

## Announcements

**Today's Chancel Flowers** are given by the Vanderschraaf family, in memory of Jules' mother, Marlene Adams.

**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.** Tonight! 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.

**Grief Support Group.** Come and receive emotional and spiritual support by gathering in a safe and caring environment with others who are experiencing grief. This ongoing group is free of charge, and all are welcome in the Youth Lounge on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Our next meeting is Thursday, December 28. Contact Penny Hansen at [prhansen@pacbell.net](mailto:prhansen@pacbell.net) or call the church office (714) 777-6822.

**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.

**Blood Drive.** We are holding a 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.

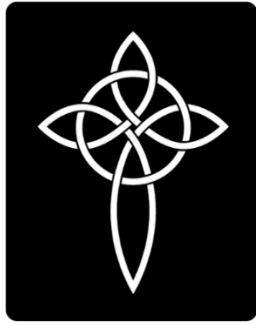
**Chancel Flowers.** The new calendar for 2024 is available in the sanctuary for sign ups!



Fourth Sunday of Advent

YORBA LINDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 24, 2023



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

December 24, 2023  
\*Please stand as you are able  
*Congregation reads text in bold italics*

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**WELCOME**

Rev. Lynn Stone

**INTROIT**

**An Invitation for Advent**  
Cameron Kesig & Sawyer Micheli

Ruth Elaine Schram

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Susan Cash

**Leader:** How does a weary world rejoice?  
**People:** *We sing songs of hope.*  
*We allow hope to change us, to strengthen us.*  
*We tell the stories of what could be.*  
*We listen for God's word.*  
*We resist the temptation to give up or give in.*  
*We remember Mary's song.*  
*We gather for worship.*  
*We hope. We hope.*  
*Against all odds, we hope.*  
**Leader:** Friends, this is the day that the Lord is still making.  
Let us worship holy God.

**CANDLE LIGHTING**

Fred & Cindy Hebein

*Love grows in a weary world*  
*when hungry hearts find bread and children's dreams are fed.*  
*Love grows in a weary world: the promise feast of plenty comes.*

**\*HYMN #109**

**Blest Be the God of Israel**

Hal H. Hopson

**Upcoming Events**

Sundays @ 8:30 a.m.  
Sundays @ 9:30 a.m.  
Thursdays @ 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.  
January 1 & 2  
Wednesday, January 3 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, January 3 @ 7:15 p.m.  
Saturday, January 6 @ 8 a.m.- 2 p.m.  
Saturday, January 6 @ 12:30 p.m.  
Sunday, January 7 @ 11:30 a.m.  
Monday, January 8 @ 3:00 p.m.  
Monday, January 8 @ 4:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, January 9 @ 9:30 a.m.  
Tuesday, January 9 @ 7:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir Warm Up  
Worship Service  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
Christmas Eve Service  
YLPC Office Closed  
Grief Support Group  
Men's Fellowship  
YLPC Office Closed  
Deacons' Meeting  
Worship Committee Meeting  
Red Cross Blood Drive  
Youth Group Star Party  
Christian Education Meeting  
Nominating Committee Meeting  
Caregiver's Support Group  
Priscilla Circle  
Esther Circle

**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

**Away in a Manger**

Donald Rottermiund

\*The Doxology #607

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

Neil Weatherhogg

***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 #119

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

Felix Mendelssohn

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Joy to the World**

Ronald Nelson

“Angels We Have Heard on High.”

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“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow.”

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## WE CONFESS AND RECEIVE FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Holy God,***

***More days than not, hope feels like the rain.  
We try to hold onto it with cupped hands,  
but eventually, it slips right on through.***

***Forgive us for holding hope so loosely.  
Forgive us for allowing the realities of today define tomorrow.  
We know that this world needs people of hope, so today we pray:  
turn us into those people.  
Teach us how to sing Mary’s song of hope for the world.  
With open hearts we pray, amen.***

*(We silently confess our sins.)*

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Body of Christ, no matter how many times we let hope slip through our fingers  
we still belong to God.

So hear and repeat these words after me:

I am God’s beloved.

***I am God’s beloved.***

I am forgiven.

***I am forgiven.***

I am blessed and sent to serve.

***I am blessed and sent to serve.***

This is the good news of the Gospel. This is a hope we can hang our hats on.  
Thanks to be God for God’s unending love.

**\*GLORIA**

Edward S. Barnes

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**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*We believe  
that hope can change the world.  
We believe that God uses ordinary people,  
like an unwed teenage mother,  
for extraordinary good.*

*And we believe  
that each of these ordinary people  
can make a difference.*

*We know that grief, fear, and suffering abound.  
We know that suffering quells joy and makes it harder to hope.  
But we choose hope anyway.  
In the face of hardship,  
we hope together.  
We hope with God.  
We hope for a better world.  
This is our song.  
We believe; help our unbelief.  
In Christ's name we pray, amen.*

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**ANTHEM**

**Sing a Song of Advent**  
Shelby Kesig and Katie Stone

Hal H. Hopson

**WORSHIP IN ACTION**

Kim Wisnia

**SCRIPTURE**

**Luke 1:46-55**

**SERMON**

**We Sing Stories of Hope**

**MUSICAL RESPONSE**

**Be Still and Know**  
Roxanne Ford and Libbie Vanderschraaf

Lloyd Larson

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**