



Pacific Beach

United Methodist Church

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 2023 10:00 AM

WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Greeting

Songs of Praise for Advent

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" #240 Vs 1 & 3

**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!"**

**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!"**

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain" #251 Vs 1 & 3

Refrain:

**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.**

Refrain

**Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.**

Refrain

Introit

Welcome

Call to Worship

Craig Roberts

One: Family of faith, one of the greatest joys of worship is that it is not a solo act. We gather together. We find joy, and God, in the act of connection. So as we begin our worship, I invite you to turn and face someone you are close to so that you can see one another.

Now repeat these phrases after me:

One: Welcome to worship.

All: Welcome to worship.

**Please stand as you are able*

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One: I am glad you're here.

All: I am glad you're here.

One: Surely God is in this space.

All: Surely God is in this space.

One: I see God in your face.

All: I see God in your face.

One: Let us worship together.

All: Let us worship together.

*Opening Hymn #238

"Angels We Have Heard on High" Vs 1 & 2

**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

Opening Prayer

Craig Roberts

Holy God, We know that you are near. We know that you are standing at the door, you are running down the driveway, you are inviting us in—into your Word, into relationship, and deeper into joy. So as we approach your Word, O God, we pray: do not let us pass you by. Do not allow distraction or doubt to get the best of us. Do not let us walk down this road without you. Instead, give us the wisdom to turn and run your way. Give us the wisdom to hear your wisdom, to let it sink into our bones and change us. With hope and gratitude we pray, amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Leader: How does a weary world practice peace?

People: By listening before we speak and saying sorry when we need to.

Leader: By advocating for justice and caring for our neighbor. By practicing Sabbath and forgiving seventy times seven.

People: By choosing grace over hate and opening the door for each other.

Leader: There are a million ways to practice peace. So today we light the candle of peace as a reminder and a charge.

People: With God's help, may we bring peace into a weary world. Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time

Jesse Hodge

Scripture:

Luke 1:24-45

Craig Roberts

Reflection

We Find Joy in Connection

Rev. Lori Leopold

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

Christmas At Home musical

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Pastoral Prayer

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.**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*Prayer of Dedication

Craig Roberts

Gracious God, as we bring our gifts to you, we bring much more than earthly treasure; we bring our very lives. Transform us through our giving, that we may grow ever closer to you. Help us share your peace and love with others as joyfully and generously, as you have shared your gifts with us. In your holy name, we pray. Amen

*Closing Hymn #246

"Joy to the World" Vs 1 & 4

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.**

**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.**

*Benediction

*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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PB UMC offers a three week "Belonging Class" for those who are interested in church membership and for others for who seek deeper involvement in the life of the church.

Our next Belonging Class session will be held on Sundays, January 28th, February 4th, and February 11th following church with a light lunch provided. If you are interested in attending or have other questions related to church membership, please contact Pastor Lori.

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