

**December 4, 2022**



**First Presbyterian Church of Mountain View**

1667 Miramonte Ave, Mtn. View, CA

Church Office: 650.968.4473 | [firstpresbyterian@fpcmv.org](mailto:firstpresbyterian@fpcmv.org)

Margie Haines, Administrative Assistant

Website: [fpcmv.org](http://fpcmv.org)

Rev. Dr. Larry Thorson, Transitional Pastor

[larry@fpcmv.org](mailto:larry@fpcmv.org)

**171 years in Mountain View**

# GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

December 4, 2022 | Second Advent Sunday | Communion

PRELUDE Tan Sang

\*OPENING PRAISE SONG "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Praise Band

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES Renee Cali and Ron Breedlove

\*HYMN "Open Our Eyes, Lord" #383

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Renee Cali

**Leader:** Holy Lord, in this time of Advent, we confess we often are distracted by the season's busyness,

**People:** **by the stress of commitment, and even by putting our own traditions ahead of the true meaning of Christmas.**

**Leader:** We confess we also often prefer being sentimental to being sacrificial.

**People:** **Forgive us for all the times we have missed seeing you in our midst, for all the times we have doubted your presence, and for all the times we have failed to hold the holidays as holy days.**

**Leader:** Pour peace into our lives and let us be bearers of your peace to others.

**People:** **Remind us that this is a season of waiting and preparation for the greatest Gift of all.**

**Leader:** Now please search our hearts and we will sit before you in silence.

## SILENT TIME OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Renee Cali

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and be alive to all that is good. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God.

\*RESPONSE "Gloria Patri" #623

## \*PASSING THE PEACE

**Leader:** May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** **And also with you!**

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 52:7-9 (NIV) Renee Cali

<b>SPECIAL MUSIC</b>	“Angels We Have Heard on High”	Son Ringers
<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	Luke 1:5-13 (NIV)	Larry Thorson
<b>SERMON</b>	“God’s Love on an Elderly Couple”	Larry Thorson

### **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Servers: Bruce Edmundson and Wendy Nelson

### **CALL TO THE TABLE**

**Leader:** This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

**People:** **They will come from east and west and from north and south, and eat at the Lord’s table.**

**Leader:** Our Savior invites all to share the feast that he has prepared.

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Please come forward to receive the bread and the cup from the communion servers. You may eat the bread when you are ready, symbolizing the individual relationship each one of us have with Christ. Please hold the cup until all have been served, symbolizing our relationship with Jesus Christ as a community of faith together.

### **Response of Thanksgiving and Praise**

**Leader:** O God, we give you grateful thanks for all that lies within this meal.

**People:** **May our lives show the signs that love is possible**

**Leader:** Grace is believable,

**People:** **and compassion is our way of life.**

**Leader:** In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

### **SHARING OF PRAISES AND PRAYERS**

#### **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*HYMN** “Grace Greater Than Our Sin” #201 vss. 1,4

#### **\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** “Let There Be Praise”

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

---

## **Assisting in Worship Today**

Mickey Hu, Greeter | Renee Cali, Liturgist | Ron Breedlove & Renee Cali, Advent  
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  
Matthew Bhattacharya, AV Assistant | Praise Band

## **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 you will find his information below.

### **This Week at FPCMV**

Sunday	9:00am	Bible Study/Library & Zoom Study of the Book of Job
	10:00am	Worship/Sanctuary
Thursday	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.



LIFE IN CHRIST

# 383 Open Our Eyes, Lord

*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Matt. 5:8*

1. O - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus,  
2. O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to lis - ten,

1

to reach out and touch Him, and say that we love  
O - pen our eyes,

2

Him. Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

TEXT and MUSIC: Robert Cull;  
arranged by David Allen

OPEN OUR EYES  
11.12.11.11.

© 1976 MARANATHAI MUSIC. All Rights Reserved. International Copyright Secured. Used by Permission.

# 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 melody includes a dotted quarter note on D5, followed by quarter notes on E5, F5, and G5. 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 melody features a dotted quarter note on A5, followed by quarter notes on B5, C6, and D6. The bass staff accompaniment ends with a final chord. The system is enclosed in a double bar line.

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

GREATOREX  
Irregular meter

# 201 Grace Greater Than Our Sin

*Where sin increased, grace increased all the more. Rom. 5:20*

- 1. Mar - vel - ous grace of our lov - ing Lord, Grace that ex - ceeds our  
 2. Sin and de - spair, like the sea - waves cold, Threat - en the soul with  
 3. Dark is the stain that we can - not hide— What can a - vail to  
 - 4. Mar - vel - ous, in - fi - nite, match - less grace, Free - ly be - stowed on

sin and our guilt! Yon - der on Cal - va - ry's mount out - poured—  
 in - fi - nite loss; Grace that is great - er—yes, grace un - told—  
 wash it a - way? Look! there is flow - ing a crim - son tide—  
 all who be - lieve! You that are long - ing to see His face,

*Refrain*

There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.  
 Points to the ref - uge, the might - y cross. Grace, grace,  
 Whit - er than snow you may be to - day. Mar - vel - ous grace,  
 Will you this mo - ment His grace re - ceive?

God's grace, Grace that will par - don and cleanse with - in, Grace,  
 in - fi - nite grace, Mar - vel - ous

*To "Amazing Grace"*

grace, God's grace, Grace that is great - er than all our sin! sin!  
 grace, in - fi - nite grace,