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First Presbyterian Church of Mountain View

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171 years in Mountain View

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

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

PRELUDE

Tan Sang

*OPENING PRAISE SONG "There's Something About That Name" Praise Band

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The magi came from far away, following a star.

- People: We come to worship, and the star sheds light on our lives.
- Leader: The magi brought gifts to offer the child.
- People: We too bring gifts—ourselves, our hopes, our dreams.
- Leader: Shepherds and the magi—the meek and the mighty—all were welcome in Bethlehem.
- People: We too come to Bethlehem and then return to our homes rejoicing.
- Leader: Let us worship our newborn King!

*HYMN

"This is the Day"

Jerry Kixmoeller

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Generous God, you have given us so much. We confess that at times in the last week we have not had thankful hearts but we've been cold and callous in our thoughts toward others. We have often held on when we should have let go. We hoard when we could be generous and doubt when we should lean on faith. We are fearful instead of trusting in your everlasting care. Give us again the assurance of your love and care, and fill us with grateful hearts and open hands. Amen.

SILENT TIME OF CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Jerry Kixmoeller Hear the good news! If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Friends, believe the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE

"Gloria Patri"

*PASSING THE PEACE Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you. People: And also with you!			
SCRIPTURE READING	Psalm 37:1-9 (NIV)	Jerry Kixmoeller	
SPECIAL MUSIC		Benji Bhattacharya, piano	
SCRIPTURE READING	Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV)	Larry Thorson	
SERMON	"Biblical Goal Setting"	Larry Thorson	
SHARING OF PRAISES AND PRAYERS			
THE LORD'S PRAYER			
*HYMN	"Cleanse Me"	#438 vss. 1,2	
*BENEDICTION			
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Everyday"			

Assisting in Worship Today

Mickey Hu, Greeter | Jerry Kixmoeller, Liturgist 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

This Week at FPCMV		
Sunday	9:00am Bible Study/Library & Zoom Study of the Book of Job	
	10:00am Worship/Sanctuary	
Thursday	7:30pm Choir/Chapel	
Bell Choir: Please contact Ian-Carl Floirendo for rehearsals.		

January Newsletter Articles Due

Please submit your articles by Friday, January 6, to Margie Haines at the church office, <u>firstpresbyterian@fpcmv.org</u> Thank you!

