

**Christmas Day Worship
December 25, 2022**



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171 Years in Mountain View

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

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PRELUDE		Tan Sang
WELCOME PRAYER		Rev. Doug Abel
*PRAISE SONG	"In the Bleak Midwinter"	Praise Band
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES		The Perloff Family
*HYMN	"Our Day of Joy is Here Again"	#161 vss. 1,2,3
PRAYER OF CONFESSION		Tom Perloff
<p>God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know what to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance upon those who wronged us. We laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole. Search our hearts as we pause to be silent before you.</p>		
SILENT TIME OF CONFESSION		
ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Tom Perloff
<p>Hear the good news of Christmas. Today God reveals to us the wonders of divine love. For unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given. His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.</p>		
*RESPONSE	"Gloria Patri"	#623
*PASSING THE PEACE		Tom Perloff
<p>Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you. People: And also with you!</p>		
SCRIPTURE READING	Micah 5:2-3 (NIV)	Tom Perloff
SPECIAL MUSIC	"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"	Son Ringers
SCRIPTURE READING	John 1:9-18 (NIV)	Rev. Doug Abel

MESSAGE "A Modern Christmas Story" Rev. Doug Abel
SHARING OF PRAISES AND PRAYERS Rev. Doug Abel
THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Doug Abel
***HYMN** "O Holy Night!" #148

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "Let There Be Praise"

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

Assisting in Worship

Rev. Doug Abel, Special Guest Pastor

Greeter, Mickey Hu

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 | Praise Band

Thank you to everyone that donated the beautiful poinsettias this Christmas.

We appreciate the donated plants from Sandy and Dave Perloff in loving memory of their son, Michael.

Welcome from Pastor Larry Thorson

Merry Christmas!

We welcome you this Christmas morning and hope you enjoy worshipping with us. I am grateful my close friend and colleague for many years, Doug Abel, is here today to lead worship. I am in Southern California because of a family wedding scheduled long before I arrived as the Transitional Pastor at FPCMV. I look forward to seeing you next Sunday on New Year's Day.

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

**All rehearsals, Gatherings, Studies, and Meetings
will resume in January.**



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Our Day of Joy Is Here Again 161

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God. Luke 2:20



1. Our day of joy is here a-gain, With love and peace and song;
2. When dark-ness lay up - on this earth, A glo-rious light did shine;
3. Now to the man-ger let us go To wor-ship and a - dore
4. How won-der-ful that God's own Son Should so Him-self a - base!



Come, let us join th'an-gel - ic strain With voic - es clear and strong.
 God sent a Gift of price-less worth And showed His love di - vine.
 The ten - der Babe up - on the straw, Our Sav - ior ev - er - more.
 He thrust the might - y from their throne, And gave the low - ly grace.



Refrain



Glo - ry to our God, we sing, Glo - ry to our Lord and King;



Peace, good-will with all a-bide This ho - ly Christ-mas tide.



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 single notes.

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 D5, followed by quarter notes on E5, F5, and G5. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment.

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

The third system concludes the piece. The treble staff ends with a dotted quarter note on G5, followed by a half note on F5. The bass staff concludes with a final chord. The system is marked with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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

GREATOREX
Irregular meter

148 O Holy Night!

The Holy One to be born will be called the Son of God. Luke 1:35

Introduction (use arpeggiated chords in a triplet feeling throughout)

1. O ho - ly night! the stars are bright-ly
2. Led by the light of faith se - rene - ly
3. Tru - ly He taught us to love one an -

use accompaniment figure from 1st 2 bars

shin - ing, It is the night of the dear Sav - ior's birth; Long lay the
 beam - ing, With glow - ing hearts by His cra - dle we stand; So led by
 oth - er; His law is love and His gos - pel is peace; Chains shall He

world in sin and er - ror pin - ing, Till He ap - peared and the soul felt its
 light of a star sweet - ly gleam - ing, Here came the wise men from O - ri - ent
 break, for the slave is our broth - er, And in His name all op - pres - sion shall

worth. A thrill of hope the wea - ry world re - joic - es, For yon - der breaks a
 land. The King of kings lay thus in low - ly man - ger, In all our tri - als
 cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grate - ful chor - us raise we, Let all with - in us