



Pacific Beach

United Methodist Church

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

DECEMBER 24, 2024 7:00 PM

Prelude
Welcome

Call to Worship

Sean Spence

One: For you who are filled to the brim with happiness,

All: Jesus Christ, the joy of the world, is born.

One: For you who are mourning the loss of family and friends,

All: Jesus Christ, the joy of the world, is born.

One: For you who feel like you are tripping about in darkness,

All: Jesus Christ, the joy of the world, is born.

One: For you who rest in gratitude and contentment,

All: Jesus Christ, the joy of the world, is born.

One: For you who feel the ache of loneliness,

All: Jesus Christ, the joy of the world, is born.

One: For you who are surrounded by unlikely yet beautiful companionship,

All: Jesus Christ, the joy of the world, is born.

One: Come, let us worship the birth of our Savior!

All: Come, let us worship God who came to dwell among us!

*Carol #234

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” Vs 1-3

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;

Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, lo, he shuns not the Virgin’s womb;

Son of the Father, begotten, not created;

Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

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

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Laura and Diana Williams

Children’s Time

Pastor Lori

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Prayer For Illumination

Sean Spence

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace—

We are leaning forward. We are craning our necks, straining to hear a murmur of the angels' song, or an echo of a gloria. We always long for you, but on this night, on this holy Christmas Eve, we long for you to feel as close as possible.

So as we prepare to hear this ancient story once again, we ask that you would awaken something new in us. Awaken in us a fire for your Word. Awaken in us proof of your proximity. Awaken in us your love, which is bigger than the sky, and as close as our very breath. We are listening. We give thanks. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Hope Anderson

Carol #218

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear” Vs 1 & 4

**It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to all,” from heaven’s all-gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.**

**For lo! The days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.**

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:1-2, 6-7

Liesl Hansen & Philip Spence

Carol #211

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” Vs 1 & 2

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**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: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-38

Christina Boyd

Special Music

“Hail Favored One”

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-18

Sean Spence

*Carol #219

“What Child Is This” Vs 1 & 3

**What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
Refrain: This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;**

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Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.**

**Refrain: This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Tim Adams

Special Music

“We Three Kings”

Reflection

Love Knows Your Name

Rev. Lori Leopold

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

Special Music

Isaac Spence

*Prayer of Dedication

**We offer these gifts to you, Holy God, rejoicing that your grace has appeared
in Jesus Christ. May your love for all people, and your zeal for justice and peace,
transform this offering into Christ’s presence this Christmas season and always. Amen.**

Processional to the Courtyard

Our service will conclude in the courtyard with candlelight and carols around the tree. Pastor Lori will begin the procession with the Christ Candle, followed by members of the choir. You are invited to follow the choir out of the sanctuary. Please pick up a small candle if you haven’t already done so. We will share the light outside in the courtyard. ***Please remember to always hold a lit candle upright.*** Please join in the singing of “Joy to the World” during the procession.

*Carol #246

“Joy to the World” Vs 1 & 2

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.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

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Let all their songs employ; While fields and floods, rocks, hill, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.



**Thank you all for making the sanctuary glow with poinsettias!
Please see our insert for the dedications.**

***After the service, you are invited to stay for a time of coffee, cookies and conversation
in the social hall.***

Thank you for worshipping with PBUMC today! You make this gathering richer, brighter, and better by your participation. **All** are welcome at PBUMC!



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