

## Announcements

**Today's Chancel Flowers** are given by Alex Park in celebration of Linda's birthday.

**Christmas Dedications.** This year's Christmas dedications will support our newest mission partner, Family Promise. You may use envelopes available in your Sunday bulletins to make your donation and honor someone dear to you. Please turn in your donation by Tuesday, December 19 for inclusion in the bulletin insert. You can make a significant impact in the lives of families experiencing homelessness with your generosity.

A gift of any amount will make a difference...

- \$100 provides program activities for one child during their stay.
- \$500 provides utility deposits for two families.
- \$1,000 provides homelessness prevention services for one family.

**Caregiver's Support Group.** Are you taking care of a loved one or know of someone who is? It can be stressful at times. The Caregiver's Support Group is meeting Monday, December 11 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Lounge. For more info, call Alison Lauderdale at (714) 319-3041 or Anne Sivley at (714) 501-4399.

**Service for the Weary.** Saturday, December 16 at 2:00 p.m. For those who have experienced loss, the joy of the holiday season can often feel elusive and out of reach. This service provides space for prayer, reflection and remembrance amidst the holiday hustle and bustle.

**Christmas Eve Worship.** Sunday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m. Celebrate the birth of Christ with a glorious worship service filled with carols, communion, and candles. This year's service will include music by our Chancel Choir and Gloria Ringers.

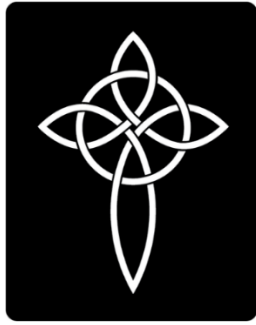
**Year-End Giving.** As we close the year and welcome the new one, consider a year-end donation to YLPC. If you wish to see your year-end gift in your 2023 contribution statement, please submit it to the church office by Sunday, December 31. If you are using automatic bill-pay, be sure to check the date it goes out to allow time for processing.



# Second Sunday of Advent

YORBA LINDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 10, 2023



**YORBA LINDA**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
*worship equip love*

December 10, 2023  
\*Please stand as you are able  
*Congregation reads text in bold italics*

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**WELCOME**

Rev. Lynn Stone

**PRELUDE**

**Creator of the Stars of Night**

John Ferguson

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Anne Sivley

Leader: Welcome to worship.  
**People: Welcome to worship.**

Leader: I am glad you're here.  
**People: I am glad you're here.**

Leader: Surely God is in this space.  
**People: Surely God is in this space.**

Leader: I see God in your face.  
**People: I see God in your face.**

Leader: Let us worship together.  
**People: Let us worship together.**

**CANDLE LIGHTING**

Val Schempp & Katie Stone

*Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people's dignity.*  
*Light dawns on a weary world: the promised day of justice comes.*

**\*HYMN #87**

**Comfort, Comfort Now My People**

Catherine Winkworth

**Upcoming Events**

Sundays @ 8:30 a.m.  
Sundays @ 9:30 a.m.  
Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.  
Sundays @ 11:30 a.m.  
Thursdays @ 9:30 a.m.  
Thursdays @ 6:00 p.m.  
Thursdays @ 7:00 p.m.  
Monday, December 11 @ 4:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, December 12 @ 3:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, December 12 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, December 13 @ 2:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, December 13 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, December 13 @ 7:15 p.m.  
Saturday, December 16 @ 8:00 a.m.  
Saturday, December 16 @ 2:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, December 19 @ 9:00 a.m.  
Tuesday, December 19 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, December 24 @ 7:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir Warm Up  
Worship Service  
Youth Group  
Choral Scholars  
TLC Bible Study  
Gloria Ringers Rehearsal  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
Caregiver's Support Group  
Nominating Committee Meeting  
PW Christmas Dinner  
Mission Committee Meeting  
Stewardship Committee Meeting  
Worship Committee Meeting  
Men's Fellowship  
A Service for the Weary  
Lights of Los Ranchos via Zoom  
Session Meeting  
Christmas Eve Service

***Worship God.***  
***Equip Disciples.***  
***Love and Serve the World.***

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*Kevin Jeffries-Phan, Director of Music Ministries*  
*Kim Wisnia, Director of Spiritual Engagement*  
*Jennifer Acosta-Licea, Office Manager*  
*Rev. Lynn Stone, Pastor*

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering

The Offertory                      In The Bleak Midwinter                      Mark Hayes

\*The Doxology #607                      Neil Weatherhogg

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit ever more;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #752                      Dona nobis pacem                      Eric T. Myers

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                      The King Shall Come                      Michael Burkhardt

"Gloria." MUSIC: Stuttgart

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow."

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## WE CONFESS AND RECEIVE FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of laughter,  
God of open front doors and family reunions,  
we confess that we often doubt good news.

*We move through this world  
waiting for the other shoe to drop,  
waiting for life to fall apart,  
waiting for our humanity to get the best of us.*

Instead of leaning into joy, we lean into scarcity.  
*We lean into fear.  
We lean into isolation.*

Forgive us for forgetting that joy is amplified when shared.  
*Heal the wounds we have from past hurts,  
and teach us how to throw open our doors like Elizabeth.  
Show us how to find joy in connection. Amen.*

*(We silently confess our sins.)*

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

I imagine that when we come before God with the truth of our lives,  
God meets us like Elizabeth meets Mary in our scripture today.  
The door is thrown open.  
There is laughter. There is joy.  
There is embracing – and it is holy.

So trust this; *believe this:*  
You are claimed. You are loved. You are forgiven.  
And you are sent to serve. Find joy in that.

*Thanks be to God! Amen.*

**\*GLORIA**

Stuttgart



Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion to the Fa - ther and the Son.



With the ev - er liv - ing Spi - rit while e - ter - nal ag - es run.

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**ANTHEM**

Let the Peace of Christ

Molly Ijames

**WORSHIP IN ACTION**

Kim Wisnia

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 1:24-45

**SERMON**

We Find Joy in Connection

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*We believe that joy is a sacred gift,  
existing on a plane deeper than happiness,  
stemming from the truth that we belong to God.*

*We believe that joy is not meant for isolation.  
Joy is meant to be shared,  
weaving us together in laughter and in hope.*

*And when joy feels impossibly out of reach,  
we believe that part of being sacred community  
is leaning on one another.*

*So together we say:  
I will share my joy when yours runs out.  
You will share your joy when mine runs out.  
And in doing so, we will both see God.*

*Amen.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*You may find the text of The Lord's Prayer  
on page 35 of the hymnal.*