



Pacific Beach

United Methodist Church

LEARNING AND LIVING GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL

SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 14, 2025 10:00 AM

WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Greeting

Introit

Welcome

"Carol of the Bells" and "The Servant Song"

Mesa College Choir

Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candle

Wesley Dwaine

One: In a world full of fear, where do you see glimmers of joy?

All: We see glimmers of joy in birthday candles and homemade cards. We see joy in the laughter of children and the delight of grandparents. We see joy in meals around the table and in the singing of Christmas songs.

One: You are right. Even in a fearful world, joy is all around us. Today we light the candle of joy as a reminder of this good news. May this flicker of light help us remember that even in a fearful world, joy is here. Joy is real. We only have to look for it.

All: Thanks be to God for that good news! Amen.

*Opening Hymn #203

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed" Vs 1-3

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!

Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;

To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong;

To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;

To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,

Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;

Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.

Before him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go,

And righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Courageous God, you invite us to live into our call. You invite us to act, to serve, and to trust. Instead of responding with a resounding "yes," we often hide our face. We dig our heels in. We look for someone else to volunteer. Spark courage in us. Remind us that

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every person is capable of making a difference. Remind us that even when we're scared, we are not alone. You invite us forward. With baby steps we hope, we pray, amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Pastor Lori

Leader: Family of faith, no matter where your path has led you in the past, today is a new day. So join me in declaring this good news:

People: We are known. We are forgiven! We are sent to serve. May we step forward in faith, always moving closer to God's call. Amen.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ #2148

"Over My Head"

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time

Tami Johnson

Music to Lift Our Spirits

"Ave Maria"

Mesa College Choir

Soloists: Maya Allen, Larisa Palaniuk, Brooklyn Chlamon, Veronica Granillo, Romeo Baccarella

Trio: Veronica Granillo, Sophia Braga, Brianna Eckenrod

Scripture:

Jeremiah 1:4-10 and Luke 1:26-39

Message:

What Do You Fear?

Even in our Fear, We are Called Forward

Rev. Lori Leopold

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

Song of Prayer

"O Love"

Mesa College Choir

Pastoral Prayer and 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

"Bells, for Tamir Rice"

Mesa College Choir

Soloist: Veronica Granillo

*Doxology #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

Generous God who calls us to rejoice, you fill the hungry with good things and you help your people in need. Receive the gifts we offer, we pray, and make them, and us, joyful and patient signs of your coming justice and glory. Amen.

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*Closing Hymn #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!**

*Benediction

**In a fearful world, may you look for God's spirit. May you reach for each other's hands.
May you choose courage whenever you can. And in all things, may you remember that
good news is louder than fear. In the name of the one who calls, the one who sends, and
the one who journeys with— go in peace and *be not afraid*. Amen.**

Postlude

“Unclouded Day”

Mesa College Choir

Assisting in Worship Today

Worship Leader: Wesley Dwaine

Head Usher: Ken Brown

Greeter: Patty Smith

Volunteer Media Technicians: Bill Easter, Bruce Trumbo, BL Wild

Coffee Hour Coordinator: Dick Ver Steeg

We are so happy today to welcome the Mesa College Choir.

Mesa College Choir is a non-auditioned, for-credit chorus comprised of students at San Diego Mesa College. After taking a break during the Covid pandemic, the choir was reorganized under the leadership of Dr. Johnson with the purpose of giving every person who desires to sing a chance to cultivate their fullest potential in making music. This is the first choral experience or public singing for many of the singers who have joined the choir. We believe that singing is a birthright; that singing resonantly makes oneself a better person and in turn makes the world a better place.

john craig johnson, d. m. a.

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For those who would like to be a member of PB UMC...you are welcome! New Member Information Forms are available on the white board out front and on the table in the church entryway. They can be filled out and placed in the offering plate or given to Pastor Lori anytime. For those who would like to learn more about the church, what United Methodists believe and how we serve God in the community and world, you are invited to a quarterly Belonging Gathering. **Our next Gathering** will be held on February 15, 2026.

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