

Order of Worship

December 24, 2017

Christmas Eve

5 o'clock

Lessons and Carols

Prelude

*Church Bell

(*The congregation is invited to stand)

*Call to Worship

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light! Those who lived in a land of deep darkness—upon them has light shined!

People: **For unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given.
The Prince of Peace! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Carol

O come, all ye faithful

Adeste Fideles

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!

O come ye, oh, 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.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God in the highest:

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,

Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

the Mills family

Pastoral Prayer

Christmas Greeting

First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Scott McKenzie

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

***Carol**

It came upon the midnight clear

Carol

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains,
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song
which now the angels sing.

Second Lesson

Luke 1:26-33, 38

Quincy Munyan

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Children's Sermon

Rev. Scott Kail

Anthem

What child is this
Solo ensemble

arr. Stephen Main

Third Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

Angela Napper

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

***Carol**

O little town of Bethlehem

St. Louis

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.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth!

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.

Fourth Lesson

Luke 2:8-16

Kate Albrecht

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

Meditation

The Rev. Dr. William H. McNabb

Offertory

Away in a manger
Solo ensemble

arr. Stephen Main

Fifth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-2, 7-11

Alex Albrecht

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise

the world, and thought the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. he came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

***Carol**

Silent night

Stille Nacht

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! Shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heav'nly hosts sing "Alleluia";
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

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.

***Commission and Benediction**

***Carol**

Joy to the world!

Antioch

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.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

Voluntary

We are delighted and grateful that you have come to worship here this evening. 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.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord, from Judy, Scott, Jay, and Matt Foreman.

This evening's greeters are **John, Leslie, Allison, & Melissa Quantz**. The ushers are **Rob, Mary Jo, Laura, & Kelly Cook, Ngo Etame, and Shelagh Udovch**. The Board of Deacons greeter is **Lynn Nelson**.

Announcements

- **Nursery Coordinator Needed** Sundays from 10 am to noon. There will be a few evening and weekend events (TBD). Applicants must be over 18 years of age. This is a paid position. For job description, or to apply, contact Director of Children's Ministries, Piedmont Community Church, 400 Highland Avenue, Piedmont, CA 94611 or leslie@piedmontchurch.org.
- **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 or contact Leslie Quantz, Director of Children's Ministry, at leslie@piedmontchurch.org or (510) 547-5700 ext. 109 for more information.
- **Alternative Gift Market Success** We celebrate more than \$40,000 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 to purchase.
- **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.
- **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.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 24

- 9:00 am Worship service, Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Worship service, Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Nursery care, Christian Education Building
- 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm Rock will not meet
- 9:00 pm Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00 pm Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day

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

Tuesday, December 26

Office closed

- 6:30 pm Handbells will not meet
- 7:00 pm Small Group Bible Study

Wednesday, December 27

- 2:30 pm LiveWire will not meet
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir will not meet

Thursday, December 28

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

Friday, December 29

Saturday, December 30

- 7:30 am Men's Bible Study, Founders' Room

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

Upcoming Events:

January 27 - Imani Crab Feed

Poinsettia Memorials

Lawrence and Lorena Anderson, William B. Ashton, Ruth and William J. Ashton, Helen and Donald Ball, John B. Bates, Sr. Rachel Baysinger, Robert and Helen Behrens, Diane Benson, Jean Bonner, Dick Brewer, Ben Brousseau, Catherine and Don Campbell, Peter Carter, Hank Cebers, Marshall and Helen Chandler, Marily Charles, Won-Yang Kim Chung, George and Esther Coffin, Becky and Ron Coffin, Barbara Colton, Don Cook, Robert, Howard, and Mary Craig, Dick DeAtley, Laura Duncan, Arthur Edmonds, Sr., Nell and Joe Elder, Art and Peggy Eliel, Walter Farrell, Mickey Farrell, Patricia Farrell, Harold, Barbara, Bernadette, and Daniel Gisvold, John P. Gorman, Mary and Paul Gray, Sr., Elaine Rutley Hammill, Robert, Evelyn, and Elaine Hastings, Arthur and Edith Hicks, Allen Hirsch, Royal Barney Hogan, Afton Leona Evans Hogan, Richard E. Hogan, Bett and William Hunter, Nancy W. and Sidney L. Jackson, Gerald O. Johnson, Sharon (Farrell) Jurgensen, Shirley Kampp, William Kendrick, Dick and Marion Leahy, Dick Leahy, John Leahy, Sean Leahy, Frances Leicher, Richard Leicher, Sam Lindamood, Samuel Lum, Wallace Macgregor, Mabel Macgregor, Meg Macgregor, Jeanne and David MacMorris, David W. MacMorris, Kevin Martin, Carl and Nora Meadows, Richard Murphy, Lanny Myers, Margaret B. Mylrea, George Nancarrow, Jean Nancarrow, John Newton, Ruth, Bill, George, and Mark Nicholson, Polly and Jim Obendorf, Joe O'Donnell, Jessi Pastron, Robert Peterson family, Joanne Peterson, Japeth Pieper, Helen Quantz, Bryan and Frances Rhodes, Bob Rhodes, Ida and Josef Rimann, Lela Rogers, Kathryne E. Rosenberg, Nellie and Byron Ruddell, James, Catherine, and Michael Ruffolo, Sr., Pattie Russell, Gary and Donna Sherrard, Lenel and Thelma Shuck, Allan H. Smith, Bob and Ruth Smith, Daniel Smith, Ernest L. Spencer, Ellen Thoreid, Nancy Tollas, Sara Jane Van Gundy, Cheryl Vaughn, O.W. Willard, Ruth Willard, the Jean C. Witter Family

and in Honor of...

in honor of Deutsche children and grandchildren, Food Angels, Wayne Guidici, Julie Hofer, Richard Klemmer, Jean Leahy, Loaves and Fishes, Gwendolyn Osborn, David Schmidt, Marion Schmidt, Judy and Bob Wright