

First Presbyterian Church



New Year's Eve Day *December 31, 2023*

10:00am

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172 years in Mountain View

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Tan Sang

WELCOME

Pastor Larry Thorson

*HYMN

“O, Come, All Ye Faithful”

#145 (1 & 2)

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Jerry Kixmoeller

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God!

All: **The stars and the planets proclaim God's handiwork!**

Leader: The mountains shout and the seas proclaim;

All: **The majesty of the Lord echoes throughout the earth.**

Leader: Let us praise the name of the God who saves!

All: **Let us worship the one who calls us by name.**

*HYMN

“The First Noel”

#136 (1 & 2)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Jerry Kixmoeller

Loving God, at the turning of the year we ask for your help. When you call us to look ahead, we have turned back, focused on what lies behind. You have offered us a greater vision, but we have seen only in part. Despite your Spirit's faithful presence, we have often missed the way. Forgive us and give us faith that trusts when it cannot see, and love that guides everything that we do. Search our hearts as we gather quietly before you.

SILENT TIME OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jerry Kixmoeller

As we confess our shortcomings and God offers us the assurance that in Jesus Christ—who lived, died, and was raised to show us the power of God's love that conquers the power of sin—we are forgiven and loved regardless of what we have done in the past.

*HYMN

“Once in Royal David's City”

#155 (1 & 4)

*PASSING THE PEACE		Jerry Kixmoeller
Leader:	May the peace of Christ be with you.	
People:	And also with you!	
SCRIPTURE READING	Proverbs 30:7-9	Jerry Kixmoeller
HYMN	“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”	#131 (1 & 2)
SCRIPTURE READING	Matthew 2:19-23	Jerry Kixmoeller
MESSAGE	“Lord Give Me Perspective”	Pastor Larry Thorson
APOSTLES’ CREED		Jerry Kixmoeller
RESPONSE TO GOD’S GOODNESS	“In the Bleak Midwinter” Ian-Carl Floirendo and Janelle Herrera	

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING (Unison)

As we bring our offerings to you, we give back to you from the abundant blessings you have given us. May our gifts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord our God. Blessings and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, and power and strength, be unto you our God forever and ever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SHARING OF PRAISES AND PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

*HYMN	“Joy to the World”	#125 (1 & 4)
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***THE BENEDICTION**

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

Serving in Worship

Perloff Family, Greeters, Jerry Kixmoeller, Liturgist
 Janelle Herrera, Music Director, Praise Band Co-Leader
 Ian-Carl Floirendo, AV Director, Son Ringers Director, Praise Band Co-Leader
 Tan Sang, Pianist
 Band: Daniel Williams, Sophie Schoepp, Janelle Herrera, Ian-Carl Floirendo
 Benji Bhattacharya, AV Assistant

Week at FPCMV

Sunday	9:00am	Bible Study on Isaiah/Chapel & Zoom
	10:00am	Worship
	10:45am	Gathering/informal gathering with Pastor Larry

*The Zoom links are in the weekly emails. Contact the office at 650.968.4473 or firstpresbyterian@fpcmv.org and Margie will place you on the list.

Sunday, January 7
Communion Worship

WHAT'S COMING UP

Following the Service:
~Unhanging of the Greens
~Lunch and Dessert (Birthday Cake Celebration)

O, Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come, ye O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of angels!

Chorus 1

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

Verse 2

Sing choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

Chorus 1

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

The First Noel

The first Noel, the angels did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

CHORUS

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

VERSE 2

They looked up and saw a Star,
Bright in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

CHORUS

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

Once In Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city,
Stood a lowly cattle shed.
Where a mother laid her baby,
In a manger for His bed.
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

Verse 2

And our eyes at last shall see Him.
For that child so dear and gentle,
Is our Lord in heav'n above.
And He leads His children on,
To the place where He is gone.

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth.
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Chorus 1

Come and worship come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

Verse 2

Shepherds, in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night.
God with us is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant light.

Chorus 1

Come and worship come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

Joy to the World

Verse 2

Joy to the world! the Lord is come.
Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Verse 4

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove.
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love.
And wonders of His love.
And wonders wonders of His love.

