

## ***Announcements***

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**Today's Chancel Flowers** are given by Lynn Stone in gratitude for another year of ministry with our wonderful church staff: Sarah, Kim, Barb, Chris, Ruth, Janet, Jessica, JoD and Roxanne.

**Guest Preacher.** Today we warmly welcome Rev. Jim Hickman back as our guest preacher. Lynn will return from vacation on January 4.

**Youth Group.** No youth group today but come in your PJ's on January 9 for a game day!

**Office Closed.** The YLPC office will be closed on January 3.

**Blood Drive.** Please carve out one hour on Saturday, January 8 to donate. This truly is service to others when we "roll up our sleeves" and put our faith into action!

**Single Ladies Brunch.** Meeting after worship on January 9 at Red Lobster in Brea.

**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. Sign up through the church office at [info@ylpc.org](mailto:info@ylpc.org). This group is free of charge and all are welcome.

**Chancel Flowers.** Thank you to everyone who provided chancel flowers in 2021. To honor our longstanding warm relationship with Garden Gate, we are increasing the amount to \$40 per bouquet. The new calendar for 2022 is now up. Sign-up in the Narthex.

**Annual Congregational Meeting** Our congregational meeting will be held on January 30 after our worship. This is an opportunity to celebrate God's faithfulness in the past year and to look forward to what 2022 holds. The 2022 budget will also be presented.

**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.





January 2, 2022

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

***Congregation reads the text in bold italic print.***

**GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

**WELCOME**

Rev. Jim Hickman

**PRELUDE**

**O Morning Star**  
Lynn Rasmussen, organist

Franklin Ritter

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Karen Green

Leader: We come to this place -  
**People:** *each of us on our own path.*  
Leader: The path is winding,  
**People:** *and the path is not always clear,*  
Leader: and the path changes.  
**People:** *but we are here.*  
  
Leader: God is walking us home.  
**People:** *What a gift it is to not walk alone.*  
Leader: Let us worship holy God.

**Upcoming Events**

Sundays @ 9:30 a.m.  
Wednesdays @ 10:00 a.m.  
Thursdays @ 9:30 a.m.  
Thursdays @ 7:30 p.m.  
Monday, January 3  
Wednesday, January 5 @ 9:00 a.m.  
Wednesday, January 5 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, January 5 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday, January 8 9:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
Sunday, January 9 @ 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday, January 9 @ 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday, January 9 @ 11:30 a.m.  
Monday, January 10 @ 4:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, January 11 @ 9:30 a.m.  
Tuesday, January 11 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, January 12 @ 2:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, January 12 @ 3:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, January 12 @ 6:00 p.m.

Worship Service  
Chair Yoga  
TLC Bible Study  
Chancel Choir in Sanctuary  
YLPC Office Closed  
Blessed Connections by Zoom  
Deacons' Meeting  
Worship Meeting  
Red Cross Blood Drive  
Youth PJ & Game Day  
Single Ladies Brunch  
C.E. Meeting  
Caregiver Support Group  
Priscilla Circle  
Esther Circle  
Mission Committee  
Grief Support Group  
Stewardship Committee

**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 McCuistion, Chad Moyer, Dixie Osborn, Rose Schriever, Penny Tiroux, Treacy Family

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Invitation to the Offering

The Offertory                      **We Three Kings**                      Arr. Bruce Greet

\*The Doxology

*So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!*

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #151                      **We Three Kings of Orient Are**                      John H. Hopkins Jr.

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                      **A Christmas Postlude**                      Charles Callahan

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\*HYMN #150

As with Gladness Men of Old

W. Dix/C. Kochner

**CONFESSING AND RECEIVING FORGIVENESS**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*God of changed plans,*

*The Magi heard in a dream that they were to take a new way home – a different path, and untraveled road. And to our amazement, they did just that. The Magi packed their bags and went home by another way.*

*We wish that change could be easy for us, but more often than not, when whispers of change come, we tend to clench our fists and hold on tighter.*

*Forgive us for resisting change that might be holy.  
Forgive us for ignoring that there is more than one road home.  
Forgive us for failing to hear your invitation.  
Guide our steps to unfamiliar places.*

*(We silently confess our sins)*

**WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

No matter which roads we take in this one wild and precious life,  
God walks with us. God never leaves our side. When the road changes and we find ourselves on a new path home, God is always there.

So hear and believe this good news:  
*No matter where we go, no matter what we do,  
we are claimed, loved, and held by God.  
Thanks be to God for love like that.*

**\*GLORIA**

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**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE**

**Matthew 22:34-40**

**SERMON**

**It Is Something More Than a Feeling**

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*STATEMENT OF FAITH**

**1 Corinthians 13**

***Love is patient; love is kind;  
love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.  
It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;  
it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth.  
It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.***

***And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;  
and the greatest of these is love.***

**HYMN #507**

**Come to the Table of Grace  
(verses 1-3)**

**Barbara Hamm**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Prayer After Communion**

***Loving God,***

***you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup  
and made us one with Christ.***

***Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.***