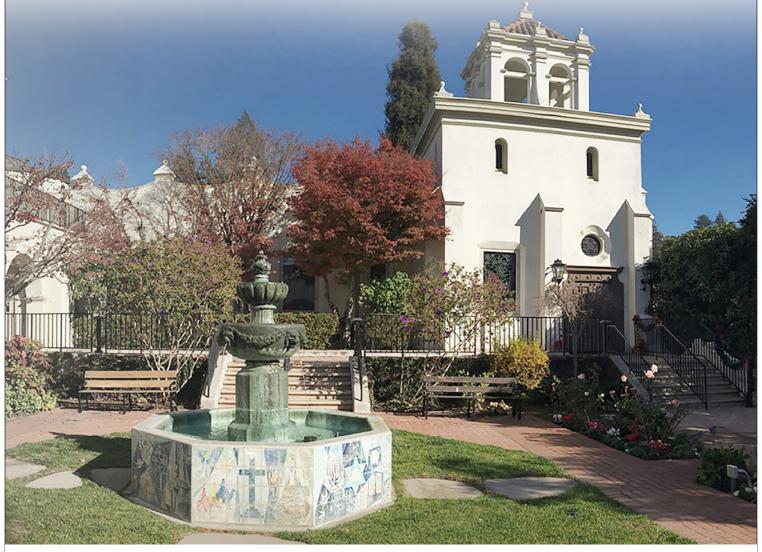
# SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

Steve Schibsted preaches. Music by Becca Burrington, Stephen Moore, our Chancel Choir and Stephen Main.

# CHURCH Norships



**WELCOME** 

No matter your age, race, economic status, religious background, gender or sexual orientation, you are welcome here.

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# When morning gilds the skies



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

### **Welcome and Announcements**

Dr. Steve Schibsted

# **Prelude**

\*Church Bell (\*The congregation is invited to stand)

# \*Call to Worship

Liturgist: Today is a new day to treasure, **People:** Another chance to be healed.

Though we have known problems,

Codwill account through

People: God will see us through. Though we have been down,

**People:** God will lift us up.

Liturgist: Though we have been surrounded by doubts,

People: God will restore our faith.

Liturgist: This is a new day

People: To love one another,
Liturgist: To be made whole,
People: To sing praise to God.

All: Let us worship the Lord our God!

\*Hymn When morning gilds the skies Laudes Domini

# \*Prayer of Confession

Cathy Davis

Redeeming God, we enter into the light of your Presence. And, we long to see ourselves with your gentle eyes. So, forgive us for any unfaithfulness to your calling, for living out of selfishness or a tight-fisted generosity. Forgive us for being poor stewards of your gifts of time and talents. Forgive us for any hardness of heart and let us find our true treasure in your goodness and mercy. In the name of Jesus, our companion on the journey we pray. Amen.

# **Choral Response and Words of Assurance**

# **Words of Christian Greeting**

# Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Dr. Don Ashburn

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

# My treasure thou art Becca Burrington, soprano Stephen Moore, viola

arr. Tom Trenney (20th century)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

-8th century Irish, transl. Mary Byrne, 1905, alt.

# **Scripture Reading**

# Matthew 6:19-24

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

Sermon

# "A NEW WAY OF LIVING"

Rev. Dr. Steve Schibsted Treasures in Heaven

**Offertory** 

The pure in heart Chancel Choir Stephen Main, piano

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Patrick Hawes (born 1958)

-Matthew 5:8

\*Doxology

(Hymnal, p. 572)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

# **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Cathy Davis

Creator God, you are the source and the giver of all good gifts. We thank you for the abundant blessings of your love, your forgiveness and your grace. Please accept these gifts of time, talent, and treasure as our cheerful response to your overflowing goodness in our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

\*Commission and Benediction

Dr. Schibsted

**Voluntary** Improvisation

Fellowship and light refreshments available in the Courtyard.

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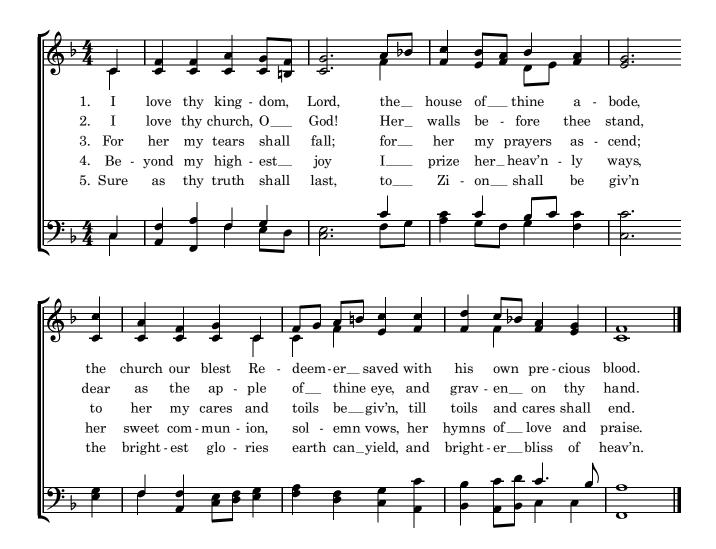
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# I love thy kingdom, Lord

St. Thomas



# Confirmation Begins Jan 12



We invite 7th graders and above to join our 9-week Confirmation Class, which starts on January 12 and concludes with a special overnight retreat on March 28, 29.

### Class Details:

- When: Sundays, from 12-1pm (starting January 12)
- · Where: Youth Room, C.E. Building
- Duration: 9 weeks, plus an overnight retreat

### What to Expect:

In this class, students will:

- Explore the core beliefs of the Christian faith
- · Wrestle with deep questions about life and spirituality
- Craft their personal Statement of Faith as they grow in understanding

**SCAN TO REGISTER** 



# Life Groups Adds Virtual Option

Life Groups return on Thursday, January 16. And now, there are 2 ways to participate — in person and online.

Groups meeting in person get together starting at 6:15pm in Guild Hall for a shared meal, then meet in separate rooms in the church. There will be two online groups meeting at different times during the day. Once we know who can



SCAN TO REGISTER FOR IN PERSON



SCAN TO REGISTER FOR VIRTUAL



# Ride Coordinator Needed

In seeking to meet the needs of people in our community who cannot - or no longer can - drive to church on Sunday mornings, we are seeking a volunteer Ride Coordinator. The responsibilities consist of finding out who may need a ride to church, what their physical capacity may be and arranging for people to drive them to church.

This task would be done in coordination with the pastoral staff and the Board of Deacons. We'll start by offering a limited number of rides and then decide if we need to build our capacity. Contact Don Ashburn at <a href="Don@PiedmontChurch.org">Don@PiedmontChurch.org</a>

# Refugee Family To Arrive Soon

For those who wish to be involved in Piedmont Community Church's Refugee Task Force (RTF), here's what's important to know:

### Our family arrives soon

We have been in discussion with the International Rescue Committee (IRC) and we will be receiving a family sometime in the first half of



January, 2025. They must be assigned prior to the January 20 Presidential Inauguration Day. We do not know anything more specific about their arrival date or country of origin.

Contact Scott Willis at <u>scottwillis724@gmail.com</u>. Please pray for our family to have a safe trip.

# Adult Mexico Mission Trip

While the High School student Mexico Mission trip is on pause, the Mission Board is organizing an Adults only Mexico Mission house building trip with Amor Ministries.



We will be building one

home in the Tijuana area for a local family over three days (no concrete mixing required) and staying in the Amor campsite. The trip will be led by experienced builders and will be open to a total of 15 Piedmont Church members. No special gear or construction experience needed, just be ablebodied and ready to work.

The trip takes place March 27-30 and will cost between \$1,200-1,500 per person, depending on cost of flights and hotel. The fee covers the cost to Amor, transportation, hotel in SanDiego the first night, van rental for equipment and food.

# Online Bible Study

On Mondays at 10am, Don Ashburn leads an online study. Starting in January, the focus will be on the Book of Revelation. To participate fully, no previous experience in Bible study is expected or required. Just come with an open heart and mind and see where the Spirit leads you. The Zoom link is:



https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83211177073

# Enneagram and Spirituality Class

Starting Sunday, January 26, Dr. Kate Rankin returns to Piedmont Church to teach a 4-week class on how understanding your Enneagram type can be a wonderful tool to support richer spiritual development.



The class will examine how each personality type can benefit from an individualized program of spiritual practices to live as God desires each of us to live.

Class is held from 11:15am - 12:15pm in the Kettlewell Room. No sign up required. Contact Don Ashburn at Don@PiedmontChurch.org



# Women Together Spiritual Dance

On January 25, 2pm, Kimery Long will lead the group in a one hour introduction to liturgical/spiritual dancing in Guild Hall. The session will involve a warm up, meeting each other and learning to use movement to express spiritual themes like joy, love, praise, peace, worship, struggle and strength.



Contact Kimery at kimarj@gmail.com

# Couples Workshop



Thriving, Loving Relationships: The Art of Fulfilling Communication and Deep Connection: On Friday, February 7, 6:30-8:30pm and Saturday, February 8, 9am - 12pm, Piedmont Church will host a workshop for married couples and those in long-term relationships. The workshop will be led by Laura Taggert, an experienced couples therapist, author and presenter. It will provide practical tools and exercises to strengthen communication and understanding, as well as guidance on how attachment, or love style, can impact your relationship.

The cost per person is \$60, with a limit of 25 couples. Refreshments will be served, and childcare is available if a request is made by February 1. Contact Don Ashburn at <a href="mailto:Don@PiedmontChurch.org">Don@PiedmontChurch.org</a>

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# COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

Help overcome food insecurity. Nearly 12% of Bay Area residents are food insecure. Members and friends of Piedmont Church will gather at Alameda County Food Bank on Wednesday, January 22 at 8:30am to bag food for distribution to the food bank's recipients.

Contact Janet Peterson at <a href="mailto:janetp201@gmail.com">janetp201@gmail.com</a>. She will send you a link to sign-up on the ACCFB website. You can also sign-up Sunday after worship. Carpooling can also be arranged. Deadline for sign ups is Wednesday, January 15.

# Christmas Offering Brings \$23,000

The recipient of this year's Christmas offering was CityTeam - in support of their 19 mobile food pantries with a goal of serving more families in need in Alameda County. Piedmont Church donated \$23,353 to CityTeam, with \$21k of that total doubled thanks to a grant that was available through December 31.



Our next FREE adults Game & Gab Night will be held on Saturday, February 1 from 6:30-9pm in Guild Hall. Snacks, dessert and drinks will be served. Enjoy chat tables for those who don't like to play games, Poker, Mexican Train, Rummikub, Scrabble and more. Bring your favorite game or puzzle if you'd like.

Click the registration link or sign up in the Courtyard after worship by January 26. Contact Kathy Hurd at (916) 343-1519

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