

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

(\*) Please stand as you are able  
(UMH) United Methodist Hymnal  
(TFWS) The Faith We Sing

### CHIMES

### MORNING GREETING

L: As we enter this new season called Advent, we rejoice in a time of eager expectation.

### PRELUDE

**Savior of the Nations, Come** (C. Callahan)

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*INVITATION TO WORSHIP

L: The Chosen One is coming in a cloud with great power and glory!

**P: Thanks be to God!**

L: The beloved Son is coming to a humble estate with a love that embraces all.

**P: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

#### \*OPENING HYMN

**There's a Song in the Air** - UMH # 249 (v. 1-4)

#### \*GREETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRIST

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**Jesus Loves the Little Children** (On Screen)

### ANTHEM

**A Time for Advent** (Harris) - Fire Within Us

### JOYS & CONCERNS

#### MORNING PRAYER (in Unison)

**Holy Source of life and hope, as we come together today, open our ears to hear, open our eyes to see, and open our hearts to love, that we may come to know your ways and follow your paths. Help us grow in love for one another, and for all creation, as we prepare for the coming of the one who calls us to turn from our false gods to you, Holy One, the true source of our salvation. We pray these things now and in our silent prayer . . .**

#### SILENT PRAYER

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**The Lord's Prayer** - UMH # 895

#### CENTERING HYMN

**There's Something About That Name**

- UMH # 171 (Sing 2x)

#### SCRIPTURE READING

**Luke 1:5-18** (New Revised Standard Version)

#### SERMON

**When You Least Expect It** - Rev. Scott Andrews

#### OFFERING

L: May our gifts today be given with the same excitement of this new season.

### OFFERTORY

**There's a Song in the Air** (C. Callahan)

#### \*DOXOLOGY

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

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### COMMUNION

#### On Screen

#### \*CLOSING HYMN

**Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus** - UMH # 196 (1-2)

#### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

**People, Look East!** (K. Langlois)

## ASSISTING WITH TODAY'S SERVICE

Liturgist: Susie Gregg

Director of Choirs: Anna DeMichele

Organist: James Petri

Pianist: Jamie Dyer

Audio/Visual Tech: Cameron Wilkinson

Preaching: Rev. Scott Andrews

## GROW

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Zechariah said to the angel, "How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years."

~ Luke 1:5-18 (NRSV) ~

## PRAY

Dorothy Anderson  
Judy Andrews  
Dolpin Anger  
Bill Boelter  
Meldene Brown  
Diane Bruce  
Burkholder Family  
Cynthia Ching  
Nicole Cummings  
Mary Dickson  
Anne D'Onofrio  
Bonnie Elstent  
Michael Flowers  
Eric Gratton  
Cynthia Gray  
Jennifer Gray  
Green Family  
Carlene Hamm  
Michael Hamm  
Jordan Huling  
Lois Kahla  
Betty Lanctot

## STUDY

Monday - Luke 1:5-25  
Tuesday - Luke 1:57-80  
Wednesday - Matthew 3:1-12  
Thursday - Isaiah 62:1-12  
Friday - Luke 12:35-48  
Saturday - Isaiah 51:1-8  
Sunday - Luke 1:26-38

Loya Family  
Harry & Jane Markham  
Lisa Martin  
Gabriel Martinez  
Monell Family  
Mary (Wissler) Neher  
Thirza Pearce  
Johnathan Phillips  
Laura Richardson  
Rebecca Sardar  
Deborah Shuttleworth  
Derrick Smith  
Dorothy Wallace  
David Walker  
Weimer Family  
Charlotte White

All Military Members  
All Those Facing War  
LB First Responders  
Cal-Pac Leadership  
Cal Heights Leadership



Advent 1 - Sunday, December 1

## RIGHTEOUS BEFORE GOD

Luke 1:5-18 (NRSV)

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