



Pacific Beach

United Methodist Church

SUNDAY WORSHIP

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 22, 2024 10:00 AM

WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Greeting

Introit

Welcome

Call to Worship

Drew Damme

One: In this weary world,

All: we sing of joy.

One: In this fragile world,

All: we lift each other up.

One: In this beautiful world,

All: we look for God.

One: In this tender world,

All: we hold onto hope.

One: This is the invitation of faith. So in this time of worship, may we sing, lift up, look for, and hold onto our with-us God.

All: With hope in our hearts, amen!

*Opening Hymn #211

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Vs 1,2 & 4

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel

That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

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

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;

To us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.

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

O come, thou Root of Jesse’s tree, an ensign of thy people be;

Before thee rulers silent fall; all people on thy mercy call.

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

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Love

*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

Dale Blackford

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, The stories of Advent are stories many of us have heard before.

We've arranged the nativity scenes. We've read the children's books.

We've seen the movies. We've sung the songs. But as we come to your scripture this morning, we pray: help us begin again. Clear the distractions from our minds.

Center us in this space. Move through the protective barriers we surround ourselves with and speak to us here and now. We are listening. We are hopeful. Amen.

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25 and Luke 1:46-55

Scripture Response Song of Joseph

**This is a song of Joseph true, a brave and righteous soul,
A caring man who gave himself, to trust in a God sent goal.
He was called upon to nurture, the Savior of the world,
By an angel that foretold his destiny,
All are changed,
All are saved,
Alleluia amen.**

Message: Hope Is Worth the Risk

Rev. Lori Leopold

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

Song of Prayer #382

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord" Vs 1 & 2

Trio: Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

**Congregation & Choir: Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Search me and try me, Savior today!
Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,
As in thy presence humbly I bow.**

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.

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

Invitation to the Offering/Offertory

*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

May these gifts glorify your name, Holy One. May the ministries we support bring justice and peace to your world. May they offer faith and hope to your people. In grateful joy, we pray. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #240

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

**Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the ever lasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"**

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"**

*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.

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*On Eagle's Wings #143

**And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of God's hand.**



Thank you for worshipping with PBUMC today! You make this gathering richer, brighter, and better by your participation. **All** are welcome at PBUMC!

Please consider donating flowers for the altar. It's not too late to order your poinsettias for Christmas Eve! Today is the last Sunday to submit your poinsettia orders so we can fill the sanctuary.

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