

December 18, 2022

Fourth Advent Sunday



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171 Years in Mountain View

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Tan Sang

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Bhattacharya Family

***CAROL**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

#141

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Maureen Moore

Lord Jesus Christ, at your birth the angels gave glory to God in the highest heaven, and offered peace on earth to all humankind. We struggle to follow the heavenly host. All too often we focus on giving glory to ourselves, trying to impress our friends, coworkers, and family. We make no move to further peace in our polarized world; we forget that you have called us to be ambassadors of reconciliation. Forgive us for these and all our sins, and strengthen us to join the angels' song. Hear us as we continue to confess in silence now.

SILENT TIME OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Maureen Moore

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. 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 89:1-4 (NIV)

Maureen Moore

The Gift
A Christmas Cantata
By Lloyd Larson

Prepare, Prepare the Way of the Lord!

Come, Divine Messiah, Come

Royal David's City

Christ Is Born This Holy Night

Glory to God in the Highest Heaven!

Come and Worship the King

The Gifts We Bring

Worship God's Great Gift!

REFLECTIONS FROM PASTOR LARRY

***CAROL** "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" #133

SHARING OF PRAISES AND PRAYERS

CAROL "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #145

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***BENEDICTION**

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

Narrators, Pastor Larry Thorson and Renee Cali
Chancel Choir: Wendy Nelson, Cindy Newman, Janelle Herrera,
Ian-Carl Floirendo, Bruce Edmundson, Mickey Hu, Tom Perloff, Rand Crippen

Guest Musicians
Violin 1 Allen Chen, Violin 2 Andrea Cheung, Viola Anne Spector,
Flute Lidia Rodriguez, Clarinet Joanna Dahl, Trumpet Natasha Singha,
Trombone Ora Folden

Assisting in Worship Today
Marie Casey, Greeter | Maureen Moore, Liturgist
Bhattacharya Family, Advent Candles
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
Band: Daniel Williams, Sophie Schoepp, Janelle Herrera, Ian-Carl Floirendo
Matthew Bhattacharya, AV Assistant

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 me my contact information follows: larry@fpcmv.org or the church office at 650.968.4473

Christmas Cheer

Everyone is invited following the service today for a time to visit with the church family and enjoy Christmas cookies.



Saturday, December 24 at 7pm

Christmas Eve ~ A Night of Carols and a Christmas 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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O Little Town of Bethlehem 141

Bethlehem . . . , out of you will come for Me One who will be ruler over Israel. Mic. 5:2

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
 2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, And gath - ered all a - bove,
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by.
 While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love,
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.
 Cast out our sin, and en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light;
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
 No ear may hear His com - ing, But in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad ti - dings tell;

The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
 And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth.
 Where meek souls will re - ceive Him still The dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el. A - men.

Gloria Patri 623

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name. Ps. 96:8

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 2/2 time signature. The melody begins with a dotted quarter note on G4, followed by quarter notes on A4, B-flat4, and C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Ho - ly Ghost: as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a dotted quarter note on G4, followed by quarter notes on A4, B-flat4, and C5. The bass staff continues with harmonic support.

ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

The third system concludes the piece. The treble staff ends with a final cadence on G4. The bass staff concludes with a final chord and a fermata over the final note. A large number '8' is placed at the end of the bass staff line.

TEXT: *Gloria Patri*; Traditional, 2nd century
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex

GREATOREX
Irregular meter

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing 133

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace. Luke 2:14

- 1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
 - 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
 - 3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right - eous - ness!

Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb:
 Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,
 Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,

With th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
 Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

Optional choral ending on the next page

TEXT: Charles Wesley, altered
 MUSIC: Felix Mendelssohn; arranged by William H. Cummings

MENDELSSOHN
 7.7.7.7.D. with Refrain

O Come, All Ye Faithful 145

Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened. Luke 2:15

- 1. O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant, O come ye, O
 - 2. } Sing choirs of an-gels, sing in ex-ul-ta-tion, O sing, all ye
 3. } Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap-py morn-ing, Je-sus, to

come ye to Beth-le-hem! Come and be-hold Him, born the King of
 bright hosts of heav'n a-bove! Glo-ry to God, all glo-ry in the
 Thee be all-glo-ry giv'n; Word of the Fa-ther, now in flesh ap-

Refrain

an-gels!
 high-est! O come, let us a-dore Him, O come, let us a-dore Him,
 pear-ing!

(slight rit. last time)

Optional transition to "For Unto Us"

O come, let us a-dore Him, Christ the Lord! Lord!

TEXT: Latin Hymn; ascribed to John Francis Wade;
 translated by Frederick Oakeley
 MUSIC: John Francis Wade

ADESTE FIDELES
 Irregular meter