

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF ANAHEIM**



Anaheim First Presbyterian Church

December 25, 2022 @ 10:30 am

PRELUDE *The First Noel* arr. David Huntsinger

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT *Zither Carol* Malcolm Sargent

CALL TO WORSHIP *Repeat each phrase after Pastor Kim*

I have good news!
Christ is born!
Joy is alive!
God is here.
Thanks be to God.
Amen.

HYMN NO 22 (v. 1 & 4) *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye, who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King!

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One: [Refrain]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, too often we feel as if change is hopeless...

The Candle of Hope is Extinguished

Forgive us for extinguishing hope.

Holy God, too often we believe that peace is a thing of fairy tales...

The Candle of Peace is Extinguished

Forgive us for extinguishing peace.

Holy God, too often we paint joy as naïve...

The Candle of Joy is Extinguished

Forgive us for extinguishing joy.

Holy God, too often we treat love like a vending machine...

The Candle of Love is Extinguished

Forgive us for extinguishing love.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RELIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

ANTHEM

The Shepherd's Farewell

Hector Verlioz

PASSING THE PEACE

STORY TIME

Why Christmas Trees Aren't Perfect

Richard H. Schneider

CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGALONG Congregational Selections

When invited, please request Christmas Carols from the hymnal by name and hymn number.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Like Mary, we believe in cherishing good news.

Like the angels, we believe in singing God's praise.

Like the shepherds, we believe that God's presence in our life is something worth talking about.

Like generations before, we believe that God is with us.

Like the generations to come, we believe that God is with us.

God is here. God is love. We believe. Thanks be to God!

TIME OF OFFERING

Dedication of Reverse Advent Calendar Gifts

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 29 (v. 1 & 3) *Go Tell It On the Mountain*

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]

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Deck the Halls

arr. Chip Davis

Today's Worship Leaders:

Kim Skilling, Pastor

David Hughes, Director of Music, Carol Hughes, Accompanist

Abbott Hatch & Richard Ramich, Video and Sound

Liturgy by Sarah Are Speed, @sanctifiedart



Announcements