December 18, 2022

Fourth Advent Sunday



First Presbyterian Church of Mountain View

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171 Years in Mountain View

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Tan Sang

#141

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

*CAROL

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Maureen Moore

The Bhattacharya Family

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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 peac People: And also wit	e of Christ be with you. h you!	
SCRIPTURE READING	Psalm 89:1-4 (NIV)	Maureen Moore

	The Gift A Christmas Cantata By Lloyd Larson	
Prepare	e, Prepare the Way of the Lord!	
Cor	ne, Divine Messiah, Come	
	Royal David's City	
Chr	ist Is Born This Holy Night	
Glory t	o God in the Highest Heaven!	
Со	me and Worship the King	
	The Gifts We Bring	
W	orship God's Great Gift!	
REFLECTIONS FROM PAST	FOR 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 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 Band: Daniel Williams, Sophie Schoepp, Janelle Hererra, 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: <u>larry@fpcmv.org</u> 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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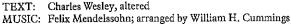
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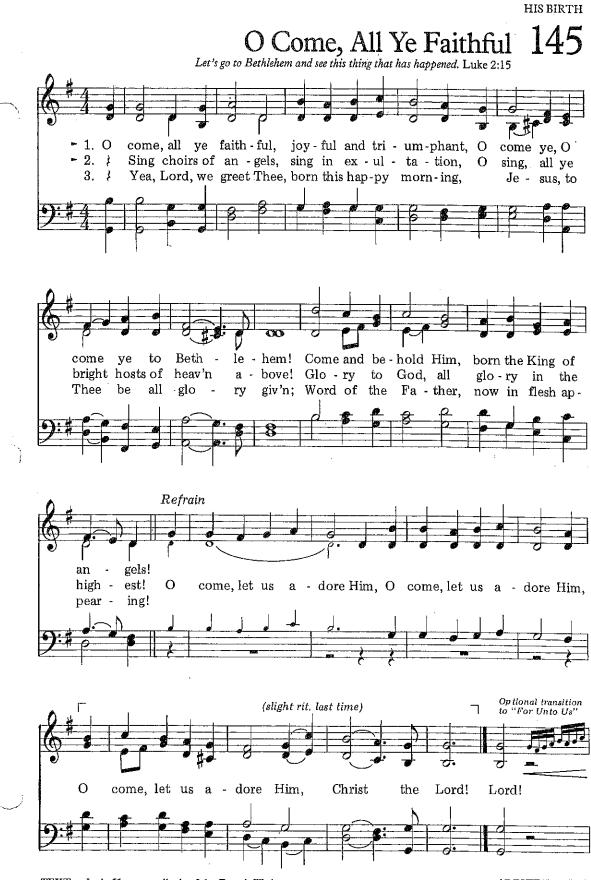
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MENDELSSOHN

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

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