6-8, 2025);
- Vacation Bible School (June 16-20, 2025)
- 60th Anniversary of GDLC (September 19)

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Advent Reader: Noah Johnston; Coffee Prep: Kristina Mayfield; Communion: Christian Asis & Henri Nurminen; Lector: Pam Thomas; Ushers: Dave & Judy Ross; Welcome Table: Bob & Brenda Gaumer

10am: Advent Reader: Noah Johnston; Coffee Clean-up: Lisa Mers; Communion: Ron Bacon & Roger Grefsrud; Lector: Dennis Pysz; Ushers: Dennis Pysz & David Warneke; Welcome Table: Jeff & Pearl Chipman

5pm: Communion & Lector: Jeanne Moyer

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