



First Presbyterian Church

at the heart of Anaheim

December 3, 2023



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: THE CANDLE OF HOPE

How does a weary world hope?

**By telling stories of hope, by lighting candles in the night,
and planting seeds in the winter that will bloom in the spring.**

By praying for children as they grow, and picking up trash on the sidewalk.

By insisting that small acts can make a difference.

There are a million ways to practice hope.

So today we light the candle of hope as a reminder and a charge.

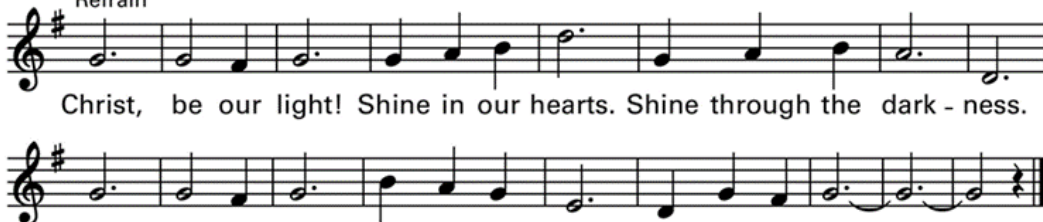
With God's help, may we bring hope into a weary world. Amen.

Response

Christ Be Our Light (Refrain)

Bernadette Farrell

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: 'Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.' The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: 'Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.' Both staves end with a double bar line.

ANTHEM

O Magum Mysterium

Thomas Victoria

PASSING THE PEACE

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:1-23

SERMON

Too Wearied to Hope?

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.**

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People (Kim)

To partake of communion, please come forward, take a piece of bread and dip it in the cup, and return to your seat. For those who prefer communion may be brought to your pew. Those worshiping remotely are invited to join as they are ready.

Prayer following Communion

***HYMN NO 9** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

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

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. (Refrain)

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Joy to the World* arr. Mark Hayes

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Kim Skilling- Pastor

Dr. David Hughes - Music Director

Carol Hughes - Organist/Pianist

Susan Wei, Ministry Intern - Liturgist

Abbott Hatch & Richard Ramich – Sound and Video

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 December 6, 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

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.

December 12, 2023 Thank you Brunch for Jessica at 11:00am

December 15, 2023

Vocal Mixology Concert

On Friday, December 15 Vocal Mixology will hold its winter concert in our Sanctuary. Our own John and Nikki Saylor are members of this Barbershop Acapella Style vocal ensemble. If you would like to attend, you may purchase tickets for \$15 by going here:
[<https://www.vocalmixology.com/watch-us>]

December 17, 2023 from 2-5pm Christmas Open House at Pastor Kim's Home

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.

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