



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

## **BREATHING PRAYER: (Based on Psalm 148)**

*IN FOR A COUNT OF 4: Praise to the Lord...*

## *OUT FOR A COUNT OF 4: **Of All Creation.***

## REFLECT ON QUOTE

*This is Christmas: not the tinsel, not the giving and receiving, not even the carols, but the humble heart that receives anew the wondrous gift, the Christ.*

~ Frank McKibben

## READ SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:41-52

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 29, 2024

## First Sunday After Christmas

## PRELUDE:

## It Came Upon a Midnight Clear Jerry Bursch, Piano

arr. Lynette Maynard

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The great gift is here, waiting to be claimed.

**P: We come with hands open for receiving!**

L: The great gift of God demands our grateful response.

**P: We come with hands open for giving!**

L: Let us receive the gift! Let us share the gift with others!

**P: Let us worship God and be thankful!**

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\*HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High

UMH #238

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CCLI Song # 5262216

1 Angels we have heard on high  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply  
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heavenly song? (Refrain)

3 Come to Bethlehem and see  
Christ whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. (Refrain)

4 See him in a manger laid,  
whom the choirs of angels praise;

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Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
while our hearts in love we raise. (Refrain)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

**God of wisdom and grace, may your Spirit grow within us, that we may grow in wisdom and truth all the days of our lives. Teach us to walk in your ways, that we may walk the path of Christ and lead others into your light. Clothe us with compassion and kindness, with humility and gentleness, that others may see in us the truth of your love. Bind us together in love and unity, that our church may be a haven of blessing and a place of peace.**

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 and ever. Amen.**

\*HYMN: UMH #249  
There's a Song in the Air

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CCLI Song # 272136

1. There's a song in the air!  
There's a star in the sky!  
There's a mother's deep prayer  
and a baby's low cry!  
And the star rains its fire  
while the beautiful sing,

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for the manger of Bethlehem  
cradles a King!

2. There's a tumult of joy  
o'er the wonderful birth,  
for the virgin's sweet boy  
is the Lord of the earth.  
Ay! the star rains its fire  
while the beautiful sing,  
for the manger of Bethlehem  
cradles a King!

3. In the light of that star  
lie the ages impearled;  
and that song from afar  
has swept over the world.  
Every hearth is aflame,  
and the beautiful sing  
in the homes of the nations  
that Jesus is King!

4. We rejoice in the light,  
and we echo the song  
that comes down through the night  
from the heavenly throng.  
Ay! we shout to the lovely  
evangel they bring,  
and we greet in his cradle  
our Savior and King!

SCRIPTURE READING      Luke 2:41-52 (NRSV) Margie Schriener, Liturgist

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the

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temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

MESSAGE                    *Where Is God Calling Us to Be?*            Pastor Lynn

RESPONDING IN FAITH

We live out our membership vows by offering our prayers, our presence, our service, our gifts, and our witness. In this way, we glorify God with our whole lives.

OFFERTORY                    *In Excelsis Deo*            arr. David H. Hegarty  
                                  Jerry Bursch and Rhonda Budlong-Reints, Piano

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\*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (UM Hymnal 94)*

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!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Lord of Light and Love, we offer these gifts with hearts transformed by the miracle of your son's birth. As the shepherds returned with joy and praise, may these offerings spread your joy and love. Use them to bless those in need, to bring hope and peace, and to further your kingdom here on earth. In this season of Advent, may we continue to glorify and**

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**praise you in all we do. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

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\*HYMN:

In the Bleak Midwinter

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1. In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,  
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

2. Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;  
heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign.  
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed  
the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

3. Angels and archangels may have gathered there,  
cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;  
but his mother only, in her maiden bliss,  
worshiped the beloved with a kiss.

4. What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Lynn

HYMN OF PARTING

Shalom to You UMH #666

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Song #1913569

Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.  
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through all your loving  
Christ be your shalom. Christ be your shalom.

POSTLUDE

Vom Himmel Hoch  
Jerry Bursch, Organ

arr. Walter Pelz

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*Mission: In the love of Jesus Christ, **we serve and welcome** the people of Coachella Valley, **nurturing discipleship** through prayer, worship, and outreach.*

*Our vision: To engage in sharing Christ's love to all, through worship, daily prayer, and outreach to those in our church and local community.*

*Three Core Ministry Emphases: Serving, Welcoming, Discipling.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Video of today's worship can be found at [www.indioumc.com/live](http://www.indioumc.com/live)

Contact Church Office: 760-347-1046 or [indioumc@gmail.com](mailto:indioumc@gmail.com)

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Secure online contributions to the church can be made at [www.indioumc.com](http://www.indioumc.com).

Click on the GIVING tab and follow the instructions.

**December 29** - Coffee Fellowship following worship in Fellowship Hall.

**December 30- Jan. 3** - New Day Devotions 8:00 AM.

**January 1 – Happy New Year**

**January 5** - Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM in Solomon's Nest.

**January 5** - Sunday Worship 10:00 AM in Sanctuary.

## Worship Volunteers

We need volunteers to worship **EVERY** Sunday. Look for the sign-up sheet on the clipboard in the Narthex. Please, sign up to help by being a greeter, usher, or liturgist.

Remember to volunteer to go to the Bridge. We go on the last Saturday of the month.

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Order of Worship December 29, 2024

Please join us for New Day Devotions M-F at 8:00 AM on Zoom.

**Meeting ID: 966 9221 2735**

**Passcode: 235938** Or direct link from our website [www.indioumc.com](http://www.indioumc.com) The bulletin is attached, and the new link is below. See you in Church!

All livestream for services are available at [indioumc.com/live](http://indioumc.com/live).

After livestream is complete, services are available at [indioumc.com/media](http://indioumc.com/media).

The only way to connect to Live streaming Church is to use the link or go to the Church website indioumc.com homepage and click on Sunday Worship.

The link for Solomon's nest will not change from Sunday to

Sunday. SOTV SOLOMON'S NEST LINK – ZOOM MEETING

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88043209859?pwd=Au5wa0xTeGJkRzkyU0ZublIFeXRIUT09>

**Meeting ID: 880 4320 9859**

**Passcode: 259277**

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**WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING LIST FOR December 30, 2024**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
<b>Zechariah 13, 14 &amp; Revelation 21</b>	<b>Genesis 3-5 &amp; Matthew 2</b>	<b>Genesis 12-14 &amp; Matthew 5:1-26</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Malachi 1-4 &amp; Revelation 22</b>	<b>Genesis 6-8 &amp; Matthew 3</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	
<b>Genesis 1, 2 &amp; Matthew 1</b>	<b>Genesis 9-11 &amp; Matthew 4</b>	

**THE WEEKLY PRAYER LIST IS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES**

**SOTV Prayer List (Week 12-30-24) New prayer requests are in bold print**

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1. For Caregivers: Melissa P., Cindy M., Bill G., Carlos, Sharon E., Janet R., Gary N., Carol E., Bob K., Kim B., Bobby B., Malin W., Isabella's Mom, Jim, Pat B., Terry C., **Brian B.**,
2. For those living in Communal environments: Jack B., Steve M., Chrystal M., Kristi R., Bonnie T., Joan O., Mary M., Shirley F., John W., Janet S., Georgette F., Pam H., Mary D., Jeanne H., Carol T., Felix C., Nancy S., Norm E.,
3. For those in need of healing: Tom G., Carolyn G., Marlene H., Paislee & Family, Matthew B., Betty W., Gay, Linda F., Riley Family., Sharron K., Barbara F., Reed W., Karina S., Patti J., Kim H. B., Brian B., Michelle N., Sue M., Bob K., Felix C., Margie S., Sherry A., Sherry P., Veronica R., Sue N., Cherie P., Joseph P., Anne M., Connie B., Linda W., Barbara G., Beverly S., Mary M., Marcia W., Angel W., Denise M., Sandy W., Alex O., Jann Y., Bonnie L., Penny G., Wayne A., Susan S., Norma P., Sally N., Liz C., Nancy P., Kristin P., Jesse, Penne M., Donna P., Margaret H., Rhonda Z., Carla B., Clella V., Bonnie T., Connie J., Truett B., Mike B., Bob P., Lisa S., Kathryn G., Darcy W., Bob W., Sue H., Sharon E., Annie S., Norma J., Megan P., Carol T., Silvia Q., Cassie C., Andrea M., Nikki M., Jason B., Tommy S., Johnny S., Carol Q., Sandi H., Lupe A., Lori W., Daniel J., Bev K., Marc P., Julie S., Peter C., Judy S., Billy N., Meghan B., Jerry V., Tina, Bill G., Victoria M., Terry G., Rebecca B., Michelle C., Susie, Kim B., Don P., Whitney M., Ken C., Tom, Mike S., Nancy F., Nancy, Cheryl T., Nathan S., Kerrie D., Don H., Carlos G., Larry K., Luisa S., Lisa O., Tim P., Charlotte B., Tom C., Julie E., Paula O., Kylie S., Dick S., Allen S., Jessie L., Sherry C., Gayle P., Julie K., Lin M., Milton T., Adriana B., Bill W., Renee B., Beverly M., Jerry B., Nancy W., Darren B., Jacob M., **Jan H., Steve R.**,
4. Those facing surgery: Patti S., Bob W., Janet G., Julie S.,
5. For persons awaiting test results: Bill S., Rick C., Lee B.,

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6. For those nearing the end of their earthly journey: Jimmy C., Jon C., Maria N., Phyllis F., Marie R., Karen M., Virginia J., Kathryn W., Doris E.,
7. For family and friends who are grieving the loss of a loved one: Mike E., Paul L., Robert G., Nancy C., Marie B., Bob H., Mike T., Nualla C., **Roxy W., Timeylee C.,**
8. For those dealing and experiencing anxiety and stress: Meghan B., Alyssa P., Blaithin (pronounced Blaheen) S., Schriener Family., Nancy B., Citlali C., Abby K., Sharon K., Kathy S., Cindy M., Cathy W., Donna and Bobby P., Angela, Sharon D., Luisa S. and family, Caitlyn K., Kelsey S., Annette, Sandra K., Novia M., Buck H., Rose and Ken H., Dianna G., Sigl Family, Phillip, Gabriel, Kathy H., Kistler Family, Pam J., Rodney H., Bryona W.,
9. For medical staff (Especially those who are tired, depressed, or experiencing PTSD), Nurses and Doctors working without assistance and for protection for our first and frontline responders
10. For those fighting addictions and mental disorders and those who treat them: Michael S., Citlali C., Danlin M., Lauren, Isabella R., Gianna C., Abby K.,
11. For those who give the gift of life: Mary T., Alexis G., Taylor H., Talia S., Maddy P.,
12. For those who have to make difficult decisions: Jeff R.,
13. For those in times of transition: Kistler Family
14. For those who must travel: Valerie L., Judy M., **Tim S., Kistler Family., McPhee Family**

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15. For our churches, members, Pastors, and their families, especially those in transition: All United Methodist Conferences and All churches in the Cal-Pac Annual Conference.
16. For All Missionaries Working around the world.
17. For those in need of God's discernment: SOTV Leadership Council,
18. Thanksgiving for Diane Vines' Street medical ministry, and her nursing students
19. For those involved with The Bridge Ministry and for people in vulnerable situations (especially those with food, housing and weather-related challenges)
20. For people looking for a new job and those who are uncertain about their financial future: Lauren, Joe C., Darren B., Tiffany M.,
21. For those whose lives have been challenged by extreme weather conditions, earthquakes and Global Warming.
22. For racial justice and harmony
23. For those who courageously speak against injustice.
24. For peace and harmony in our country, and the world and protection for our nation.
25. For leaders (especially those making hard decisions), our elected leaders, and Supreme Court Justices, and World Leaders
26. Service personnel away from home, and those in harm's way and all our Veterans especially Isabella R., Sofia R., Kyle R., Luke T.,
27. For victims of gun violence and other violence, especially those affected by mass shootings.
28. For immigrants and refugees
29. For missing and exploited people.
30. For the Middle East and its people
31. We give thanks for old friends and new.
32. For our children and youth, their teachers, and all who care for them
33. For all creatures great and small, Dahlia M., Roxy P., Gibson S.,
34. For unspoken prayer requests
35. Thanksgiving for how God intervenes in our lives.

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