



First Presbyterian Church

at the heart of Anaheim

December 10, 2023



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: THE CANDLE OF PEACE

Christina Cuddy and John Moses

How does a weary world practice peace?

By listening before we speak and saying sorry when we need to.

By advocating for justice and caring for our neighbor.

By practicing Sabbath and forgiving seventy times seven.

By choosing grace over hate and opening the door for each other.

There are a million ways to practice peace. So today we relight the candle of hope and light the candle of peace as a reminder and a charge.

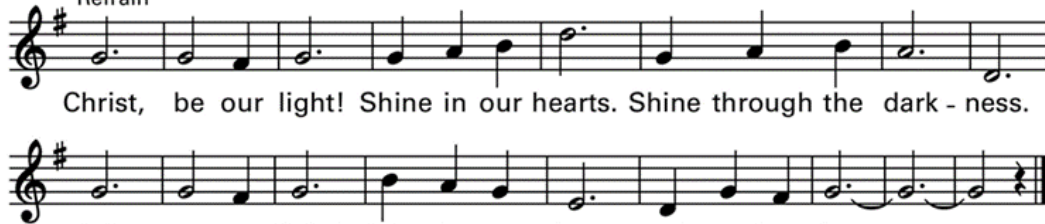
With God's help, may we bring peace into a weary world. Amen.

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

Gaudete (Rejoice)

Michael Burkhardt

PASSING THE PEACE

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:24-45, Isaiah 40:1-11

SERMON

When Life Disappoints

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that joy is a sacred gift, existing on a plane deeper than happiness, stemming from the truth that we belong to God.

We believe that joy is not meant for isolation.

Joy is meant to be shared, weaving us together in laughter and in hope.

And when joy feels impossibly out of reach, we believe that part of being sacred community is leaning on one another.

**So together we say: I will share my joy when yours runs out.
You will share your joy when mine runs out.
And in doing so, we will both see God. Amen.**

OFFERING MOMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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

***HYMN NO 438**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Dennis

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;

Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,

And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

For Unto Us/Joy to the World

G.F. Handel, arr. Keith Christopher

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Kim Skilling- Pastor

Dr. David Hughes - Music Director

Carol Hughes - Organist/Pianist

Susan Wei, Ministry Intern - Liturgist

Christina Cuddy and John Moses - Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Abbott Hatch & Richard Ramich – Sound and Video

Today's liturgy by Sarah Speed, A Sanctified Art

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 13, 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



Please join us in thanking Jessica for her 2 years of exceptional service to our congregation. We are sorry to have her leave us, but celebrate the upcoming birth of her son, Silas.

Please bring a dish to share if you are able. A egg casserole will be provided.

YOU ARE INVITED TO:



PASTORS KIM AND STEVE'S
ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17
2:00-5:00 PM
2115 N BAKER ST
SANTA ANA, CA 92708



January 17, 2024 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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We give thanks for: Cheri Archer's successful surgery. Please pray for her as she recovers at home.

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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