



# Pacific Beach

United Methodist Church

SUNDAY WORSHIP

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 15, 2024 10:00 AM

WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Greeting

Introit "Carol of the Bells" Arrangement by Peter Wilhousky

Mesa College Choir

Welcome

Call to Worship

Bill Harpur

One: "Teacher," the crowd asked, "What should we do?"

**All: If you have two shirts, give one away. Hold onto hope. Live like we belong to one another. Speak the truth. Look for God. Do the good that is yours to do.**

One: It's all that easy, and it's all that hard.

**All: Let us worship our present and active God.**

\*Opening Hymn #220

"Angels from the Realms of Glory" Vs 1-3

**Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;**

**Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:**

**Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,**

**God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light:**

**Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;**

**Seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star:**

**Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Joy

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ #238

"Angels We Have Heard on High" Vs 1

**Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,**

**And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.**

**Refrain:**

**Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

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**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

Children's Time

Music to Lift Our Spirits

"Set Me as a Seal," Music by Rene Clausen

Patty Riddle

Mesa College Choir

Prayer for Illumination

**Listening God, We know that you are constantly speaking to us. Through music, scripture, nature, and relationships, you make yourself known again and again. In gratitude, we long to return the favor. In gratitude, we long to meet you halfway. So in this moment, we are quieting the noise in our heads. We are closing our eyes. We are leaning in. We are listening. We are doing the good that is ours to do. Speak to us through the chaos. Speak to us as only you can. With hope in our hearts we listen, we pray, amen.**

Scripture:

Isaiah 58:9b-12 and Luke 3:7-16

Message:

The Good That is Yours To Do

Rev. Lori Leopold

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE**

Song of Prayer

"At This Table" Arrangement by Mack Huff

Mesa College Choir

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering/Offertory

"Fum Fum Fum" Arrangement by Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

Mesa College Choir

\*Doxology

**Gladly we praise you and bless you, Creator, O God of life.**

**Christ, we adore you and thank you, Compassion of God, our light.**

**Great Holy Spirit, by you we are born from above.**

**Alleluia! Praise the God of blessing!**

**Alleluia! Bless the God of love!**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Abundant God, we give you thanks for these gifts. May you bless them and use them to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bring comfort to those in need. And may we offer our very selves as we proclaim your good news of love and grace for all people. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn #251

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain" Vs. 1 & 3

**Refrain:**

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;**

**Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.**

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**While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens there shown a holy light.**

*Refrain*

**Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.**

*Refrain*

\*Benediction

**As you leave this place, may you have the wisdom to lean on one other. May you have the courage to hold onto hope, the compassion to do the good that is yours to do, and the confidence to trust that God sees you as a blessing. For in a world full of dead ends, Advent invites us to begin again. So start here. Start now. Start with love and begin again. In the name of Christ, our new beginning, go in peace.**

\*"Shut De Do" Arrangement by Mark Hayes

Mesa College Choir

*We are so happy today to welcome the Mesa College Mesa College Choir. Here is a bit about them:*

**Mesa College Mesa College Choir** is a non-auditioned, for-credit chorus comprised of students at San Diego Mesa College. After taking a break during the Covid pandemic, the choir was reorganized under the leadership of Dr. Johnson with the purpose of giving every person who desires to sing a chance to cultivate their fullest potential in making music. This is the first choral experience or public singing for many of the singers who have joined the choir. We believe that singing is a birthright; that singing resonantly makes oneself a better person and in turn makes the world a better place.

**john craig johnson, d. m. a.**

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