

LAFAYETTE-ORINDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9:00 & 11:00 a.m.



December 10, 2017

We Gather

Prelude

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
O Thou of God the Father
Stewart Scharch, organ

arr. Douglas E. Bush (1947–2013)
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Welcome

Peter Whitelock and Gerald Chinen

A Star, A Song, A Sign (9 a.m.)
Lightshine; Darla Tuning, Director

Brad Nix (b. 1975)

Star Is Shining/Little Drummer Boy (11 a.m.)
Sunbeams; Jennifer Spalding, Director

Jennifer Spalding (b. 1964)

Candle Lighting

Gerald Chinen
with Marcie, Gabriel, and Leo Van Houten (9 a.m.)
with Olivia Toth, Sofia Olsson, Timmy Grabow (11 a.m.)

We Praise

Opening Hymn

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates (Hymnal #93)

tune: Truro

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Gerald Chinen

Song of Response

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Hymnal #88, verses 1, 2, 7)

tune: Veni Emmanuel

A Story of Love

Chris Brock with Lauren Gully

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

by Martin Smith

Baptism (9 a.m.)

Clay Miles, son of Brett and Natalie Miles
Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (Hymnal #486)

Peter Whitelock
tune: Kingdom

Peace

Anne Whitelock

We Hear the Word

Sermon

"Love"

Peter Whitelock

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Lauren Gully

We Respond

We Are Called by Name

Offering

The First Nowell
Stewart Scharch, organ

arr. Claude Peter Primrose Burton (1916–1957)

Closing Hymn

Love Has Come (Hymnal #110)

tune: Bring a torch

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lauren Gully

Charge & Benediction

Peter Whitelock

Postlude

In dulci jubilo
Stewart Scharch

arr. Johann Gottfried Walther (1684–1748)

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

Worship Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers today are given by Marjorie & Royce Nicolaisen
to the Glory of God, Giver of Life and in celebration of
"our granddaughter Freya's 4th birthday this week and the arrival of her little sister, Ingrid."

Floral Design Team

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

Hospitality Team

9 a.m. Fred George, Team Leader; Paul Jeans, Todd Maiden, Richard Miles, Richard White
Bobbie Dodson-Nielsen, Greeter

11 a.m. Bill Barnard, Team Leader; Jackie Ellis, Margaret Kaluzny, Nan Reuther
Gwen Wallace, Greeter

Welcome Team

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

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
Van Houten family, Olivia Toth, Sofia Olsson, Timmy Grabow, Advent Candle Lighters
Lightshine, Darla Tuning, Director
Sunbeams, Jennifer Spalding, Director
Patrick Morrissey, baptism elder
Anne Whitelock, vocal
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 Worship Services

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

A Star, A Song, A Sign (9 a.m.)

Words by Jon Paige; Music by Brand Nix

There's a light in the distance, a star burning bright
A flame in the shadows that fills up the night
The glory of heaven will soon bring the day
For Jesus is coming, prepare ye the way
There's a song in the distance, a carol so fair
There's the sound of rejoicing and love ev'rywhere
Soon angels will sing out with glorious praise
For Jesus is coming, prepare ye the way
Now people look east for a beautiful sign
The morning is coming and painting the sky
Rejoice and be grateful with jubilant praise
For Jesus is coming, prepare ye the way

Star Is Shining/Little Drummer Boy (11 a.m.)

Words & Music: Jennifer Spalding; Katherine K. Davis

Noel, Noel

Oh little town of Bethlehem

Star is shining sing amen

Look up to the northern star

Christ is born our Savior

A child is born

Of grace and love

Turn your heart

To God

Come, they told me, pa rum pum pum pum

A new born King to see, pa rum pum pum pum

Our finest gifts we bring, pa rum pum pum pum

To lay before the king, pa rum pum pum pum

Then he smiled at me, pa rum pum pum pum

Me and my drum

Candle Lighting

Pastor: Today we light the first and second candles of the Advent wreath.
Each candle has a meaning. This first candle is HOPE, and the second candle is LOVE.

On this second Sunday in Advent we welcome Marcie, Gabriel, and Leo Van Houten [9 a.m.], a group of Youth who went to the India Mission Trip, Olivia Toth, Sofia Olsson, and Timmy Grabow [11 a.m.] to light our candle.

Lighter : We light this candle in love.

Reader 1: John 13:34–35 – I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love one another.

Reader 2: Loving God, your mercy and compassion endure forever. Open our hearts, that we may receive your love; and following the example of your Son, spread that love to a love-starved world. Through Jesus Christ, who loved us to the end.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Come, let us worship together.

Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates (Hymnal #93)

Text: Georg Weissel, 1642; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855, 1863; Music: *Musica Sacra*, c. 1778

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates
Behold the King of glory waits
The King of kings is drawing near
The Savior of the world is here
Fling wide the portals of your heart
Make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heaven's employ
Adorned with prayer and love and joy
Redeemer, come! I open wide
My heart to thee; here, Lord, abide
Let me thy inner presence feel
Thy grace and love in me reveal**

Song of Response: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Hymnal #88, verses 1, 2, and 7)

Text: Latin prose, pre-9th cent.; trans. composite; Music: Plainsong; adapt. Thomas Helmore, 1852;
arr. John Weaver, 1988, Music Arr. © 1990 John Weaver

**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**

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high
Who orderest all things mightily
To us the path of knowledge show
And teach us in her ways to go** *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*

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

Words and Music: Martin Smith

**Oh, I feel like dancing
It's foolishness, I know
But when the world has seen the light
they will dance with joy like we're dancing now, yeah
I could sing of Your love forever**

Baptism (9 a.m.) Clay Miles

Question to the Congregation:

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ,
promise to guide and nurture Clay
by word and deed,
with love and prayer,
encouraging him to know and follow Christ
and to be a faithful member of His church?

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (9 a.m. only, Hymnal #486)

Text: Ronald S. Cole-Turner 1980 © 1981 Ronald S. Cole-Turner

Music: V. Earl Copes, 1959

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign
With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine
Child of love, our love's expression, love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits, into joy and laughter lead
Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are, from God you came
Back to God we humbly give you: live as one who bears Christ's name
Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to listen for God's call
Grow to laugh and sing and worship, trust and love God more than all**

Scriptures:

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. (John 3:16)

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38–39)

In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. (1 John 4:10–11)

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.**

Closing Hymn: Love Has Come (Hymnal #110, verses 1-3)

Text: Ken Bible, 1996

Music: French melody; arr. Eric T. Myers, 2012

**Love has come: a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it
Hear how their song of joy arises
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!
Love! Love! Glory to God on high**

**Love is born! Come, share in the wonder
Love is God now asleep in the hay
See the glow in the eyes of his mother
What is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers
Love! Love! Jesus, Emmanuel**

**Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free
Love is Jesus within and among us
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!**