Church of the Good Shepherd

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Advent

THE HANGING OF THE GREENS

Sunday, December 4, 2022 10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude "The First Noel" arr. Cherwien
Stephen Cook, Director of Music Ministries, Organ

The Chimes

The Introit "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" *Chancel Choir*

Word of Welcome

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** Penny Hoover, *Lay Reader*

One: We come from a world of weariness.

All: Into God's Hope and Peace.

One: We come from a world of darkness.

All: Into Christ's world of light.

One: We come from a slumbering world.

All: Into the Holy Spirit's strength, let us lift up our heads and behold the coming of Christ.

LIFTING PRAISE AND PRAYER

***Opening Hymn** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" Red UM Hymnal **#213**

Pastoral Prayer and Unison Prayer

Creator God, you have molded us into your people. As we gather for worship, let us settle into your bosom of love. We wish to be made into your image. We worship to experience your brightness. We gather to become your Body of Believers. Restore us, O God of the heavens; let your face shine upon us, so that we may worship and know you. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Anthem "Advent Celebration" by Patterson
Children's Choir; Diane Lucas, Director

The Word with Children

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle (Candle of Peace)

Reader One: "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" (Isaiah 11:9-10 NRSV).

Reader Two: We are the followers of that root of Jesse Isaiah spoke of. We are the ones who are now called to stand as a signal to the world, to all of creation, that peace is the will of the one who created us. Peace is the knowledge of the Lord that we proclaim from sea to shining sea.

Reader One: "In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea proclaiming. "Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near." And "bear fruit worthy of repentance" (Matthew 3:1,2, 8 NRSV).

Reader Two: We light these candles, the candle of Joyful Hope and the candle of Proclaimed Peace, in part to remind ourselves that we are a people rising toward God's promise. But we also light them as a sign to the world, an announcement there are some who hold on to hope and there are some who work the ways of peace. We stand as a sign that Emmanuel is still our fervent prayer.

BOUGHS AND BOWS – THE PATH OF PEACE

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 54:9-10

Placing the Pew Boughs and Bows

Anthem "People Look East" arr. Helman
Youth Bells; Carolyn Noonchester, Director

GARLAND – THE HARVEST OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 11:1-6

Placing the Garland

Anthem "The Holly and the Ivy" Traditional, arr. Clark
Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director

WREATHS – ALL FLESH WILL SEE

***Gospel Lesson** Matthew 3:1-12 *Penny Hoover, Lay Reader*

Placing the Wreath

Anthem "Hark the Glad Sound" by arr. Mallory
Adult Bells; Carolyn Noonchester, Director

The Message "Proclaimed Peace" *Pastor Thai-Erwin*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREES

Anthem "We'll Dress this House" by Alfred Burt
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Preparation: **Luke 22:14-20**

The Receiving:

Christ's table is open to all. All persons who wish to walk in new life with Christ are invited to receive the wafer and juice, without regard to past history, denominational affiliation, or any of the wonderful ways that God has made each of us unique beings. Please come forward at the ushers' direction. You may go to the altar rail, kneel in prayer, and there receive the prepackaged elements that should be eaten in the courtyard after worship

The Prayer After Receiving and the Lord's Prayer *(Unison)*

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH
TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

Announcements

***Closing Hymn** "Christ Is the World's Light" UM Red Hymnal **#188**

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** "Peace, Peace/Silent Night"

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin, mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

***Postlude** "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" arr. Lani Smith
Stephen Cook, Organ

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The Chancel flowers this morning are in memory of Dave Cooper on his birthday by his family.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Please join us for our Advent and Christmas Season Worship Services:

- Dec. 11th Advent Lessons and Carols Service with the Chancel Choir, professional string quartet and saxophonist!
- Dec. 18th Trek to the Tree Sunday – turn in Christmas donation and pledge card for 2023.
- Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Family Service with Nativity Pageant (5:00pm) and Traditional Candlelight Service (9:00pm), and Midnight Service in the Chapel (11:00pm)
- Christmas Day at 10:00am – blessing of the toys and kids wear their pjs!

Today is the last day to order poinsettias. Your check should be made out to "Church of the Good Shepherd" for $16 per plant. Write "poinsettia" on the memo line. They may be picked up following the 9 PM Christmas Eve service or after the Sunday, December 25th service. Any flowers remaining after noon on December 25th will be donated to our more homebound church members. If you wish to volunteer to help deliver poinsettias, contact Margaret Blair at kdblair@earthlink.net.

Don't miss the alternative Christmas Market in Jordan Hall after church today, Dec. 11 & 18.

Foothill Unity Holiday Food drive is now through December 18 in Jordan Hall.

Greet all your church friends by putting a card on the Greeting Tree in Jordan Hall.

Ministers: Members of the Congregation
Resident Bishop: Bishop Grant J. Hagiya
District Superintendent: Siosaia Tuitahi
Pastor: Eva Thai-Erwin
Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry: Franklyn Shen
Director of Music Ministries: Stephen Cook
Director of the Good Shepherd Children's Center: Linda Brown