

LAFAYETTE-ORINDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9:00 & 11:00 a.m.



December 16, 2018

We Gather

Prelude

O Come, O Come Emmanuel arr. Douglas E. Bush (1947–2013)
 Stewart Scharch, organ
 Joy to the World! arr. Ralf Bölting (b. 1953)
 Linda Wight and Stewart Scharch

A Story of Joy

Ryan Timpte, Director of Children's Ministry

Welcome

Peter Whitelock & Jaime Polson (9 a.m.)
 Peter Whitelock & Gerald Chinen (11 a.m.)

Advent Candle Lighting

We Praise

Introit

Born 'Neath a Star by Cynthia Gray
 Psalmsters; Jessica Whitlatch, Director

Advent Carol

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn (Hymnal #107) tune: Rejoice, Rejoice

Reading

Psalm 113 Jaime Polson (9 a.m.)
Gerald Chinen (11 a.m.)

Anthem

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come Paul Manz (1919–2009)
 Chancel Choir

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Jaime Polson (9 a.m.)
 Gerald Chinen (11 a.m.)

Response

My Soul Gives Glory to My God (Hymnal #99) tune: Morning Song

Peace

Julianne Crossland

We Hear the Word

Sermon

Joy Peter Whitelock
 (Luke 1:39–56, pp. 831–832)

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Lauren Gully

We Respond

We Are Called By Name

Moment for Mission: Zimbabwe Mission Trip

Offering

O Little Town of Bethlehem arr. Ralf Bölting
 Linda Wight and Stewart Scharch

Closing Song

Joy to the World (Hymnal #134) tune: Antioch

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lauren Gully

Charge & Benediction

Peter Whitelock

Postlude

Hark! The Glad Sound! The Savior Comes Healey Willan (1880–1968)
 Stewart Scharch

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

Worship Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers today are given by Diane & Hal Steuber in celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary, December 18, 1960.

Floral Design Team

Jane Ebe, Team Leader; Sherril Barber, LASSIE Colebourn, Linda Giddings, Jayne Hegenbart, Pat Jeans, Suze McConnell, Clarice Odell, Penny Perry, Dorothy Pritchett, Laurie Reich, Lynne Terril

Advent Banner

The Advent quilt on the front wall was commissioned by the Worship Team to enhance the worship experience of the season. Titled as "the Journey", it was designed and created by Ann Loar.

Hospitality Team

9 a.m. Sue Fernstrom, Team Leader; Susan Couch, Bob Heaney, Rob Schock
Gloria & Brad Buchman, Greeters
11 a.m. Jim Terril, Team Leader; Nan Reuther, Lynne Terril, Dara Youngdale

Welcome Team

A special thank you today to Schooners, 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 Sarch, Organist; Michael Morales, Worship and Music Assistant
Ryan Timpfe, Director of Children's Ministry
Psalmsters; Jessica Whitlatch, Director
Chancel Choir
Linda Wight, organ; Terry Miller, bass
Anne Whitelock, Julianne Crossland, Theresa Gonzalez, vocals
Devin Crane, Sound Technician; Brendan Kelley, Video Technician
Hiroko Shibuya, Worship and Music Coordinator
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Sunday Morning Worship Services

We worship together at 9:00 & 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

Introit: Born 'Neath a Star

Words and Music: Cynthia Gray

Born 'neath a star was a child so small with no shelter o'er but a drafty stall
Yet He'd be known as the "Lord of All," born beneath a star that night
Led by a star was a shepherd boy after angels told him of wondrous joy
Sent down to earth as a baby boy, born beneath a star that night
And songs of love filled the earth at the news of the Christ Child's birth
And joyous hope did abound that through Him peace would be found
Led by a star were the wisemen three, trav'ling miles and miles the young child to see
Bringing Him gifts for a king He'd be, born beneath a star that night
Under the star of the Christmas tree, we still share the joy of that ancient eve
When Christ was born the "King of Peace," born beneath a star that night

Advent Carol: Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn (Hymnal #107)

Text: Marty Haugen, 1983, alt.; Music: Marty Haugen; 1983 *Text and Music* © 1983 GIA Publications, Inc.

**Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn
For angels herald its dawning
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born
Behold! the Child of our longing
Come as a baby weak and poor
To bring all hearts together
He opens wide the heavenly door
And lives now inside us forever
To us, to all in sorrow and fear
Emmanuel comes asinging
His humble song is quiet and near
Yet fills the earth with its ringing
Music to heal the broken soul
And hymns of lovingkindness
The thunder of his anthems rolls
To shatter all hatred and violence
In darkest night his coming shall be
When all the world is despairing
As morning light so quiet and free
so warm and gentle and caring
Then shall the mute break forth in song
The lame shall leap in wonder**

**The weak be raised above the strong
And weapons be broken asunder
Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night
Though dark the winter and cheerless
The rising sun shall crown you with light
Be strong and loving and fearless
Love be our song and love our prayer
And love our endless story
may God fill every day we share
And bring us at last into glory**

Reading: Psalm 113

Praise the LORD!

Praise, O servants of the LORD;
praise the name of the LORD.

Blessed be the name of the LORD
from this time on and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to its setting
the name of the LORD is to be praised.

The LORD is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the LORD our God,
who is seated on high,

who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?

He raises the poor from the dust,
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.

He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of children.

Praise the LORD!

Response: My Soul Gives Glory to My God (Hymnal #99)

Text: Miriam Therese Winter, 1979, rev. 1987; Music: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813; harm. C. Winfred Douglas, 1940 ;Text © 1978, 1987 Medical Mission Sisters; Music Harm. © 1943, 1961, 1985 Church Pension Fund

My soul gives glory to my God

My heart pours out its praise

God lifted up my lowliness

In many marvelous ways

My God has done great things for me

Yes, holy is God's name

All people will declare me blessed

**And blessings they shall claim
From age to age to all who fear
Such mercy love imparts
Dispensing justice far and near
Dismissing selfish hearts
Love casts the mighty from their thrones
Promotes the insecure
Leaves hungry spirits satisfied
The rich seem suddenly poor
Praise God, whose loving covenant
Supports those in distress
Remembering past promises
With present faithfulness**

Sermon: Joy

**Scriptures (Luke 1:39–56, Psalm 16:8–9; James 1:2–4;
1 Peter 1:8–9)**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.
(Luke 1:39–56)

I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. (Psalm 16:8–9)

My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy,
because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have
its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing. (James 1:2–4)

Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you
believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the
outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (1 Peter 1:8–9)

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: Joy to the World (Hymnal #134)

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
No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found**

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**Far as the curse is found
Far as, far as the curse is found
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, and wonders of his love**