# December 11, 2022 Fourth Advent Sunday



# **First Presbyterian Church of Mountain View**

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# 171 years in Mountain View

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME December 11, 2022 | Third Advent Sunday

	Tan Sang
"I Could Sing of Your Love Forev	ver" Praise Band
T CANDLES	The Nelson Family
Infant Lowly, Infant Holy"	#143
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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wendy Nelson

Lord Christ, we confess our willingness to be loved, but also our reluctance to love. We confess our readiness to accept your forgiving love but also our refusal to forgive. We confess our eagerness to grasp your offer of redeeming love, but also our resistance to follow you without question. In this Advent time, forgive us our failure to respond as we should. Come to us anew, and by your grace, assist us to receive you with joy as the shepherds did long before us. Now search our hearts that nothing may separate us from you as we confess to you in silence.

## SILENT TIME OF CONFESSION

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who lives in Christ becomes a new creation. When the old life has gone; a new life begins. Friends, believe the gospel.

*RESPONSE	"Gloria Patri"	#623			
*PASSING THE PEACE Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you. People: And also with you!					
SCRIPTURE READING	Isaiah 40:1-5 (NIV)	Wendy Nelson			
SPECIAL MUSIC Ian-Carl Floirenc	"Mary, Did You Know?" o, Mary Hamilton, Janelle Herrera				
SCRIPTURE READING	Luke 2:8-20 (NIV)	Larry Thorson			

SERMON	"God's Love	for Shepherds"	Larry Thorson		
SHARING OF PRAISES AND PRAYERS					
THE LORD'S PRAYER					
*HYMN	"Away in a Manger"		#157		
*BENEDICTION					
*CONGREGATIONAL RE	SPONSE	"Let There Be Praise"			
*We invite all to stand either in body or in spirit.					

#### Assisting in Worship Today

Ken Newman, Greeter | Wendy Nelson, Liturgist | Nelson Family, Advent Janelle Hererra, 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 Matthew Bhattacharya, AV Assistant | Praise Band

#### Welcome from Pastor Larry

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 you will find his information on the next page of this bulletin.

#### This Week at FPCMV

Sunday	9:00am	Bible Study/Library & Zoom Study of the Book of Job
	10:00am	Worship/Sanctuary
Monday	7:30pm	Session/Zoom
Thursday	1:00pm	Deacons/Library
	3:00pm	Sing Along/Zoom (note time change)
	7:30pm	Choir/Chapel

Bell Choir: Please contact Ian-Carl Floirendo for rehearsals. Saturday Book Club resumes Saturday, January 14 at 9am via Zoom.

#### **Christmas Joy Offerings**

We participate every year to this worthwhile offering. More information at: https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/christmas-joy/

#### **Christmas Poinsettia Donations**

If you would like to donate a poinsettia this year, a form is available on the entrance table of the sanctuary.

#### December 18 at 10am

Christmas Cantata "THE GIFT"

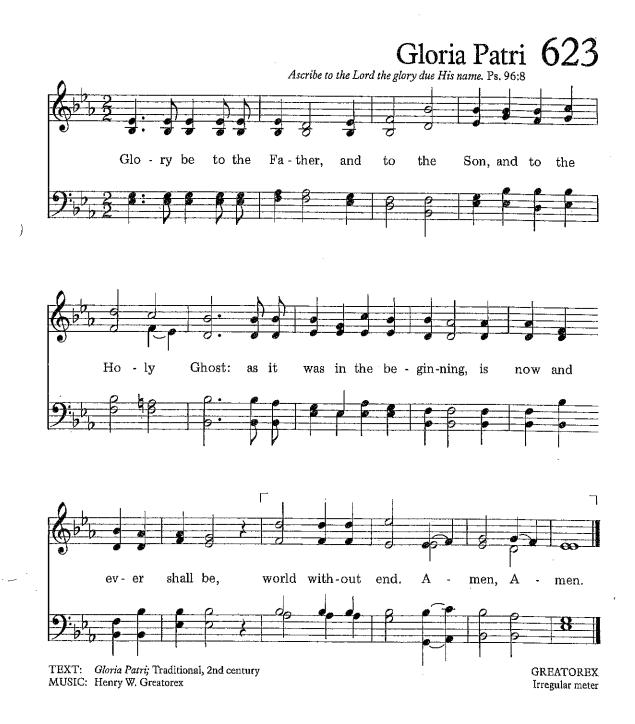
#### Saturday, December 24 at 7pm

Christmas Eve ~ Carols & Play "A Pastor's Tale: The True Story of Silent Night"

#### Sunday, December 25 at 10am ~ Christmas Worship

Sunday, January 1, 2023 ~ New Year's Day Worship

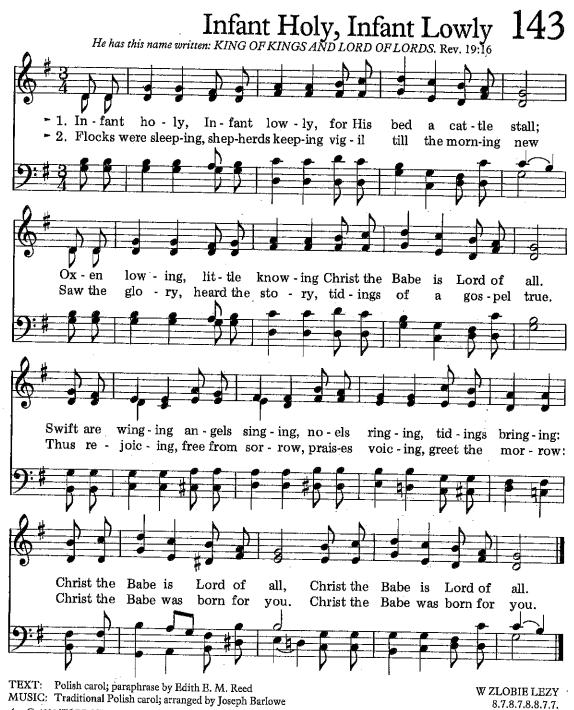




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