

Announcements

Today's Chancel Flowers are given by George Lawson in honor of my wife Peggy's 80th birthday.

Youth Movie Night. Tonight at 6:00 p.m. Join us for munchies and a Christmas movie! There will not be youth group on December 26 and January 2 but come in your PJ's on January 9 for a game day!

Christmas Eve Service. Worship with us on December 24 at 7:00 p.m. Our Christmas Eve service will include scripture, prayers, beautiful music, candles, and communion. Invite your friends and family. There's room for everyone at the table.

Tornado Response. YLPC's Session encourages those who wish to donate to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program's tornado response. We are invited to stand with them bearing witness by our gifts and prayers that God is indeed incarnate among us. If you would like to give, have your check made out to YLPC to the church office by Sunday, December 26. We will send all the gifts to PDA on your behalf. Thank you for your tender hearts for our struggling neighbors.

Office Closed. The YLPC office will be closed from December 23-29 for Christmas.

Grieving Well Support Group. Come and receive emotional and spiritual support by gathering in a safe space with others who are experiencing grief. Join us on Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. beginning January 12. Rev. Robin Clardy will lead this nine-week session sponsored by YLPC. Sign up through the church office at info@ylpc.org. This group is free of charge and all are welcome.

TLC. TLC will not be meeting the rest of the month. We will resume January 6.

COVID Practices. Because of rising infection rates, the State of California has reinstated the mask requirement for indoor gatherings, regardless of vaccination status. Please wear a mask for worship and other indoor events or meetings. We will have masks on hand for those who forget to bring one, and patio seating will continue to be available for our worship services. Thank you for your cooperation and our shared commitment to public safety.





December 19, 2021

***Please stand as you are able.**

Congregation reads the text in bold italic print.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Rev. Lynn Stone

PRELUDE

Angels We Have Heard on High

Arr. Marianne Kim

CANDLE LIGHTING

Dick & Elaine Vouga

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Doug O'Neil

Leader: We are seeking -
People: ***deeper faith,
a place to belong,
the feeling that God is here in this room.***

Leader: We are seeking -
People: ***joy that overflows,
the movement of the Spirit,
a hand to hold, when alone in the dark.***

Leader: We are seeking -
People: ***the freedom to be,
the courage to love,
the conviction to act in the face of injustice.***

Leader: We are seeking, but here in this place,
People: ***We are found.***
Take a deep breath. This is your sanctuary.
People: ***God his here. We are found. Amen.***

Upcoming Events

Sundays @ 9:30 a.m.
Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.
Thursdays @ 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 19 @ 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 21 @ 9:00 a.m.
December 21 & 23 @ 6:15 p.m.
December 23-29
Friday, December 24 @ 7:00 p.m.

Worship Service
Youth Group
Chancel Choir in Sanctuary
Youth Group Movie Night
Lights of Los Ranchos by Zoom
Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
YLPC Office Closed
Christmas Eve Service

Please keep the following people in prayer. Jim & Cynthia Bowman, Aimee Bracken, Gail Brewer, Debra Brunner, Candy Flores, Marcia Goiceochea, Gube Family, Jack Hallin, Vickie Hudson, Karen Martineau Jones, Leelee Jones, Borg & Larey Ketchner, Marge & Wally Lamb, Peggy Lawson, Aurora Mamaril, Harry & Matthew McCuiston, Chad Moyer, Dixie Osborn, Rose Schriever, Penny Tiroux, Treacy Family

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering

The Offertory

Away in a Manger

Arr. Janet Linker

*The Doxology

Neil Weatherhogg/*Truro*

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ all
 peo - ple___ here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it
 ev - er___ more; praise Tri - une God,___ whom we a - dore.

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #113

Angels We Have Heard on High

French carol

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Arr. John Innes

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*HYMN #134

Joy to the World

I. Watts/G.F. Handel

CONFESSING AND RECEIVING FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of safe spaces, we wish we were more like Mary, who in the face of great changes, went and sought help. She did not wait for help to find her; she walked to the shelter she needed. Too often we wait silently for the world to change around us instead of speaking up for those things we need. Forgive us for failing to care for ourselves the way you would care for us. Give us the courage to be more like Mary.

God of safe places, we wish we were more like Elizabeth, who greeted Mary with laughter and contagious joy. How many people have crossed our doorstep and how many times have we failed to see them? Give us the courage of Mary, and the grace of Elizabeth.

(We silently confess our sins)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, even if we miss the person standing on our doorstep, even if we fail to care for ourselves the way God would care for us, even if we forget and ignore, turn away and shut down, God still loves us. There is nothing we can do to lose God's love.

Rest in this promise:

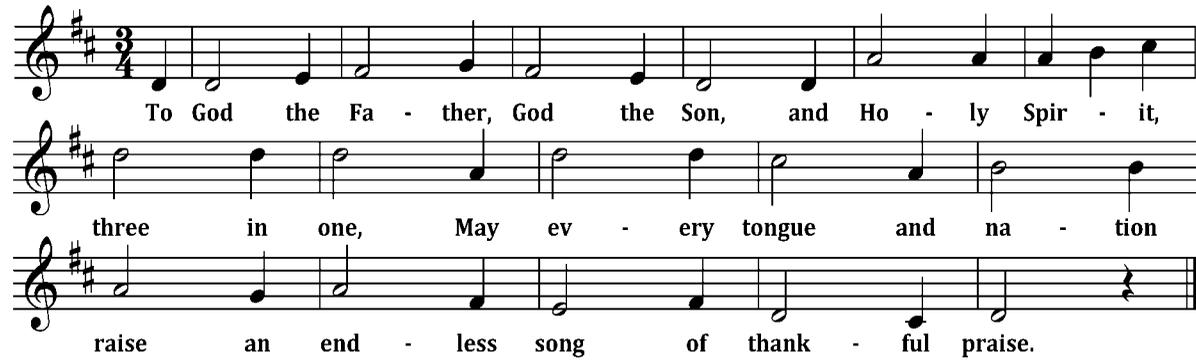
If we get lost,
we will be found.

If we mess up,
we are forgiven.

If we withhold love,
God is lavish in loving us.

We are claimed. We are loved. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**



To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it,
 three in one, May ev - ery tongue and na - tion
 raise an end - less song of thank - ful praise.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:39-55

SERMON

Seeking Sanctuary

***HYMN #146**

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

J.Cook/Piae Cantiones

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***STATEMENT OF FAITH**

We believe in God,

***whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,
 whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,
 whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all,
 and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of
 freedom.***

***Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust,
 and in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves
 to seek justice and to live in peace,
 to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness,
 to live in the freedom of forgiveness, and the power of the Spirit of love,
 and in the company of the faithful so to be the church,
 for the glory of God.
 Amen.***

From the Iona Community

ANTHEM

**Can You Hear the Angels?
 Charlie Thorson, solo**

Greg Gilpin

WORSHIP IN ACTION

Kim Wisnia

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.*