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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.

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.

TOLLING OF THE BELLS

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

We Three Kings

Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

+ INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Paraphrase of Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come!
Darkness covers the earth and its people,
but the radiance of God's Light
burns away its shadows,
illuminates the smallest corner,
and heralds in the start
of a new dawn,
where hearts no longer fear,
souls might be set free,
and kings and rulers bow down in awe
before the one who comes to reign in peace.

Then you shall see and be radiant,
Your heart shall thrill and rejoice.
Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come!

+ OPENING HYMN

We Three Kings

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+ 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 life;
He came down that we may have life;
He came down that we may have life
Hallelujah forevermore.

IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

Newly added: Eric Brubaker, Samuel Howell and family, The family and friends of Corina Moray, Sharon Oliver, Ha-yeong Shin

For Healing: Mark Audley, Family of Serafin Alvarez and Sarah Brunkow, Patricia Bruce, Ann Burke, Mary Davis, Hazel Emily Der, Pauline Dominguez, Joyce Dorn, Ann and Neal Dougherty, Peggy Gott, Brett Hain, Sofia Hain, Rob Hayes, Sallie Higginbotham, James Jensen, Lynnel Jensen, Stephen Kastner, Andrea Lussier and family, Sharon Garrison Morrow, Carol Nunemaker, Rev. Pyong Oh, Paula Anderson Peacock, Carlos Peraza, Stephanie Peraza, Celina Romero, Wayne Schenck, Donna Shook, Doug Shook, Jill Shook, Wendy Stiver, Tim Sun, Phyllis and Howard Underwood, Deb and Gary Webster, Jan Wentz, Arya Whall, Sonya Wittry, Richard Zeiss, 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.

GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CENTERING SONG

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray,
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 2: 1-15

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

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

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US

SERMON

Where the Light Goes

Pastor Amy Aitken

OFFERTORY

Angels, Shepherds, Kings and Stars

John Carter

+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

Lord Jesus, you are the Messiah, the savior of the world.
We dedicate these earthly things to your use,
that they, and all the world might shine with your light.
We celebrate and offer ourselves to the gift of life abundant,
in your holy name. Amen.

GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

+CLOSING HYMN

Go Tell It On the Mountain

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+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

Aaron Shows (b. 1989)

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.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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

The United Women in Faith

Morning Circle: On January 9 at 1:00 p.m. the UWF will have their monthly meeting in the Church Lounge. Ashley Slade (our Communications Director) will share her story and some information about her work.

The United Women in Faith Evening

Circle: On January 20 at 7 p.m. the UWF will gather at the home of Diane Harris (please email her for the address) for fun and fellowship. Come meet, chat, and make Valentines with other women who attend or are involved with First UMC. There will be light dinner and snacks. You are encouraged to bring an optional small snack to share.

Bad Weather Supply Donations:

We are pleased to be hosting the Friends in Deed's Bad Weather Supply program again, starting on Thursday, January 5 in Great Hall from 5 p.m - 7 p.m. The program is in need of donations to protect our neighbors from cold, rainy winter days. Items needed include:

- Cold weather and waterproof clothing, coats, hats, socks, and shoes
- PPE: masks and hand sanitizer
- Supplies such as umbrellas, ponchos, blankets, sleeping bags, tarps, hand and foot warmers, bookbags/suitcases

If you are interested in donating, please contact Lindsey at lindseyr@friendsindeedpas.org

Pastor's Bible Study will meet next Wednesday at 12:00 p.m. (1/11). We will discuss Matthew 3:13-17. Please see the News@First email for the Zoom link.

Get Organized: A Free Ending Well

Workshop - Developed here at FUMC, these five hour-long Zoom classes give you the information you need to get your important papers in order.

Learn how to accomplish the many tasks necessary for ending well. Beyond preparing a trust or will, we will cover equally important topics such as ethical wills and legacy letters. Classes begin the week of January 15 in different time slots (more information to come).

Contact endingwellclass@gmail.com or Pastor Connie at ctamkin@fumcpasadena.org for more information.

Mindful Mondays: An all levels easy flow yoga class taught by Darby Orr is taking place on Tuesday at 12:00 p.m. in the Cloister or Fellowship Hall. Suggested donation is \$15 (FUMC and FCC members and friends may attend for \$5. Cash and epayments accepted.)

Movie Night - Sunday, January 22 at 5:45 p.m. in the Church Lounge.

Movie Night resumes with "Belfast," a film about how a child experienced the political violence that took place in Northern Ireland between Catholic and Protestant communities. A light supper will be offered at 5:00 p.m. with conversation to follow the film. The film is rated PG. Reservations for supper will be gratefully received by Priscilla Baca (626-375-3081 or Priscillabaca1@gmail.com.)

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TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 10:00: Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00: Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:15: Confirmation Class (Library)
- 11:15: Youth Sunday School
- 12:00: Youth Bell Choir
- 12:45: Adult Bell Choir

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