

November 27, 2022
First Advent Sunday



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171 years in Mountain View

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

*We invite all to stand either in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE

Tan Sang

***OPENING PRAISE SONG** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Praise Band

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Ken and Cindy Newman

***HYMN**

"Glorious Is Thy Name"

#85

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ken Newman

Great and ever present God, whose mercy is an unexpected miracle: in Jesus Christ you offer your presence at all times and in all places and conditions. Yet we confess that so often we do not recognize you and your work that is everywhere. Forgive us for the many ways we fail you. Teach us how to forgive and accept each other in this season of Advent. Search our hearts now as we quietly sit before you in silence that we may come to a deeper understanding of how we fail you and gain a greater appreciation for what Christ has done for us.

SILENT TIME OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ken Newman

Hear the good news! If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Friends, believe the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

***RESPONSE**

"Gloria Patri"

#623

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you!

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 98:1-3 (NIV)

Ken Newman

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Joyful, Joyful"

Son Ringers

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 2:18-24 (NIV)

Larry Thorson

SERMON

“The Christmas Tree”

Larry Thorson

SHARING OF PRAISES AND PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

***HYMN**

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

#124

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

“Good to Me”

Assisting in Worship Today

Cindy Newman, Greeter | Ken Newman, Liturgist

Janelle Herrera, Music Director, Praise Band Co-Leader

Ian-Carl Floirendo, AV Director, Son Ringers Director, Praise Band Co-Leader

Tan Sang, Pianist | Mary Hamilton, Choir Director & Pianist

Richard Concepcion, AV Assistant

Praise Band

This Week at FPCM V

Sunday	9:00am	Bible Study/Library & Zoom Study of the Book of Job
	10:00am	Worship/Sanctuary
Thursday	5:00pm	Sing Along/Zoom

Saturday Book Club resumes in January.

Welcome

If you are visiting today, we welcome you and hope you enjoy worshipping with us. If you have any questions, or would like to communicate with Pastor Larry, the contact information is on the front of this bulletin.

Today | Following the Service

Many hands make for a festive spirit! Please join us to decorate the church for Advent. Fun and pizza provided.

Family Giving Tree | Blessing children, teens and seniors.

We will be participating in a new local outreach, "The Family Giving Tree", that is a part of a long-standing Silicon Valley organization (<https://familygivingtree.org>). You are invited to take a labeled gift tag with the name of a recipient and desired gift. The tags will be available at the entrance of the sanctuary. **Please select a tag and purchase the item on the tag, and return it unwrapped by Sunday, December 4**, so the recipients will receive the gift in time for Christmas. Any questions please contact the church office.

CHRISTMAS JOY Special Offerings

Along with the Presbyterian Church USA, we continue our tradition of collecting the Christmas Joy Offering. Supporting work in 26 countries, this offering supports two areas:

- Retired church workers and their families who need extra financial support.
- Presbyterian schools and colleges, with a focus on communities of color. To donate, use one of the special envelopes next to the offering plate and write "Christmas Joy offering" on the memo line of your check, or choose the "Christmas Joy" option at our church website, or give directly through the pcusa website.
- You can read more about the offering at: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/christmas-joy/>.

