

LAFAYETTE-ORINDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9:00 & 11:00 a.m.



December 30, 2018

We Gather

Prelude Variations on "O Perfect Life of Love" Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953)
 Blessed Jesus, We Are Here J. S. Bach (1685–1750)
 Fanfare in G Michael McCabe (b. 1941)
 Stewart Sarch, organ

Welcome Peter Whitelock & Gerald Chinen
Call to Worship Gerald Chinen

We Praise

Hymn Angels We Have Heard on High (Hymnal #113) tune: Gloria

Reading John 1:1–5, 10–14 Gerald Chinen

Hymn O Little Town of Bethlehem (Hymnal #121) tune: St. Louis

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon Gerald Chinen

Response Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (Hymnal #132) tune: In dulci júbilo

Baptism (11 a.m.) Molly Grace Taylor, daughter of Samuel & Katherine Taylor Peter Whitelock
 with Brandt Andersson
 Away in a Manger tune: Mueller

Peace Michael Morales

We Hear the Word

Sermon Peter Whitelock
 (Colossians 3:12–17, p. 958)

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer Gerald Chinen

We Praise

We Are Called By Name

Offering Adagio from Symphony No. 5, Op. 42, No. 1 Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)
 Stewart Sarch

Closing Hymn Go Tell It On the Mountain tune: Go Tell It

Prayer of Thanksgiving Gerald Chinen

Benediction Peter Whitelock

Postlude In dulci júbilo arr. Johann Gottfried Walther (1684–1748)
 Stewart Sarch

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

Worship Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers this morning are give by SarahJoy and Gordon Haynes, celebrating the birth of our Savior and the new year of opportunity to serve Christ.

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

Hospitality Team

9 a.m. Alan Saxton, Team Leader; Kim Carpenter, Barbara Duff, Randi Long, Bill Mueser
Ruwani Jayasingha, Greeter

11 a.m. Jeff West, Team Leader; Bill Brown, Jason Scovel, Sue West
Tom Scovel, Greeter

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
Brandt Andersson, baptism elder
Brandt Andersson, Brianna Stutzman, 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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SUNDAY WORSHIP BULLETIN SUPPLEMENT

Call to Worship

One: Praise the Lord!
Praise God in the Heavens.

Many: Praise the Lord from the earth!

One: Young and old alike,

**Many: Men and women together.
Praise the Lord.**

Hymn: Angels We Have Heard on High (Hymnal #113)

Text: French carol; trans. James Chadwick, 1860, alt.; Music: French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937;
Music © 1937, ren. 1965 H Augustine Smith Jr.

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains

refrain: **Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song? *refrain*
Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King *refrain*

Reading: John 1:1–5, 10–14

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.

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.

O Little Town of Bethlehem (Hymnal #121)

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1868; Music: Lewis Henry Redner, 1868

**O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight
For Christ is born of Mary
And, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the king
And peace to all on earth
How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heaven
No ear may hear his coming
But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive him, still
The dear Christ enters in
O holy child of Bethlehem
Descend to us, we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born in us today
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us, abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel!**

Response: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (Hymnal #132)

Text: Medieval Latin; trans. and para. John Mason Neale, 1853, alt.; Music: German folk melody, 14th cent. harm. David Hugh Jones, 1953; *Music Harm.* © 1955, ren. 1983 John Ribble

**Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice
Give ye heed to what we say
Jesus Christ is born today**

**Ox and ass before him bow
And he is in the manger now
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice
Now ye hear of endless bliss
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door
And we are blest forevermore
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice
Now ye need not fear the grave
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
To gain the everlasting hall
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!**

Baptismal Question to Congregation (11 a.m.)

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ,
Promise to guide and nurture Molly,
by word and deed,
with love and prayer,
encouraging her to know and follow Christ
and to be a faithful member of his church?

Away in a Manger (11 a.m.)

Text: Verses 1–2 Little Children's Book for Schools and Families, c. 1885; Verse 3 Gabriel's Vineyard Songs, 1892
Music: attr. James R. Murray, Harm. John Weaver

**Away in a manger no crib for His bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay
The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my side until morning is nigh
Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray**

**Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there**

Sermon:

Scriptures (Colossians 3:12–17)

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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: Go Tell It on the Mountain

Text: John W. Work, 1907; Music: Spiritual; arr. Donald P. Hustad, 1989
Music © 1990 Hope Publishing Company

refrain: **Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born**

**While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light *refrain*
The shepherds feared and trembled
When, lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth *refrain*
Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn *refrain***