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GATHERING TOGETHER

Welcome to Worship. We are so glad that you are joining us today. We worship God in ways that are both ancient and modern, steeped in church tradition and open to God’s ongoing call in our lives. We invite you to open your spirit to this time of worship, song, prayer, inspiration and challenge.

In consideration of others, please silence electronic devices.

“+” indicates to stand in body or spirit as you choose.

STATEMENT OF INCLUSION



All people are welcome at First United Methodist Church. We are proudly part of the Reconciling Ministries Network and welcome all persons, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, age, physical or mental capacity, and education, socio-economic or marital status.

TOLLING OF THE CHIMES

As the bell tolls, we invite you to simply pause as we center our hearts, our spirits, and our bodies in God’s presence.

PRELUDE

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

+ GATHERING IN WORSHIP

Federico Carmona and Lori Gangemi

We begin the season of Advent gathering around this wreath of candles, symbolizing the four weeks of Advent, and the hope, peace, love and joy that Christ brings to our weary world.

Today we light the candle of hope. As the flame begins to burn on this first candle of Advent, we are reminded how far we’ve come. From our ancestors of the faith who walked in the wilderness for 40 years, to the year that we have all experienced together. Hope does not come from instant gratification. Instead, it comes from a longing inside of us that knows things can be different.

As we light the candle of hope, we acknowledge a longing inside of all of us. We acknowledge the tension between waiting and hoping. We acknowledge the stubborn hope that holds us in one with each other as we begin our journey through Advent.

Let us pray that in this season of waiting, we may learn to be patient in the things that take time, how to live for Christ day by day, and how to hold in our hearts Christ’s light in the midst of the darkness.

Holy God, we thank you for the gift of hope that we find in Christ Jesus. Remind us of your presence as we center ourselves in your hope and our longing for peace. Amen.

+ OPENING HYMN

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

UMH 196

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME HERE!

Nursery Care

(Infant–4 years old)
Nursery care is available every Sunday from 9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Children’s Sunday School and Music

(PreK–6th Grade)
Children age 3 yrs. through 6th grade are invited to Sunday School after the Children’s Sermon in Worship, followed by Children’s Music for children 4 and up. (3 year olds will go to the nursery following Sunday School.) Child Pick Up (for ages 4+) is in Room 202 at 11:30 a.m.

Questions? Early Pick Up? See the Children’s Ministry Superintendent in the Children’s Ministry Office.

INDIGENOUS LAND

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We, acknowledge that the land upon which we worship was the ancestral homeland of the Tongva People for thousands of years. Approximately two thousand Tongva people still live in the Los Angeles area. We honor their connection to this region and give thanks for the opportunity to live, work, worship and learn on this sacred land.

IN OUR PRAYERS...

As a community of faith, let us hold these persons in our prayers:

Newly added: Anne Burke, Phyllis and Howard Underwood

Prayers of comfort for the family of Joan Bothast as they grieve her loss.

For Healing: Pat Audley, Mark Audley, Christina Bittar, Nancy Brubaker and Eric Brubaker, Patricia Bruce, Kathy Brunkow, April Charczenko, Mary Davis, Pauline Dominguez, Joyce Dorn, Ann and Neal Dougherty, Zina Figilis, Family of Barbara Frank, Kristina Frank, Peggy Gott, Barbara Gorton, Brett Hain, Sofia Hain, Sallie Higginbotham, James Jensen, Stephen Kastner, Harry Kuruma, Family of Carolyn Lussier, Sharon Garrison Morrow, Marilyn Nobori, Carol Nunemaker, Rev. Pyong Oh, Paula Anderson Peacock, Carlos Peraza, Stephanie Peraza, Celina Romero, Shane Ross, Donna Shook, Doug Shook, Lauren Sloboda, Wendy Stiver, Ara Lou Tamkin, Len Tamkin, Deb and Gary Webster, Jan Wentz, Sonya Wittry, Earline Woodard, Brian Worth, the Youngstrom family, Richard Zeiss, Wayne Zhang, Rosy Zide.

Prayer requests may be shared via connect@fumcpasadena.org and we will gladly add them.

LET'S CONNECT!

Connect cards are located in each pew. Please use a Connect Card to provide or update your contact information, for information on church programs, make a prayer request or communicate a message to our pastors. Place completed cards in the offering boxes near the back and parking lot doors to the sanctuary. If you are part of the Connected (Online) Campus, send an email to connect@fumcpasadena.org.

+ WELCOME AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you, **and also with you.**

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

He Came Down

Children are invited to come forward or remain seated.
Sunday School begins after the Time for Young Christians.
As the children gather, we sing together.

He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
Hallelujah forevermore.

GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CENTERING SONG

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, Desire of nations bind
all peoples in one heart and mind.
From dust thou brought us forth to life;
deliver us from earthly strife.

Moment for Silent Meditation

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see
or decide by what his ears hear,
but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb;
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the lion will feed together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the
nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

SERMON

Hope and Longing

Pastor Amy Aitken

OFFERTORY

Keep Your Lamps

Andre Thomas

+PRESENTATION MUSIC

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bless these gifts, O Lord, and help them to bring the transforming
love you have given us into ministries of hope and peace in this our
dark world. Amen.

OFFERING TO GOD OUR HEARTS, OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

An offering is an act of gratitude
and faithfulness in response to
God's love and grace in our
lives. Giving supports all of the
ministries of the church, making
it possible for us to offer
ministries of hope, hospitality,
service and compassion in
Pasadena, and around the
world.

If you'd like to partner with us
and make a financial gift today,
you may use your phone to scan
the QR code below to access
the church's online giving
website. Offering baskets are
available by the exits to receive
checks and currency.



However you choose to share
your gifts, we thank you for being
here and sharing in the ministries
of First United Methodist Church.

ADVENT EVENTS

There are lots of events at FUMC
this Advent season.

To stay up to date, visit
fumcpasadena.org/advent.
Or scan the QR code below:



GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

+CLOSING HYMN

Blest Be the God of Israel

UMH 209

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying Robert Hobby (b.1962)

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers are given this morning to the glory of God by the Bothast family in memory of Joan Bothast.

TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 9:00 a.m.: Spirit Seekers: (Church Lounge)
- 10:00: Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00: Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:15: Confirmation Class (Library)
- 11:15: Youth Sunday School (rm 207)
- 12:00 p.m.: Youth Bell Choir
- 12:45 p.m.: Adult Bell Choir (rm 204)
- 5:30: Movie Night (Church Lounge)

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

For more information, email us at connect@fumcpasadena.org

Advent Workshop: Join us Sunday, Dec. 4, for an afternoon of crafting and fellowship as we prepare our hearts and homes for Christmas! We will have crafts and activities from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Adopt a Child Abuse Caseworker (ACAC) Christmas Stocking

program: Diane Harris will be handing out names of foster kids from DCFS along with beautiful handmade Christmas Stockings to fill. See Diane in Fellowship Hall on **Dec. 4** to pick up the child's name and their stocking! Return stockings by **Dec. 11**.

Alternative Christmas Market: Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Dec. 11. The market offers our members and friends the opportunity to make donations as "Christmas gifts" to benefit one or more charitable causes.

Mindful Yoga: Every Monday through Dec. 19. Suggested donation is \$15 (FUMC and FCC members and friends may attend for \$5. Cash and payments accepted.)

The Annual Celebration of Making Housing and Community is Saturday, Dec. 3rd from 2-4:30pm in the FUMC Fellowship Hall. All are warmly welcomed.

Advent Study- 11/28 and ending 12/19

This year, our Advent study will be based on the book **All The Good, A Wesleyan Way of Christmas**. There are two study groups you can join.

Group 1 meets at 9:00 a.m. with Spirit Seekers on Sundays before worship in the Church Lounge. Group 2 meets on Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on Monday evenings. You can pick up a copy of the book in Fellowship Hall (suggested donation of \$10). Please email connect@fumcpasadena.org for more details.

Rose Parade Seats and Parking - Now Taking Reservations:

We are now taking reservations for seats and parking for the Rose Parade! Our youth group will hold seats for you on the sidewalk or street (even closer than the grandstands!) Please scan the QR code below to make your reservation.



Grief During the Holidays, a FUMC ministry, continues as a place to find comfort, understanding and hope will gather on Wednesdays until **Dec. 14** from 2:00-3:00 p.m. on Zoom. Registration is required. Please email connect@fumcpasadena.org for more information.

FIRST UMC STAFF AND LAY LEADERSHIP

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