

Order of Worship
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9:30 am – November 28, 2021

Participating Live?

Text your prayer requests to 805-309-6867 before the end of the first hymn.

PRELUDE *Still, Still, Still* arr. Dennis Alexander
Shirley Otero, piano

WELCOME Pastors

HYMN *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* UMH 196
CCLI / Streaming: 345977 / 20105371 / CCLI Song # 31999

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

ADVENT WREATH (responsive) *Jeremiah 33: 14-16* Terilyn Huang & KuanFen Liu
The Word of God, for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promises I have made.

To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls: In you, O God, we trust,

The One who is coming will show us the path of steadfast love and faithfulness.

Teach us your ways, O God of our salvation.

We light this candle in the sure hope that God's promises endure.

We will live in the light of hope as we await the coming of the Lord.

Let us pray: **Lord Jesus Christ, we await Your coming filled with hope, knowing Your light will shine in the darkness. We anticipate Your peace, believing that one day it will fill our world. We embrace Your love, reaching out to share it with neighbors. We wait with joy, bubbling up in expectation of Your birth. Lord, we wait: come soon and fill us with Your life. Amen.**

(adapted from umcdiscipleship.org)

HYMN *It Came Upon A Midnight Clear* UMH 87
CCLI / Streaming: 345977 / 20105371 / CCLI Song # 31078

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Erin McPhee

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

An Invitation for Advent

by Ruth Elaine Schram

Chancel Choir; Bob Riggs, choir director; Shirley Otero, accompanist

SCRIPTURE

Luke 21: 25-36

Patricia Gooch

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

The Time is Coming

Pastors

OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

Holy God, as we enter the Advent season we are filled with hope and expectation. In a world of fear, isolation, and uncertainty, we raise our heads because we know our redemption is coming near. May our gifts help heal the brokenness of our world and welcome our Messiah into the world once again. In Christ, we pray. Amen. (adapted from *umcdiscipleship.org*)

HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

UMH 206

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I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.
In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.
In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to follow Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.
In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Shirley Otero, organ

arr. Randall Hartsell

Please enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the courtyard after worship!

Prayer Requests:

Palmdale First UMC — Pastor Jim White & Pastor Jon Gentry

Granada Hills: Knollwood UMC — Kalesita Tu'ifua

Family of Dr. Charles Brown, who passed away on 11/21

Kate Stradling (Kimmie's twin sister) — recovering from surgery

“Almost Christmas” Advent Study — Using the themes of peace, hope, love and joy, our 4-week study will help us move from “almost” to “altogether” as we follow Christ wholeheartedly in this Advent season. Classes start this week. Pick up your book from the Church Office (suggested donation: \$12). Small groups are available on **Sundays after worship in the Parlor, Mondays at 6:30 pm on Zoom** (contact Esther at: layleader@venturafumc.org), and **Thursdays at 5:30 pm in the Parlor or on Zoom** (contact the Office).