



## **Piedmont COMMUNITY CHURCH**



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# Order of Worship

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December 31, 2017

9 & 10:30 o'clock

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## *First Sunday after Christmas*

### **Prelude**

*Improvisation*

### **For Your Reflection: Thoughts for a New Year:**

Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end. — Seneca

Ring out the false, ring in the true. — Alfred Lord Tennyson, 19<sup>th</sup> c.

Resolution One: I will live for God.

Resolution Two: If no one else does, I still will.

— Jonathan Edwards, 18<sup>th</sup> c.

Although we sing, "All glory to God on High and on the earth be peace," there seems to be today neither glory to God nor peace on earth. As long as it remains a hunger still unsatisfied, as long as Christ is not yet born, we have to look forward to him. When real peace is established, we will not need demonstrations, but it will be echoed in our life, not only in individual life, but in corporate life. Then we shall say Christ is born.... Then we will not think of a particular day in the year as that of the birth of the Christ, but as an ever-recurring event which can be enacted in every life.

— Mahatma Gandhi, from a talk given on Christmas Day, 1931

A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances.

— Ezekiel 36:26-27 (NRSV)

### **\*Church Bell**

(\*The congregation is invited to stand)

### **\*Call to Worship**

**Liturgist:** Praise the Lord! Let all that is in us praise the Lord!

**People:** Praise the Lord, all that is in the heavens and above the heavens.

**Liturgist:** Praise the Lord, all creatures and plants in the earth and on the earth and under the earth.

**People:** Praise the Lord, all rulers and all peoples, old and young, men and women.

**Liturgist:** The name of the Lord is exalted in earth and in heaven.

**People:** Praise the name of the Lord! All who are faithful to our Lord, praise His name.

**\*Hymn 43** (10:30am)

Praise to the Lord

*Lobe den Herren*

## **Prayer of Praise and Invocation**

### **Silent Prayer**

### **Prayer of Preparation and Confession**

*Merciful God and Father in heaven, You are faithful and just; You are willing to forgive our sins and to purify us from all unrighteousness. Before You and our sisters and brothers, we confess that we have spoken many empty words and have at times broken even our most sacred vows. Our sins are an affront to You; they are a disgrace before the watching world, and they have caused us unspeakable pain. Through our Lord Jesus may we begin this new year with the joy of knowing we belong to You, with the freedom of the new covenant with You through Christ, and with the healing which your grace alone can bring. In the name of our blessed Savior we pray.*

### **Choral Response and Words of Assurance**

### **Words of Christian Greeting**

### **Pastoral Prayer and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.*

### **Anthem**

*'Tis winter now*

R. Vaughan Williams

Christa Pfeiffer, soprano

(1872-1958)

*'Tis winter now; the fallen snow has left the heavens all coldly clear; through leafless boughs the sharp winds blow, and all the earth lies dead and drear.*

*And yet God's love is not withdrawn; his life within the keen air breathes; his beauty paints the crimson dawn, and clothes the boughs with glittering wreaths.*

*And though abroad the sharp winds blow, and skies are chill, and frosts are keen, home closer draws here circle now, and warmer glows her light within.*

*O God! who givest the winter's cold, as well as summer's joyous rays, us warmly in thy love enfold, and keep us through life's wintry days.*

*—Samuel Longfellow*

### **Scripture Lesson**

Galatians 4:4-7

(Pew Bible p. 825)

*But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.*

### **Response**

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

**Sermon**

**"NEW YEAR, NEW YOU"**

The Rev. Dottie Hutch

**Offertory (9am)**

(see Anthem)

**Offertory (10:30am)** *Tomorrow shall be my dancing day*

Trad. English

Christa Pfeiffer

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day: I would my true love did so chance to see the legend of my play, to call my true love to my dance: *Sing O my love; this have I done for my true love.*

Then was I born of a Virgin pure, of her I took fleshly substance; thus was I knit to man's nature, to call my true love to my dance: *Sing O my love...*

In a manger laid and wrapped I was, so very poor, this was my chance, betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass, to call my true love to my dance: *Sing O my love...*

Then afterwards baptized I was; the Holy Ghost on me did glance, my Father's voice heard from above, to call my true love to my dance: *Sing O my love... –18th century English*

**\*Doxology (10:30am)**

(Hymnal, p. 572)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We give you thanks, Holy God, for all you have given to us this year. We thank you that we have been called to care for others, and that we are blessed with the means to ease the suffering of your people. Bless the offerings we bring to You today; may they be used to fulfill the mission of your church, in Piedmont and around the world. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**\*Hymn 106 (10:30am)** Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

*Mendelssohn*

**\*Commissioning and Benediction**

**Organ Voluntary**

*Improvisation*

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We are delighted and grateful that you have come to worship here this morning. We especially welcome those of you who are visitors. If you would like more information about PCC, please visit the Welcome Table after the service and speak with a member of the Welcoming Team. Welcomers can be identified by their special name tags.

Our Welcoming Team includes **Margaret Lum.**

Please join us after the service for coffee.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and we are grateful for all His Blessings, from Gino and Alice Roth.

Please silence your cell phones.

This morning's greeters include **Lisa Lindsley**. The ushers are **Ann Lin & Manuel Martinez** and **Lonnie & Paul Simonson**. The Board of Deacons greeter is **Jay Foreman**. He will be available during the coffee hour to answer questions you may have about the church.

The Clara Barton Room (outside sanctuary to the right) has closed circuit viewing of the service for parents with infants and young children.

Please ask an usher for assistance if needed.

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## *Announcements*

• **Children's Sunday School** During the 10:30 am worship service on Sundays, we will travel through the Bible in one year. Each week, children hear Bible stories, sing, play games and make crafts relating to the lesson. We welcome children from preschool (3.5 years old) through 6th grade. Our nursery is available for younger children. Visit [PiedmontChurch.org](http://PiedmontChurch.org) or contact Leslie Quantz, Director of Children's Ministry, at [leslie@piedmontchurch.org](mailto:leslie@piedmontchurch.org) or (510) 547-5700 ext. 109 for more information.

• **Alternative Gift Market Success** We celebrate more than \$42,000 in financial gifts, helping to alleviate the daily struggles of those in our community and abroad. Thank you! The Alternative Gift Market is still available to anyone wishing to participate. Pick up a catalog after worship today, or visit [PiedmontChurch.org](http://PiedmontChurch.org) to purchase.

• **New 'Messenger' Debuts** *The Messenger*, our church newsletter, is entering the New Year with many changes including colorful features, storytelling images and important information to keep you connected to your faith community. Even better, the cost of the now-monthly publication is less than before. To receive the new *Messenger* in print by mail, electronically by email, or both, write to [Michael@PiedmontChurch.org](mailto:Michael@PiedmontChurch.org). *The Messenger* - Good News!

• **Follow Us on Facebook** Consider following us on Facebook where stories highlighting the life of our church are told. Visit, watch and share at [facebook.com/PiedmontCommunityChurch](https://facebook.com/PiedmontCommunityChurch)

• **Adopt-a-Family Thanks You** Each year, the Deacons work with CityTeam, a nondenominational Christian nonprofit, to identify local families in need at Christmastime. This year, we adopted 12 local families totaling 60 family members. While everyone connected to this program knows what a rewarding experience this is, we wish to thank all who participated.

• **Your Pledge Matters** We are a grateful church, thankful for the pledges we receive in support of our ministries. If you have not yet pledged, please use the card in the pew in front of you or visit [piedmontchurch.org](http://piedmontchurch.org).

## *Weekly Calendar*

### **Sunday, December 31**

9:00 am           Worship service, Sanctuary  
10:30 am           Worship service, Sanctuary  
10:30 am           Nursery care, Christian Education Building  
7:00 pm           Rock will not meet

### **Monday, January 1 New Year's Day**

**Office closed**

10:00 am           Piedmont Gardens Bible Study will not meet  
4:30 pm           Spiritual Formation Group will not meet

### **Tuesday, January 2**

11:00 am           Staff Meeting, Staff Workroom  
6:30 pm           Handbells will not meet  
7:00 pm           Board of Deacons, Guild Parlor  
7:00 pm           Small Group Bible Study

### **Wednesday, January 3**

2:30 pm           LiveWire will not meet  
7:30 pm           Chancel Choir, Lindamood Choir Room

### **Thursday, January 4**

9:45 am           Women's Bible Study, Guild Parlor  
7:00 pm           Walking Together will not meet

### **Friday, January 5**

### **Saturday, January 6**

7:30 am           Men's Bible Study, Founders' Room  
11:00 am           CityTeam volunteers, 722 Washington Street, Oakland  
5:00 pm           CityTeam volunteers, 722 Washington Street, Oakland

### **Sunday, January 7**

9:00 am           Worship service, Sanctuary  
10:30 am           Sunday School preK - 12, Christian Education Building  
10:30 am           Worship service, Sanctuary  
10:30 am           Nursery care, Christian Education Building  
7:00 pm           Rock will not meet

### **Upcoming Events:**

January 6 - CityTeam Volunteers

January 12 - KIDZ Club

January 27 - Berkeley Men's Shelter volunteers

January 27 - Imani Crab Feed

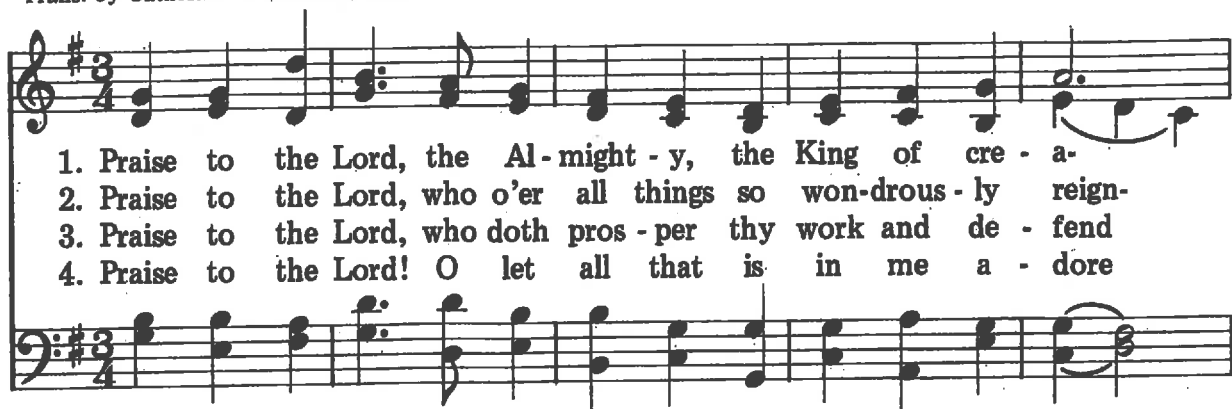
February 3 - CityTeam Volunteers

# 43 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

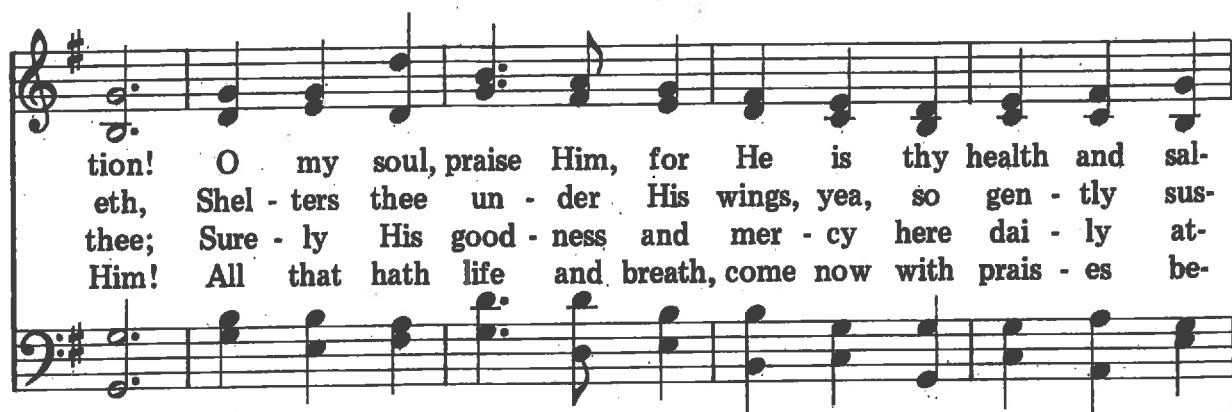
*For then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty. Job 22:26*

Joachim Neander, 1680  
Trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863

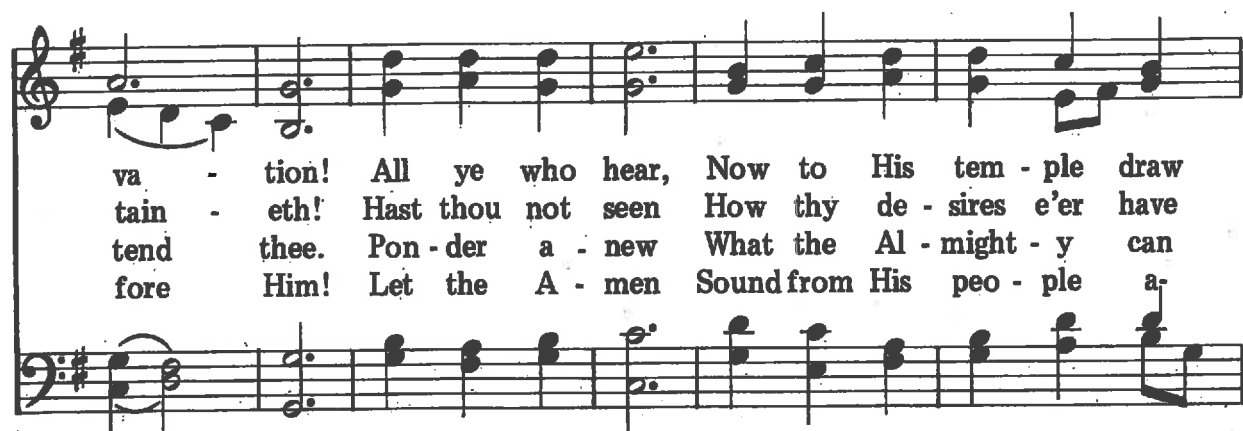
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Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665



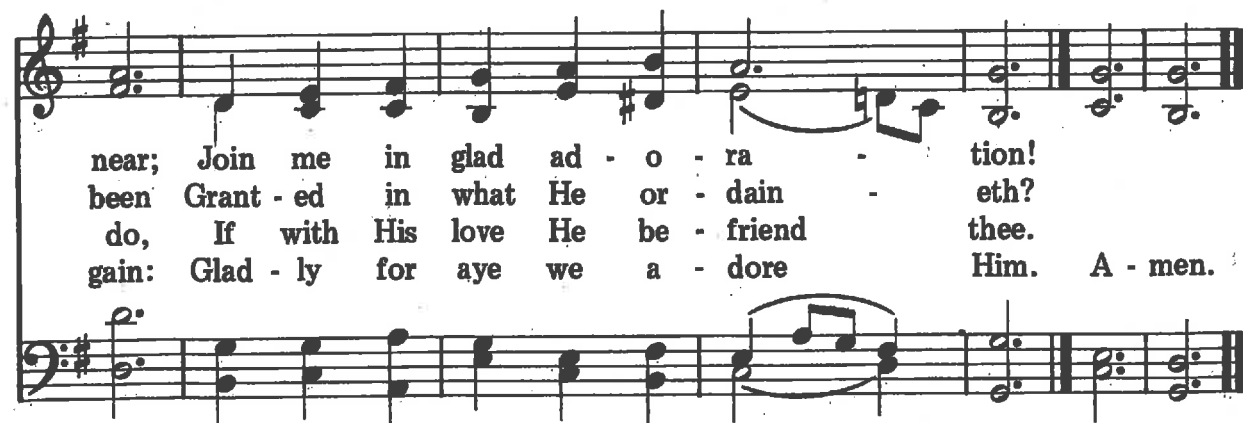
1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-  
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign-  
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de-fend  
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore



tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal-  
eth, Shel-ters thee un-der His wings, yea, so gen-tly sus-  
thee; Sure-ly His good-ness and mer-cy here dai-ly at-  
Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais-es be-



va-tion! All ye who hear, Now to His tem-ple draw  
tain-eth! Hast thou not seen How thy de-sires e'er have  
tend thee. Pon-der a-new What the Al-might-y can  
fore Him! Let the A-men Sound from His peo-ple a-



near; Join me in glad ad-o-ra-tion!  
been Grant-ed in what He or-dain-eth?  
do, If with His love He be-friend thee.  
gain: Glad-ly for aye we a-dore Him. A-men.

# 106 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

*And suddenly there was . . . a multitude of the heavenly host praising God . . . Luke 2:13*

MENDELSSOHN 7 7 7 7 D. Ref.

Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

Arr. by William H. Cummings, 1856

Charles Wesley, 1739

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King:  
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!  
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right-eous-ness!

Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off-spring of the Vir - gin's womb:  
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,  
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,

With th'an - gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King." A-men.