



Pacific Beach

United Methodist Church

SUNDAY WORSHIP

DECEMBER 29, 2024 10:00 AM

WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Greeting

Introit #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.

**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

Welcome

Call to Worship

Craig Roberts

One: We gather this morning ready to listen.

All: Open our ears, Lord.

One: We gather this morning ready to learn.

All: Open our minds, Lord.

One: We gather this morning ready to love.

All: Open our hearts, Lord.

One: We gather this morning ready to worship.

All: Open our spirits to receive you, Lord. We gather to praise the Lord Almighty!

*Opening Hymn #249

“There’s A Song in the Air” Vs 1-3

There’s a song in the air! There’s a star in the sky!

There’s a mother’s deep prayer and a baby’s low cry!

And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,

For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

There’s a tumult of joy o’er the wonderful birth,

For the virgin’s sweet boy is the Lord of the earth.

Ay! The star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,

For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

In the light of that star lie the ages imperaled;

And that song from afar has swept over the world.

**Please stand as you are able*

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**Every hearth is aflame, and the beautiful sing
In the homes of the nations that Jesus is King!**

Opening Prayer

God of love, we long to hear your voice, but sometimes block our ears to the true words of love you speak into our lives. You offer words of love and acceptance, but we find reason to ignore them or withhold them from others. Be tolerant and forgive us in your love. For we yearn to find your perfect bond of unity in our relationships with one another and with the world. Amen.

*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

Tami Johnson

Music to Lift Our Spirits

Scripture:

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 and Colossians 3:12-17

Message:

Joy Overflowing from a Full House

Rev. Dale Blackford

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE

Song of Prayer #239

“Silent Night” Vs 1 & 3

**Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light;
Radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

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

*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.

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

*Prayer of Dedication

God of generosity, may your peace and your love seep into our hearts and our offerings, that we might become shining examples of your light in a dark and hurting world. Thank you for your many gifts—this gift of community, the enthusiasm for learning, the power of generosity, and the gift of love. May our gifts and our very lives bring your blessings to the world. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #219

“What Child Is This” Vs 1 & 3

**What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
Refrain: This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.
Refrain: This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

*Benediction

*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.**

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