



Pacific Beach

United Methodist Church

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY WORSHIP

DECEMBER 18, 2022 10:00 AM

WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Prelude
Greeting
Introit
Video Announcements
Welcome

Call to Worship/Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle of LOVE

*Opening Hymn #240

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

**Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th' incarnate Deity,
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"**

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"**

*Opening Prayer

Shannon Petersen

**God of all, we are a mixed bag of distracted and forlorn, eager and anxious.
We hope that you might move through the obstacle course we build up
around our hearts—made out of questions and defenses—and douse us in good news.
For at the end of the day, all we want is to know that we are not alone, that you are always
near. So knock on our door, sweet talk the guard dog we place in front of our vulnerable
hearts, and come right in. Make yourself at home. Pull us close and tell us your story of
unbelievable good news. We are listening. We are grateful. Amen.**

**Please stand as you are able*

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*Sharing the Peace of Christ #251

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain” Vs 1-2

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.
While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens there shown a holy light.
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.
The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth,
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth.
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.**

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time
Music to Lift Our Spirits

Rev. Lori Leopold

Scripture: Luke 1:39-45; 56-58 and Luke 1:46-55
Message: Blessing

Shannon Petersen
Rev. Lori Leopold

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

Song of Prayer #211

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” Vs 1 & 2

Solo:
O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Congregation joins in
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Solo:
O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
And order all things far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go.
Refrain

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

**Gladly we praise you and bless you, Creator, O God of life.
Christ, we adore you and thank you, Compassion of God, our light.
Great Holy Spirit, by you we are born from above.
Alleluia! Praise the God of blessing!
Alleluia! Bless the God of love!**

*Prayer of Dedication

Shannon Petersen

**Just as our souls magnify the Lord, may our offerings glorify God. Surely, we are blessed.
We rejoice in the mercy that you have shown us from generation to generation. We
remember the powerful promise you bring: hope to the hopeless and strength to the
weak. With joy, we pray in gratitude and praise. Amen.**

*Hymn #238

“Angels We Have Heard On High” Vs 1-3

**Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.**

Refrain:

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?**

Refrain:

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

**Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.**

Refrain:

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

*Benediction: *Please join together as a congregation*

**As you leave this place, may you go knowing that from generation to generation, we
have been claimed and loved. From generation to generation, God has been by our side.
From generation to generation, we are not alone. The God of yesterday and the God of
tomorrow knows you by name, loves you, and calls you forth, saying, “Go be the person
you are called to be, love wildly, do justice, and come back soon.” May it be so. Amen.**

*Eagle’s Wings

**And God will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of God’s hand.**

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December Memory Scripture Verse
*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. – Psalm 23:4*

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