



## 1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 3, 2023 (Worship: 8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm)

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** Guests, please sign in at the "Welcome Table" and receive a gift. For young children, a nursery is available - sign in your child and grab a pager. We also love children in worship and Sunday school (8:30am and 10am).

**TODAY** is the First Sunday in Advent. Our theme during this four week preparation for Christmas is "4 Prophets - 4 Christmas" We will look at the prophecies of Scripture related to the coming of the Messiah, the coming of hope. May this time of preparation be "profitable", not in monetary terms, but in terms of prophetic hope.

PRELUDE: *In The Bleak Midwinter* by Kevin Kern Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist (8:30am/10am)  
Micaela Lum (5pm)

**GATHERING HYMN: Love Has Come** (Tune: *Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella*)

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**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, Immanuel.**

**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!**

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

(People read/sing **bold** words.)

Blessed be God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - who comes to wake us from sleep, and leads us into the light of grace. **Amen.**

Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.  
(A moment of silence for confession.)

God of all hopefulness,

**We confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.**

The prophet Jeremiah announced, "*The days are surely coming,*" saith the Lord. Christ, the Savior has come and brings new life to the entire world. Rejoice in this good news - your sins are forgiven in His name! **Amen.**

**Love Has Come** (Additional Verse)

**Love shines forth in our worship together!**  
**Love is serving all people in need.**  
**Love is Bread at the Table among us.**  
**Love is the hope His birth now brings us.**  
**Love! Love! Love is the gift of Advent.**  
**Love! Love! Thanks be to God so nigh.**

LITANY FOR LIGHTING OF THE FIRST CANDLE Youth Director Paige Gulck (8:30/10am)  
(Following the reading, we sing, *O, Come, O, Come, Emmanuel* (#257 vv. 1-2)

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appears.**

Refrain: **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

**O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
embracing all things far and nigh:  
in strength and beauty come and stay;  
teach us your will and guide our way.** (Refrain)

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:30am): *Oh What a Special Night* Preschool Choir & Director Michelle Lum

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Assistant Minister Dana Becker  
(8:30/10am - Children may leave for Sunday school and return during Holy Communion.)

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand.)

Tune: *O, Come, O, Come, Emmanuel*

**Alleluia, alleluia. O come to us Emmanuel.**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark the 13th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL: Mark 13:33-37

**“Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”** (The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM (10:00am): *O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide* by Michael Hellman

Sanctuary Choir, Music Director Kathy Person

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: ***On Christmas Night***

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**On Christmas Night all Christians sing  
to hear the news the angels bring.  
On Christmas night all Christians sing  
to hear the news the angels bring:  
news of great joy, news of great mirth,  
news of our merciful king's birth.**

**Then why should we on earth be sad,  
since our redeemer made us glad?  
Then why should we on earth be sad,  
since our redeemer made us glad,  
when from our sin he set us free,  
all for to gain our liberty?**

**When sin departs before his face,  
then life and health come in its place.  
When sin departs before his face,  
then life and health come in its place.  
Angels rejoice with us and sing,  
all for to see the newborn king.**

THE MESSAGE: "*Honest to God*"

Bishop Dave Nagler (8:30/10am)  
Assistant Minister Dana Becker (5pm)

THE OFFERING, OFFERTORY MUSIC: *My Lord, What a Morning*

Andy Degan

**ADVENT OFFERTORY RESPONSE:** (Tune - *The First Noel*)

**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.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.**

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our  
faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (All who believe Christ is present in this Sacrament are  
welcome to receive. Non-communing children and others who wish to receive only a blessing may  
come forward also. For those who prefer, white juice is located in the center of each tray.)

**HOLY COMMUNION MUSIC:**

**Lamb of God** (Agnus Dei)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.**

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**In the Bleak Midwinter**

**In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,  
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
in the bleak mid-winter, long ago.**

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**Heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;  
heav'n and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign;  
in the bleak mid-winter a stable place sufficed  
the Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.**

**What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give him — give my heart.**

**He Came Down**

**He came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have love; hallelujah forever more.**

**He came down that we may have light;  
he came down that we may have light;  
he came down that we may have light; hallelujah forever more.**

**He came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have peace; hallelujah forever more.**

**He came down that we may have joy;  
he came down that we may have joy;  
he came down that we may have joy; hallelujah forever more.**

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

THE BLESSING

**SENDING HYMN: Canticle of the Turning**

**My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest,  
Could the world be about to turn?**

#723 vv. 1, 2, 4

Refrain:

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**My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.**

**Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me,  
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and to those who would for you yearn,  
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn.** (Refrain.)

**Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard  
is the promise which holds us bound,  
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around.** (Refrain.)

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE: *Toccata on "Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel"* by M. McConnell Fred Johnson (8:30/10am)  
Micaela Lum (5pm)

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Donna Sandidge in celebration of her son, Wilson's, 21st birthday!

**ADVENT SEASON** - The four week preparation for Christmas begins today. Lighting of the Advent candles, singing carols, and more. Theme: "4 Prophets 4 Christmas."

**WELCOME** to Bishop Dave Nagler, our bishop of the Pacifica Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We thank him for his leadership and providing the message this morning! Please greet him following the services today.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** - For those who don't give electronically, you may pick up your 2024 offering envelopes on the patio at the Welcome Table.

**GIVING TREE** - We are collecting gift cards for children/students in need for Foster All & DHHS. Take a gift tag from the tree, buy a \$25 gift card & return to the offering box or office by December 10.

**ALZHEIMER'S LUNCHEON** - On December 6, 10:30am, the Women's Bible Study under Diane Kelly's leadership, will be hosting area Alzheimer patients for a Christmas service, luncheon & caroling with the Preschool choir.

**CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING** - Friday, December 8, 2pm meet in the Sanctuary to help decorate for the Christmas season! Everyone's invited! Mark your calendars and come join in the fun!

**ART MINISTRY GATHERING** - Friday, December 8, 6:30pm. In our Art 101 series we are looking at light and space art. We will also be working on our Christmas artwork.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** is this Saturday, 8:30am, Knudson Hall (upstairs, near kitchen). Great conversation, breakfast, and Bible study. All men are welcome! Questions, speak with Pastor David.

**PRESCHOOL SING ALONG** - Thursday, December 14, 3-5pm with Michelle and Micaela Lum. Christmas sing along for preschoolers, sign up through the church office.

**WOMEN'S COOKIE EXCHANGE** - Sunday, Dec. 10, 3pm, Bankson Hall. Bring 3 dozen cookies (homemade or from store). Containers given to take some home. Extra cookies delivered later that evening during caroling. You're also welcome to bring a Nativity set to share for the day. See the Welcome Table.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING** - Sunday, December 10, 5pm - meet at the church & caravan to sing at shut-ins homes. Maps and song sheets provided that evening.

**CHRISTMAS EVE POINSETTIAS** - Help beautify the sanctuary for Christmas Eve by providing a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone. Cost \$10. Forms are located at the Welcome Table or contact the office at [gloriadei@mygloriadei.org](mailto:gloriadei@mygloriadei.org) or 949-493-3414 by Sunday, December 17.

**WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP** - RIOT (Reading Is Our Thing) meets the *third Monday of each month at 2pm*. The group meets in Knudson Hall. The next meeting is December 18 & they will bring books to exchange. If interested in the book club, contact Diane Kelly or contact the office at 949-493-3414.



### CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Sunday, December 24, 8:30am, 4pm, 5:30pm & 10pm.  
Carols, candlelight, special music, & uplifting message.  
Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8:30am and 10pm.  
Invite a friend to worship with you!

**CHRISTMAS EVE INVITATION** to share with your family, friends, neighbors at the Welcome Table. Pick one or many invitations up to share with acquaintances to join in worship.

**HANDBELL CHOIR** - Thursdays 6:30pm-7:30pm. There is room for a few more ringers. Note reading skills are helpful for jumping into this ensemble. Contact Kathy Person: [music@mygloriadei.org](mailto:music@mygloriadei.org).

**SANCTUARY CHOIR** (teens and adults) rehearses every Thursday, 7:30pm. If interested in joining, speak with Music Director Kathy Person - [music@mygloriadei.org](mailto:music@mygloriadei.org). All are welcome!

**BIBLE YEAR STUDY** Thursdays, 6:30pm, Pastor David leads a study on the readings and answers questions. (12/3: 1 Kings 11:1 through Chronicles 16:43). Never too late to join. All are welcome!

**OFFERING** - Please place check/money in donation boxes in the sanctuary or at the Welcome Table, or give ELECTRONICALLY - [Venmo](#) app - @GloriaDei-DanaPoint or ZELLE - [gloriadei@mygloriadei.org](mailto:gloriadei@mygloriadei.org). Alternatively you can donate via [credit card or debit card](#) through Vanco, our secure site: [mygloriadei.org/donate](http://mygloriadei.org/donate). Thank you for supporting Gloria Dei!

**"FOOTSTEPS OF SAINT PAUL"** (Greece Trip) - As an alternative to the Holy Land, Pastor David will be leading a group to Greece (land/sea), April 9-20, 2024. Flier available at the Welcome Table.

**MEN'S BOOK GROUP** - Meets the *last Tuesday of the month, 7pm* at members' homes. *They will be meeting on November 28.* For information contact the church office.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** join the *first Saturday/month, 9am, Knudson Hall.* Next meeting - Dec. 2. If you know of someone in need of a shawl or for more information, call Peggy Johnson or the office.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Adult Inquiry Class-Membership (Jan.20, 9am); New Member Sunday (Jan. 28); Ministry Celebration/Annual Meeting & Aloha Luncheon (Feb.4); Stephanie Trick & Paolo Alderighi Piano Concert (Feb.12); Ash Wednesday Worship and soup suppers begin (Feb.14); Billy Steele leads morning music (Feb.25); First Communion Classes begin (Feb. 28); Men's Spring Training Retreat (March 1-3); Women's One Day Retreat (March 16).

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR DECEMBER 3 - 9, 2023

**Today:** Worship (8:30am, 10am & 5pm); Preschool Choir (8:30am); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); Confirmation (11:15am); NA Meeting (6:30pm)

**Monday:** South Coast Lit. Council (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); (GIFT Growing In Faith Together) Bible Study (6:30pm)

**Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); Alzheimer Luncheon Set Up (10am); Al Anon (7pm)

**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Alzheimer Luncheon (10:30am); Mission Hospital Alumni Group (6pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)

**Thursday:** AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); South Coast Lit. Council Games & Fun (1pm); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); Bell Choir (6:30pm); The Bible Year Study (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)

**Friday:** Christmas Tree & Sanctuary Decorating (2pm); Art Ministry Gathering (6:30pm)

**Saturday:** AA Men's (7am); Men's Breakfast (8:30am); Women's Board Meeting (9am); ACA Meeting Meeting (10:30am); Nativity Display Set Up in Bankson (11am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School (1:30pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

### THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

**8:30am:** Acolyte: Emma Person; Advent Reader: Paige Gulck; Coffee Prep: Bob & Bonny Gillespie; Communion: Phil & Sandy Furlong; Lector: Sandy Furlong; Refreshments: Jennifer Dubow; Ushers: John Adams & Dave Ross; Welcome Table: Linda Smith

**10am:** Acolyte: Will Ramsaur; Advent Reader: Paige Gulck; Coffee Clean-up: Lisa Mers; Communion: Mary Jane Rylaarsdam-Pike & Jim St. Martin; Lector: Ron Bacon; Refreshments: Ann & Jim St. Martin; Usher: Donna & Jerry Combe; Welcome Table: Lisa Mers

**5pm:** Communion & Lector: Guy Boicey