

# LAFAYETTE-ORINDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



DECEMBER 4, 2016

## WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?

### We Gather

Prelude

*'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime*

arr. Paul Manz (1919–2009)

Stewart Sarch, Organist

*Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine*

arr. Jason Krug (b. 1978)

Handbell Choir; Tessique Houston, Director

Introit

*Gloria in excelsis Deo*

Daniel Pinkham (1923–2006)

Festival Choir

Welcome

Peter Whitelock & Gerald Chinen

Advent Candle Lighting

*Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*

tune: Tif in veldele

Gerald Chinen with Brianna & Rhoda Stutzman (9 a.m.)

Gerald Chinen with the Becker family (11 a.m.)

### We Praise

Opening Hymn

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

tune: Veni Emmanuel

Preparation for Prayer

*E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come*

Paul Manz

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Gerald Chinen

Response:

*I Come with Joy*

Lyrics by Brian Wren

Peace

Tony Domenick

### We Hear the Word

Sermon

*"Waiting for Belonging"*

Peter Whitelock

*Romans 15:4–13 (p. 924); Matthew 3:1–12 (p.784)*

### Holy Communion

Invitation

Peter Whitelock

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Jaime Polson (9 a.m.); Lauren Gully (11 a.m.)

Words of Institution, Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

### We Respond

We Are Called by Name

Moment for Ministry

Offering

*He Is Born!*

Doug Bontemps

arr. Linda R. Lamb

Handbell Choir

*(Hymnal #606)*

tune: Old Hundredth

Doxology

Charge & Benediction

Peter Whitelock

Postlude

*How Lovely Shines the Morning Star*

arr. Paul Manz

Stewart Sarch

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

### **Worship Flowers**

The Sanctuary flowers are give by Hal & Diane Steuber in celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary. They were married December 18, 1960, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Long Beach, CA.

### **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**

9 a.m. Alan Saxton, Team Leader; Kim Carpenter, Virginia Cowden, Barbara Duff, Bill Mueser  
Greeter: Ruwani Jayasingha  
11 a.m. Jeff West, Team Leader; Bill Brown, Jason Scovel, Sue West  
Greeters: SarahJoy Hayens, Tom Scovel

### **Welcome Team**

A special thank you today to Lasers, a Voyager group, for serving the coffee on the plaza.  
Ian Johnston, 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  
Festival Choir  
Handbell Choir; Tessique Houston, Director  
Brianna and Rhoda Stutzman, the Becker family; Advent Candle Lighters  
Judy Clark, Jessica Whitlatch, vocals  
Devin Crane, Sound Technician; Brendan Kelley, Video Technician  
Hiroko Shibuya, Worship and Music Coordinator  
Music Licensing: CCLI #246351; CVLI, #504029697  
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## **Sunday Worship Schedule**

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

 **livestream LOPC Worship at LOPC.org**

Sunday morning services are streamed live online.

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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

## **Introit: Gloria in excelsis Deo**

From Christmas Cantata by Daniel Pinkham (1923–2006)

Gloria in excelsis Deo  
et in terra pax  
hominibus bonae voluntatis

*Glory to God in the highest  
and on earth peace  
to men of good will*

Jubilate Deo omnis terra  
servite Dominum in laetitia

*Rejoice in the Lord, all ye lands  
Serve the Lord with Joy*

Introite in conspectu ejus  
in exultatione

*Come into his presence with exultation*

Scitote quoniam Dominus ipse est Deus:  
Ipse fecit nos, et non ipsi nos

*Know that the Lord is God. It is he who  
has made us and not we ourselves*

Alleluia

*Alleluia*

## **Advent Candle Lighting**

**Gerald:** Watch and wait for Christ's coming! Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.

We sing again our Advent Hymn, "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah". Today we add verse two, which speaks of Christ, Great Shepherd, to whom we all belong.

**Many:** **(Hymnal #85), verses 1&2, here below]**

**Light one candle to watch for Messiah  
Let the light banish darkness  
He shall bring salvation to Israel  
God fulfills the promise**

**Light two candles to watch for Messiah  
Let the light banish darkness  
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd  
Gently lead them homeward**

**Reader #1:** We light this candle in hope. [Light the first candle.]

**Reader #2:** We light this candle for peace. [Light the second candle.]

**Reader #1:** Hear God's promise of peace from Isaiah 11:1–10:

*A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.*

*The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,*

*the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.  
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear;  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt  
around his loins.*

Reader #2: The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead  
them.  
The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the  
ox.  
The nursing child shall play over the hold of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.  
They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.  
On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples;  
the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Gerald: Let us pray:  
Faithful God,  
you are at work to restore all of creation in its intended harmony.  
Give us your shalom that we may be reconciled to all enemies  
in the peace that passes all understanding  
through Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Many: God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.**

## **Opening Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

Words: Latin, c. 12th century; Stanzas 1-2 trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1854; Stanza 3 trans. Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916; Music: Adapt. Thomas Helmore, 1854; Accomp. John Weaver, 1988

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.**

*refrain:* **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

*(Song continues to the next page.)*

**O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight** *refrain*

**O come, Desire of nations, bind  
All peoples in one heart and mind  
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease  
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace** *refrain*

## **Preparation for Prayer: E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come**

Text: Revelation 22; adapt. by Paul O. Manz; Music: Paul O Manz

Peace be to you and grace from Him  
Who freed us from our sins  
Who loved us all and shed His blood  
That we might saved be  
Sing Holy, Holy, to our Lord  
The Lord, Almighty God  
Who was and is and is to come  
Sing Holy, Holy, Lord!  
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein  
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below  
For Christ is coming, is coming soon  
For Christ is coming soon!  
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come  
And night shall be no more  
They need no light nor lamp nor sun  
For Christ will be their All!

## **Response: I Come with Joy**

Text: Brian Wren; Music: American Folk Melody

**I come with joy to meet my Lord  
Forgiven, loved, and free  
In awe and wonder to recall  
His life laid down for me, His life laid down for me  
I come with Christians far and near  
to find as all are fed  
The new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread**  
*refrain:*           **I come with joy to meet my Lord  
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**As Christ breaks bread and bids us share  
each proud division ends**

**The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends  
And thus with joy we meet our Lord  
His presence, always near  
Is in such friendship better known:  
we see and praise Him here, we see and praise Him here**      *refrain*

## **Scriptures: Romans 15:4–13**

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,  
and sing praises to your name”;

and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him”;

and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## **Matthew 3:1–12**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

## **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.**

## **Doxology: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Hymnal #606)**

Text: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709; Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551

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