

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(*) Please stand as you are able
(UMH) United Methodist Hymnal
(TFWS) The Faith We Sing
(NSRV) New Revised Standard Version

CHIMES

MORNING GREETING

L: May we ask that the Spirit of Christ be born anew within us, that our hearts be stirred to glorify the nativity with acts of compassion and service.

PRELUDE

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come (P. Manz)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INVITATION TO WORSHIP

L: Listen for God, for God is here.

P: God is with us, Emmanuel.

L: Look for Christ, for Christ is here.

P: God is with us, Emmanuel.

L: Wait for the Spirit, for the Spirit is here.

P: God is with us, Emmanuel.

*OPENING HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - UMH # 211 (1, 2, & 4)

*LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

L: We light this candle to help shine the love of Christ throughout the world.

P: May the love of Christ shine through us as we share this light with the world. Amen.

*GREETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRIST

ANTHEM

The Glory of God (Stone/Sutherland/Smith)

- Fire Within Us

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jesus Loves the Little Children - On Screen

JOYS & CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

L: Let us pray together ...

A: In this season of love, hope and family, grant us joy and peace today. You offered signs to Joseph and Mary - signs that their son would be the Messiah. May Your light shine on us here, that we might understand Your signs in our lives. We come with open hearts and minds to hear of your love now and in time of silent prayer ...

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer - UMH # 895

CENTERING HYMN

All Hail King Jesus - TFWS # 2069 (Sing Twice)

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-25 - NRSV

SERMON

Angel Visits - Rev. Scott Andrews

OFFERING

L: May we be guided by God's signs on this day and as we continue on the journey to Bethlehem.

OFFERTORY

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (Hayes)

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow - UMH # 94

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing - UMH # 240 (1-3)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Four Variations on "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
(Mendelssohn/arr. J. Linker)

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Liturgist: Xenia Andrews

Advent Candle Acolytes: Charlie & Sela Taupaki

Director of Choirs: Anna DeMichele

Organist: James Petri

Pianist: Jamie Dyer

Audio/Visual Tech: Cameron Wilkinson

Student Intern: Sela Taupaki

Preaching: Rev. Scott Andrews

GROW

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.’

All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

‘Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel’, which means, ‘God is with us.’

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

~ Matthew 1:18-25 (NRSV) ~

PRAY

- Rachel Arthur

Bill Boelter

Diane Bruce

Cynthia Ching

Nicole Cummings

Dorothy Dawson

Enzo Fadale

Mary Ellen Flores

Michael Flowers

Eric Gratton

Constance Green

Carlene Hamm

Michael Hamm

Paige Hardin

Hogan Family

Knox Family

Christine McBride

Monell Family

Mary Neher

Charles & May Parks
- Johnathan Phillips

Judy Reeves

Juanita Richards

Laura Richardson

Robecca Sardar

Sam Sardar

Derrick Smith

Charlie & Sela Taupaki

Ruthanne Trujillo

Dorothy Wallace

David Walker

Jessica Weber

Bruce & Gail Wested

Charlotte White
- All Military Members

All Those Facing War

LB First Responders

Cal-Pac Leadership

CHUMC Leadership

STUDY

- Monday - Exodus 20:18-26

Tuesday - Galatians 3:23-4:7

Wednesday - Luke 2:1-20

Thursday - John 3:1-8

Friday - Ephesians 1:3-14

Saturday -Colossians 1:15-23

Sunday - Isaiah 63:7-9, Psalm 148, Hebrews 2:10-18, Matthew 2:13-23



Sunday, December 21, 2025

ANGEL VISITS

Matthew 1:18-25 (NRSV)

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