#### **Announcements**

**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.

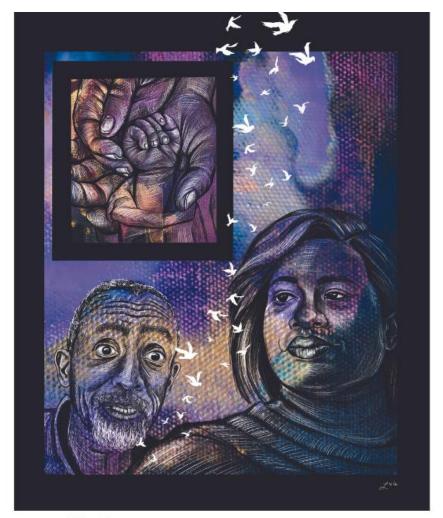
Youth Group Star Party. Youth are all stars in our book! Let's star-t off the year with a bang at Bo & Suk Hee's house. We'll have a delicious lunch, play some games, take a hike, and exchange whacky white elephant gifts (\$20 max). Join us Saturday, January 6 from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Contact Cam Kesig for directions and details.

**Repast Before the Recital.** Let's eat! Bring your favorite brunch-time snack on Sunday, January 14. We'll share some food together before we enjoy the organ and oboe grand chamber recital. Sign up with Julie Vanderschraaf on Sunday.

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.** Providing flowers for Sunday worship in honor of someone we love, or a special occasion is a cherished tradition here at YLPC. The new flower chart is posted in the Narthex and forms are on the table by the door. Sign up today to bless the whole congregation with your love!

Church Center App- Sermon or Music Recording Request. As we enter into the new year, we would like to remind you about one of the convenient features of our Church Center App: If you missed a worship service and would like to listen to the sermon and music, you may request the recording on our Church Center App! You'll also have access to our weekly bulletin to follow along with the recordings. It's a great way to connect with us when you are away!



# Christmastide

YORBA LINDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DECEMBER 31, 2023



# YORBA LINDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH worship equip love

December 31, 2023
\*Please stand as you are able
Congregation reads text in bold italics

H. Renie

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME Rev. Lynn Stone

PRELUDE Conte De Noel

Roxanne Ford, Harp

\*CALL TO WORSHIP John Israel

Leader: Every year we celebrate Christmas.

People: Every month we break bread.

Leader: Every week we gather for worship **People:** Every day we count our blessings.

Leader: Every minute God is near. **People:** Yes, every minute God is near.

Leader: These are the rituals of our faith.

People: Let us worship holy God.

\*HYMN #143 Angels, from the Realm of Glory Henry T. Smart

# **Upcoming Events**

Sundays @ 8:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir Warm Up
Sundays @ 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
Thursdays @ 9:30 a.m.	TLC Bible Study
Thursdays @ 7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
January 1 & 2	YLPC Office Closed
Wednesday, January 3 @ 9:00 a.m.	Blessed Connections via Zoom
Wednesday, January 3 @ 6:00 p.m.	Deacons' Meeting
Wednesday, January 3 @ 7:15 p.m.	<b>Worship Committee Meeting</b>
Saturday, January 6 @ 8:00 a.m.	Men's Fellowship
Saturday, January 6 @ 8 a.m 2 p.m.	Red Cross Blood Drive
Saturday, January 6 @ 12:30 p.m.	Youth Group Star Party
Sunday, January 7 @ 11:30 a.m.	Christian Education Meeting
Monday, January 8 @ 3:00 p.m.	<b>Nominating Committee Meeting</b>
Monday, January 8 @ 4:00 p.m.	Caregiver's Support Group
Tuesday, January 9 @ 9:30 a.m.	Priscilla Circle
Tuesday, January 9 @ 7:00 p.m.	Esther Circle
Wednesday, January 10 @ 2:00 p.m.	Missions Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 10 @ 6:00 p.m.	Stewardship Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 11 @ 3:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group

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#### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

# WE CONFESS AND RECEIVE FORGIVENESS

**Invitation to the Offering** 

The Offertory Peaceful Piano in G Flat

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 #546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

**Geoffrey Thring** 

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Come and Sing David Paxton

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of rhythms, we confess:
Our faith would not be what it is without rituals.
Unlike you, we depend on bread and water.
We have to return to this space again and again to hear old, familiar stories.
For if we stopped,
we know it would not take long before we lost our way.

Forgive us for our fragility and thank you for giving us ordinary rituals and rhythms to hold onto.
With grateful and humble hearts we pray, amen.

(We silently confess our sins.)

#### **WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, it is not enough to hear once a month or once a year that you are forgiven. We need to hear it every single week. Every single week we need to be reminded that we are held in God's loving embrace.

So hear this good news: no matter where you are on your journey of life, love, or faith, and no matter what you have done or left undone, you belong to God. You are claimed. You are known. You are forgiven.

This is the good news of the gospel!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Angels We Have Heard on High."

<sup>&</sup>quot;Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow."



# **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

ANTHEM Nunc Dimittis Tyler Versluis
Jessica Nicholson, soprano

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:21-38

SERMON We Root Ourselves in Ritual

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that faith is a journey marked by rituals and rhythms.

We come to worship.
We confess our sins.
We offer grace.
We hear the word.
We baptize children.
We break the bread.
And we tell the story of a loving God.

And through these sacred rituals, we are reminded:
We are not alone.
God is near, and we have work to do.
May this belief shape the rhythm of our lives.

Amen.