

Announcements

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.

Music Interns. We have recently hired four music interns to elevate and enhance our music ministry through Advent and Christmas. These young singers are incredibly eager sing and be a part of our music making. There is a yearning to learn more about music in our worship, and there is a hunger for joy and fulfillment through music!

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.

Office Closed. The church office will be closed on Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 25 & 26.

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.

Annual Blood Drive. We are holding our annual Blood Drive on Saturday, January 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This truly is service to others when we "roll up our sleeves" and put our faith into action! Download the Red Cross Blood Donor App on the App Store, Google Play or text BLOODAPP to 90999 to schedule an appointment.

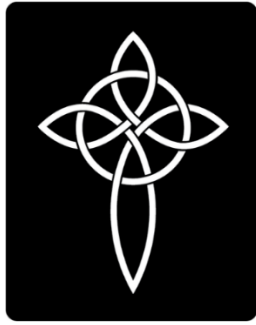
Organ and Oboe Chamber Recital. Sunday, January 14 at 12:00 p.m. You are cordially invited to a grand chamber recital by our very own Director of Music Ministries, Kevin Jeffries-Phan and Issac Chyun performing works by Bach, Krebs, and Hakim.



Third Sunday of Advent

YORBA LINDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 17, 2023



YORBA LINDA
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
worship equip love

December 17, 2023
 *Please stand as you are able
Congregation reads text in bold italics

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Rev. Lynn Stone

PRELUDE

Prelude for Advent

Willard Nevins

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Kent Arnold

Leader: Our God can part the sea.
 People: ***God can bring water from a rock,
 and provide bread in the desert.***

Leader: Our God can walk on water.
 People: ***He can heal the sick,
 and turn water into wine.***

Leader: Our God sets the stars in the sky.
 People: ***God hears our voice when we cry,
 and is closer than our own breath.***

Leader: There is nothing our God cannot do.
 People: ***Let us stand in awe. Let us worship God with wonder.***

CANDLE LIGHTING

Marge Cargo & John Cronin

***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 #102**

Savior of The Nations, Come

Ambrose of Milan

Upcoming Events

Sundays @ 8:30 a.m.
 Sundays @ 9:30 a.m.
 Thursdays @ 6:00 p.m.
 Thursdays @ 7:00 p.m.
 Saturday, December 16 @ 8:30 a.m.
 Tuesday, December 19 @ 9:00 a.m.
 Tuesday, December 19 @ 6:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, December 19 @ 7:00 p.m.
 Sunday, December 24 @ 7:00 p.m.
 December 25 & 26
 Thursday, December 28 @ 3:00 p.m.
 Saturday, December 30 @ 8:00 a.m.
 Wednesday, January 3 @ 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday, January 6 @ 8 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Chancel Choir Warm Up
 Worship Service
 Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
 Lights of Los Ranchos via Zoom
 Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
 Session Meeting
 Christmas Eve Service
 Office Closed
 Grief Support Group
 Men's Fellowship
 Deacon's Meeting
 Blood Drive

***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

Wexford Carol

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 #134

Joy to the World

Lowell Mason

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prepare the Royal Highway

Paul Manz

(We silently confess our sins.)

WE CONFESS AND RECEIVE FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,

***Somewhere in our childhood we face pressure to outgrow awe.
We turn into adults who obsess over data and facts.
We praise those who have answers,
and assume that wonder is an answerless game.***

***Forgive us for closing that door to you.
Remind us that the kingdom of God belongs to children.
Teach us the ways of awe and wonder,
so that like Zechariah,
when we find ourselves speechless,
our first words will be words of praise.
With hearts open wide, we pray. Amen.***

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith,
just as we marvel at mountains and newborns,
at sunrises and sunsets,
God marvels at us.

There is nothing you could do or leave undone that could prevent God from loving you.

So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

***We are forgiven.
We are loved.
We belong to God.
Thanks be to God! Amen.***

"Gloria." MUSIC: Stuttgart

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow."

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***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

Like a Child, I Wait

Ruth Elaine Schram

WORSHIP IN ACTION

Kim Wisnia

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:57-66

SERMON

We Allow Ourselves to Be Amazed

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*We believe in a God who knows our names,
who counts the hairs on our heads,
and carries the dreams in our hearts.*

*We believe that God's fingerprints are all over creation,
and that God is forever speaking to us in a million different ways.*

*We believe that awe and wonder,
goosebumps and laughter,
telling stories and paying attention,
are all ways that we can say thank you
to our creating, sustaining, and loving God.*

*Therefore we commit ourselves to moving through this world
with eyes wide open,
with porous hears,
and grateful spirits.*

*We commit ourselves to living lives of awe, wonder, and gratitude,
trusting that these things will forever draw us deeper into God's loving arms.*

*We believe.
We stand in awe.
Thanks be to God!*

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.*

PRAYER REFRAIN

*Oh Lord, hear my prayer
Oh Lord, hear my prayer
When I call, answer me.
Oh Lord hear my prayer
Oh Lord hear my prayer
Come and listen to me.*