

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF ANAHEIM**



Anaheim First Presbyterian Church

December 11, 2022 @ 10:30 am

PRELUDE *For Unto Us/Joy to the World* G.F. Handel, arr. Keith Christopher

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came* trad. Basque carol

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is the source of love.

The joy that runs deep and wide underneath all of life.

God is the one who helps us reach out in love,

Even when our burdens make it hard for us to love.

God helps us when life gets in the way of joining the chorus of joy.

May we prepare room in our hearts this day as we worship God.

***HYMN NO 40** *Joy to the World*

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart, prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing...

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns: Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains 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...

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love...

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: JOY John, Nikki, & Erik Saylor

PRAYER

May this light remind us of the many sources of joy in our lives and may that joy not only draw us closer to one another, but closer to God. As we journey toward Bethlehem, may joy carry us forward. Amen.

RESPONSE *Jesus, the Light of the World*

Walk in the light, beautiful light. Come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright.

Shine all around us by day or by night. Jesus, the light of the world.

ANTHEM *Gloria* Antonio Vivaldi

PASSING THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:21-35

SERMON *To Bear, But Not Save*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in a God who knows our fears and says, “Be not afraid.”

We believe in a God who kicks off her shoes and wades into the muck of our lives with us; who stitches Godself to our heels, and invites us to dance.

We believe in a God who hemmed stars into the night sky so that we can find our way home,

and who sends us friends with open doors, so we can find our way to love.

We believe in a God who finds us in our fear and sorrow and does not leave us alone.

Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER (Traditional, Hymnal p. 16)

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.

***HYMN NO 404** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* PRECIOUS LORD

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near; when my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Joy to the World* G.F. Handel, arr. Fred Bock

Today’s Worship Leaders:

Kim Skilling, Pastor

David Hughes, Director of Music

Carol Hughes, Accompanist,

Abbott Hatch & Rick Connor, Video and Sound



Announcements