

LAFAYETTE-ORINDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

10:00 a.m.

Merry Christmas



DECEMBER 25, 2016

Prelude

We Gather

In dulci jubilo
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Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella
Improvisation on "The First Nowell"
Stewart Scharch, organ

arr. Vincent Lübeck (1654–1740)
arr. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)
arr. Christopher M. Uehlein (b. 1931)
Claude Peter Primrose Burton (1916–1957)

Welcome
Call to Worship

Peter Whitelock & Allison Kunz
Allison Kunz

We Praise

Christmas Carols

Joy to the World

tune: Antioch

O Come, All Ye Faithful

tune: Adeste Fideles

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

tune: Mendelssohn

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Gerald Chinen

Response

How Beautiful Are The Feet
Hallelujah

George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)
arr. Brett Strader

Peace

Brett Strader

We Hear the Word

Sermon

"The Light Still Shines"
John 1:1–14 (p. 862)

Peter Whitelock

Carol

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing (Hymnal #112, verses 1–4)

tune: Sussex Carol

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Ryan Timpte

We Respond

We Are Called by Name

Offering

Mary Did You Know
AJ Walker, vocalist

by Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene

Closing Hymn

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

arr. Brett Strader

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Allison Kunz

Charge & Benediction

Peter Whitelock

Postlude

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star
Stewart Scharch

arr. Robert A. Hobby (b. 1952)

Everyone is invited to the Worship Plaza for coffee and fellowship.

Worship Flowers

Christmas flowers are given by Elizabeth Johnson and Philip Jensen
in loving memory of their son Robert Leavens Jensen.

Floral Design Team

Sherril Barber, Team Leader; Gloria Buchman, Lassie Colebourn, Jane Ebe
Linda Giddings, Pat Jeans, Suze McConnell, Clarice Odell, Penny Perry

Hospitality Team

Sharon Bartlett, Team Leader; Colleen Fawley, Carol Landey, Wayne Brock, Barbara Duff
Julie & Jim Fulford, Greeters

Welcome Team

A special thank you today to Hobie Cats, a Voyager group, for serving the coffee on the plaza.
Don Couch, Traffic Director

Worship & Music Team

Peter Whitelock, Pastor/Head of Staff
Gerald Chinen, Pastor, Care; Lauren Gully, Pastor, Mission & Formation; Jaime Polson, Pastor, Families
Brett Strader, Director of Worship and Music
Stewart Scharch, Organist; Tony Domenick, Assistant Music Director
Ryan Timpfe, Director of Children's Ministry
Allison Kunz, Associate Director of Youth Ministry
AJ Walker, Jessica Whitlatch, Linda Rosenthal, vocals
Krista Strader, harp; Michael Henning, drums; Terry Miller, bass
Devin Crane, Sound Technician; Brendan Kelley, Video Technician
Hiroko Shibuya, Worship and Music Coordinator
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Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

We worship together at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

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Large Print Bulletins and Bulletin Supplements are available in the Narthex this morning.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP BULLETIN SUPPLEMENT

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is born!

Many: Alleluia!

Leader: Jesus is among us!

Many: Alleluia!

Leader: Shout with joy, give thanks, and sing!

Many: Christ is born!

Christmas Carols: Joy to the World

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt

Music: Attr. George Frederick Handel, 1742; arr. Lowell Mason, 1836

**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 all their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy**

**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.**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Text: John Francis Wade, c. 1743; trans. Frederick Oakeley, 1841, alt.

Music: John Francis Wade, c. 1743; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels:

refrain: **O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

True God from true God, light from light eternal

Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes

Very God, begotten, not created! *refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation

Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;

Glory to God, all glory in the highest: *refrain*

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; *refrain*

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.

Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1840; arr. William Hayman Cummings, 1855

**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."**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail th'incarnate deity
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel
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
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."**

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

**Many: Holy incarnate God,
by the light of your goodness and mercy,
our failing to see your true light is clear:
we have not loved you,
we have not loved our neighbors,
we have not loved ourselves.
Our feet have not brought good news to the poor
nor have our voices defended Earth and its creatures and plants.
Forgive us,
blind us with your holy honesty,
so that we may more clearly see your will,
and walk with sure steps into the way of wholeness and peace.**

How Beautiful Are The Feet/Hallelujah

Music: George Frideric Handel, 1741

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace
And bring glad tidings of good things!

Hallelujah

Scriptures: John 1:1–14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Carol: On Christmas Night All Christians Sing (Hymnal #112)

Text: English Carol

Music: English Carol; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1912

On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring x2

News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth

Then why should we on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad x2

When from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before his grace, then life and health come in its place x2

Heaven and earth with joy may sing, all for to see the newborn King

All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night x2

"Glory to God in highest heaven; peace on earth and goodwill. Amen!"

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, forever. Amen.

Offering : Mary Did You Know?

Text & Music: Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?

Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new;

This Child that you delivered will soon deliver you?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy will give sight to the blind man?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would calm a storm with His hand?

Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod,
And when you kiss your little baby you've kissed the face of God?

Oh, Mary, did you know?

The blind will see, the deaf will hear

The dead will live again

The lame will leap, the dumb will speak praises of the Lamb?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations?

Did you know that your baby boy was Heaven's perfect Lamb?

And the sleeping Child you're holding is the Great I Am?

Closing Hymn : It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Text: Edmund Hamilton Sears, 1849, alt.

Music: Richard Storrs Willis, 1850, arr. Brett Strader

**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 all, from heaven's all-gracious King"
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.**

**And you, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low
Who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow
Look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing
O, rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing**

Hear the angels sing, hear the angels sing!"

**For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets 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 give back the song with now the angels sing**

Hear the angels sing, hear the angels sing!"

Hear the angels sing, hear the angels sing!"