



**First Presbyterian Church**  
at the heart of Anaheim

**November 26, 2023**

*Hangings  
of the Greens*





# *Hanging of the Greens*

\*You are invited to stand as you are able.

## **PRELUDE**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

## **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

## **SCRIPTURE**

Luke 1:26-38

## **NEW YEAR, NEW COLORS**

Changing of the Paraments

## **CHORAL INTROIT**

*A Spotless Rose*

Herbert Howells

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

How shall we prepare this house for the birth of the eternal Christ?

**With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.**

How shall we prepare this house for the prophet of Galilee?

**With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death and resurrection.**

How shall we prepare our hearts for this revelation of God?

**By hearing again the words of the prophets and the promises of God.**

For in the story of Jesus we are called home to embrace God's vision of wholeness, justice and peace for all creation.

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*HYMN 12** (v. 1, 4 &5) *People, Look East*

Besancon

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east and sing today: love the guest is on the way.

Stars keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim,

Shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.

People, look east and sing today: Love the star is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. People, look east and sing today: Love the Lord is on the way.

**ETERNAL GOD, EVERGREEN GARLANDS AND WREATHS**

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**SCRIPTURE READING**      Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

**Hymn NO 36** (v. 1 & 2)      *In the Bleak Midwinter*

Cranham

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 midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;  
Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign:  
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the Lord god incarnate, Jesus Christ.

**STAR OF BETHLEHEM, FLOWER OF THE HOLY NIGHT**      Placing the Poinsettias

**ANTHEM**

*All Loveliness Newborn*

Bradley Ellingboe

**LIGHT OF THE WORLD, LET IT SHINE**

Lighting the Christmas Tree

**SCRIPTURE READING**      John 1:1-5

**SYMBOLS OF CHRIST, REMEMBERING THE REASON**

Chrismon Ornaments

**HYMN**      *This Little Light of Mine*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (Sing 3x)  
Let it Shine, let it Shine, let it Shine.

Shine it all around the world, I'm gonna let it shine...

From the heart of Anaheim, I'm gonna let it shine...

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine...

**OFFERING MOMENT**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

### **HYMN NO 2**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hyfrydol

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit raise us to Thy glorious throne.

### **BENEDICTION**

### **CHORAL BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

*HYFRYDOL*

arr. Mark Kellner

### **TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

Kim Skilling, Pastor

David Hughes, Director of Music

Carol Hughes, Accompanist

Abbott Hatch & Richard Ramich, Video and Sound

Liturgists: Chris Coleman, Rick Conner, Carolee Ramich, Tracy Ramont, Harvey Taylor,  
and Susan Wei

# Announcements

## Worship Notes

Hearing assistance devices are available at the tech table (or ask a greeter).

For our Children: Worship activity bags are available from the greeters and we have a "Prayground", located at the front right of the Sanctuary. Nursery care is available for children up to age 6.



## Coffee Fellowship

Every Sunday in the courtyard, following the Worship Service.

### THIS WEEK

#### **Zoom Bible Study on November 29, 2023**

Wednesdays at 10am

All are invited to join to join us online: Zoom.us

Meeting ID: 608 966 196 Passcode: 5352176

#### **Chancel Choir Practice, Thursdays at 7pm and Sundays at 9:30 am**

Speak with Dr. Hughes for more details.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

#### **November 26, 2023 Hanging of the Greens**

We will begin to deck the hall of our sanctuary in worship and finish after service. A light lunch will be provided.

**Advent Calendars** for both adults and children will be available at church on November 26th. There will also be reverse Advent Calendars available in support of Family Promise.

## **How Does A Weary World Rejoice?**

Advent and Christmas Worship begins next week!

**December 5, 2023**

**Gathering of Spirits**

Join us at 5:45pm at Windsor Browns for a time when our spirits encounter God's Spirit in spirited discussion on wide ranging topics.

### **It's Not Too Late!- Pledge Reminder**

If you have not already done so, please mail or bring your 2024 Pledge Card to the church. Your estimate of giving is critical to the Session's ability to set a church budget for the coming year.

Thank you so much for your faithful and generous support of our congregation!

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Please pray for those in treatment for cancer:** Carole Chambers, Judy Jordan, John Harb (Kendall Schubert's father), Matthew Williams (Jack and Geri Baird's grandson), Catherine Morris, Bill Anderson (Bruce Anderson's Brother)

**Please pray for those on hospice:** Patricia Carl

**Please continue to pray for the health of:** Cathy (Kendall Harb Schubert's grandmother), Dave Lopez (Alan Lopez' brother), Harvey Taylor, Dave Lopez, , Mellody Anderson, Norma Leichtweis, Esther Fieldhouse, Luca ( son of Christina Cuddy's friend), Carol Talbot, Wanda Reynolds.

### **WAYS TO GIVE**

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