



First United Methodist Church, Pasadena

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE

December 24, 2022 - 5 p.m.

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.

PRELUDE

Once in Royal David's City

David Cherwein (b. 1957)

Aaron Shows, Organist

WELCOME

Rev. Jen Chapman

+ GATHERING IN WORSHIP

The holy darkness of this night helps us to see the light shine bright

Our joy increased, our burdens eased,

The promise of oppression ceased, and for a warring world the hope of peace.

For a child has been born for us, a son has been given.

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

bringing the peace of heaven.

As we look upon the Christchild, as we gaze upon the light

May we know we're in God's presence, on this blessed Christmas night.

+ OPENING HYMN

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare Him room,

And Heaven and nature sing,

And Heaven and nature sing,

And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace,

And makes the nations prove

The glories of His righteousness,

And wonders of His love,

And wonders of His love,

And wonders, wonders, of His love.

CAROLS

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria! In excelsis Deo!
Gloria! In excelsis Deo!

CAROLS

We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar.
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect Light.

O Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all you faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels:
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

OFFERING TO GOD OUR HEARTS, OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS



Our offering this evening will be given to support our Social Service Ministry which provides food, clothing and other necessities to our unhoused community in Pasadena. Thank you for your generosity

If you'd like to make an offering this evening, you may use your phone to scan this QR code to access the church's online giving website. Boxes to receive paper checks and currency are located at the rear of the Sanctuary and in the entry from the parking lot.

OFFERTORY

Rachel Youngstrom, harp

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

During the four Sundays of Advent, we lit the candles on this wreath, reminding us of the hope, peace, joy and light that Christ brings to our lives and to our world.

Tonight, we celebrate that Jesus has been born among us, and so tonight we light the Christ Candle.

Tonight, we affirm that Christ's light shines and cannot be overcome.

Tonight, we draw near to the cradle,

Peeking in to see that indeed, this night, and in every day,

God's love is being born into our lives and into our world.

Living Christ, you are the Light of the World.

God of all grace, fill us with your hope as we welcome the Christ's birth among us, and within us. Guide our feet, open our hearts, and lead our lives in the ways of peace. Inspire us with a new and expectant joy as we celebrate the arrival of the Christ Child. Reveal your love to us that we may love you, ourselves and all people more fully. May the light of Christ fill our hearts, now and always. Amen.

CANDLELIGHTING

As the light of Christ is passed from one to another, please keep the lighted candle upright as the unlighted candle is lighted from it.

For children, please turn on their battery operated candles by twisting the base.

CAROL

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;
Radiant beams from thy holy Face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

WE GO INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

Candles are extinguished.

Please blow the candles out gently to help keep the wax from flying.
You may deposit the candles in the baskets as you exit.

CAROL

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies,
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the Heaven-born Prince of Peace; Hail the Sun of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings; Risen with healing in His wings
Christ, the highest heaven adore; Christ, the everlasting Lord
Come, Desire of Nations, come; Fix in us Thy humble home
Come, Desire of Nations, come; Fix in us Thy humble home

POSTLUDE

Ding Dong! Merrily On High

Traditional 16th-Century Carol

Aaron Shows, Organist

CHRISTMAS DAY



Cozy Christmas Day Service at 10

a.m. (Virtual): We invite you to join us for worship from home on our YouTube channel. Get cozy in your pajamas and tune in for worship, special messages from the congregation and friends, and good cheer.

<https://www.youtube.com/@fumcpasadenavideo>

Christmas Morning Gathering at 10 a.m.

(In-person): We will have a gathering for a festive time of worship, fellowship and Christmas morning treats. If you would like to bring your favorite Christmas morning coffee cake, or food items to share, please contact Mikala Rahn. Christmas pajama/sweaters and comfy, casual attire strongly encouraged!

Goodie Bags! : Don't forget to pick up goodie bags to open on Christmas Day for the Christmas Day online service.

Food Pantry Christmas Party: We are hosting a Christmas party for our food pantry clients on Tuesday, Dec. 27 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Please consider participating in this opportunity to bless our neighbors in need by volunteering or donating items. Volunteers are needed anytime between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

JOIN US

Worship is at the heart of our community. We worship in ways that are both ancient and modern, steeped in age old traditions and evolving even as our faith evolves. We worship in person in our beautiful sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings, or via livestream any time.

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.

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.

POINSETTIAS

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