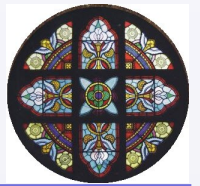


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Greetings! Today is Sunday, November 28, 2021

The First Sunday of Advent

God of our Advent journey, we welcome Your light on our way, knowing that light has a way of changing things. Walk beside us as the contours of the mountain of life keep changing. Teach us to live peacefully with others. With the dawning of each new Advent day, let us recognize how Your constant love lessens the darkness that threatens our world. Christmas is still a long way off, Gracious God. May we treasure every step up the mountain with You. Amen.



A Smile Amidst Adversity

Gavin - Folsom, CA - March 1, 2009

September 13, 2008 was a day for many Cal Poly freshmen to officially gain their freedom. It was the day I left my parents' house and started anew in college. However, earlier that day I saw someone I knew I would not see for a long while. My oldest brother is a Marine

who volunteered to go to Iraq and was leaving a week after I left. When we said our goodbyes, I realized I had said goodbye for eight months. He was



leaving his family, his friends, nearly his entire old life because when his nation called upon him, he responded. Being on the other side of the world in a nation that is so different from our own and being told to keep peace is a difficult experience. Many of our veterans - from World War I until our current operations in Iraq and Afghanistan - have fought through this disconnection between their regular lives and fighting in a hostile land. Amidst this adversity, these soldiers occasionally get a taste of home through simple notes or care packages. These little gifts give them a reminder of home and of a nation of people who are in support of their bravery. I believe in supporting a soldier. I had an opportunity this last holiday season to be part of something that empowered my community and me. My mom had an idea to show her support of my older brother as well as his fellow Marines. She decided for Christmas we would send stockings full of presents to my brother's unit. She asked around our neighborhood and our church to see if anyone would be interested. The response was astounding.

Almost every single neighbor on my street, as well as many people from my church, decided to help out. In total, by my mom's coordination, 79 stockings were sent to Iraq.

Knowing that one single community was able to unite and provide support for those Marines was a powerful feeling. However, the response was what intrigued me. As the packages of stockings were received, my brother was not sure whom he should give the presents. Not knowing the quantity he was about to take in, he started with his close friends and other close Marines in his unit. But once he started getting 40, 50, 60 stockings, he began giving them to random Marines he would find around his camp. This is where I found this power of support. The response he had received when he gave away these stockings was so fascinating that it was difficult for him to put into words. It was exhilarating for him to describe to me how these Marines were so inspired that a group of random people had such delight in being able to do this for them. Doing something rather small, like making stockings for these soldiers, was such a simple task and I am so joyous that it was so influential for these soldiers.

Supporting a war and supporting the troops are two completely different entities. Regardless if anyone thinks the war is right or wrong, the reality is there are young men and women who are there putting their lives on the line for a country which they are proud to do so. Our simple acts of thankfulness support them by a greater margin than I can imagine.





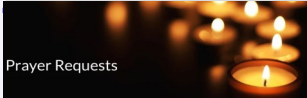
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Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests will be added each week by your requests, and will run for two weeks unless a request to continue is received.



God's healing presence:

- For continued prayers for **Wendy Kasper, Barney Barnes, & Eleanor Hathaway**
- For **Dick Glass, Fritz Wainwright, Jean Miller**
- For **Jack Harkins** who continues his chemotherapy
- For the **Doug Wolman Family** who are engaged in difficult times
- For Jane Cheslo's niece **Jessie** who came home from college and tested positive for Covid
- And for her sister **Carrie** and her nephew **Cameron** as they remain quarantined through the holiday as well
- For **Marie & Joe's** grandson **Charlie** recovering and progressing from dependence issues

God's comfort:

- For those who serve as caregivers
- For **Alyson Keegan's Father** in hospice and her **Mom** at this difficult time
- For the **Shrogie Family** following the loss of a loved one

For God's guidance & understanding:

- For family members in need of God's presence and fellowship
- For **Mary Beth Kroh & her family** as she travels to be with her **Mom** as she prepares for God's Kingdom
- For Students, Teachers, and Counselors adapting to life back in their classrooms

In Thanks and Praise to God:

- For good shepherds in our pulpit
- For **Aaron Olsen** for his first college acceptance at Rowan University
- For Participants sharing in the Thanksgiving service
- For **Joe Celkupa** and his smile

For continued prayers for the PNC as they carry on their mission.



| Date | Time | Event |
|-----------------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Thursday, November 25, 2021 | 10:00 AM | Thanksgiving Lay Service |
| Friday, November 26, 2021 | 7:00 PM | Hanging Of The Greens |
| Sunday, November 28, 2021 | 9:00 AM | 1st Sunday of Advent |
| | 4:00 PM | Christmas Vespers |
| Sunday, December 5, 2021 | 9:00 AM | 2nd Sunday of Advent |
| Sunday, December 12, 2021 | 9:00 AM | 3rd Sunday of Advent |
| Sunday, December 19, 2021 | 9:00 AM | 4th Sunday of Advent |
| Friday, December 24, 2021 | 7:00 PM | Christmas Eve Service |
| Sunday, December 26, 2021 | 9:00 AM | Christmas Lay Service |
| Sunday, January 2, 2022 | 9:00 AM | Sunday Service |



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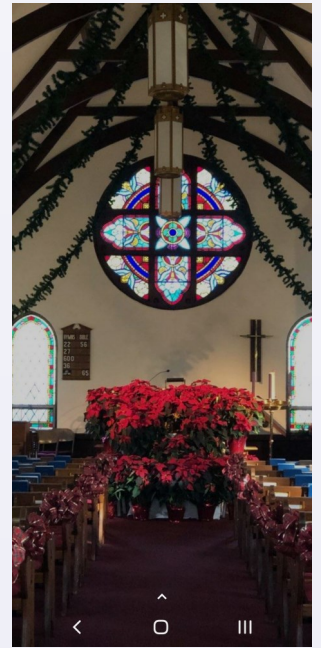
Poinsettias for Christmas

Poinsettias may be ordered at church on Sunday, November 28th. Orders placed at this time will be delivered to the church in time for Christmas Eve Service.

After this date Poinsettias for Christmas will have to be purchased and brought in by you, and they will need to be dropped off at the sanctuary before noon on December 23rd. Days for flower drop-off will be announced later in the bulletin and in this space.

Please contact Barbara about flowers given in memory of or in honor of...

(609) 499-2753 or ppch1@provpresch.org



This year marks the 3rd annual "Coats for kids" collection.

So I am reaching out to those who may have the ability to provide a basic necessity to children in our community that aren't as fortunate as we are.

The Sisterhood ministry is in need of new or gently used winter coats for kids.

All sizes are welcomed, either for a boy or girl, as the demand is great.

They could also use gloves, scarves or hats.

Coats will be collected through the end of January. Drop off can be made either in church or I can pick them up. Just email me at: yorkie0401@gmail.com.

Thank you.
Barbara York



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"Oh no, look who's in ..."



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"It is alleged that you did pose as a clergyman in order to carry out sham marriage ceremonies ..."

Which Christmas carol do dogs like best?



Bark The Herald Angels Sing!