



St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

Welcome Home

Order of Worship

November 27, 2022

While we wait on the birth of Jesus, let us "wait" on those who need us.

Prelude Kevin Su Fukagawa

Welcome Jack Doman

***Call to Worship** Randi Berry

The Lord be with you

And Also with you

Come, let us go together to God's Mountain

A mountain of God's glory and peace.

Let us prepare for Christ's arrival

The birth of the Prince of Peace.

Come, let us worship the Spirit of Love

We are ready to worship and sing!

***Opening Prayer**

O Lord, draw us near as we draw near to you.

Open our hearts and our minds to your presence.

Prepare us as we anticipate your entry into the world once again.

Prepare us as we anticipate the light that enters the darkness.

Come, O Come Emanuel. Amen

***Opening Hymn "Angels From the Realms of Glory"** Hymnal #220

Verse 1

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

Chorus

Come and worship

Christ the newborn King

Come and worship

Worship Christ the newborn King

Verse 2

Shepherds in the fields abiding

Watching o'er your flocks by night

God with man is now residing

Yonder shines the infant-light (chorus)

Verse 3

Sages leave your contemplations

Brighter visions beam afar

Seek the great desire of nations

Ye have seen His natal star (chorus)

Lighting of the Advent Candle Marv Jacobsen

Children's Message by Randy Holzer puppeteers, from the Knoedler family



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Scripture: Matthew 24: 36-44

Randi Berry

36 "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 37 For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, 39 and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. 41 Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. 42 Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 43 But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Anthem Choir "When He Comes Again"

Directed by Kevin Su Fukagawa

Sermon: "Anticipation: The Coming of Christ"

Pastor Jim Powell

Moving into a Spirit of Prayer

Covenant Prayers for the Cal-Pac Churches

Jack Doman

First German UMC Estero Bay UMC

Pastoral Prayers

NEW REQUESTS

CONTINUE TO PRAY

HEALING & RECOVERY

Danny with heart and kidney problems (St. Ledger)

Georgia beginning chemotherapy (Forbes)

Tony with liver cancer, told he has 6-9 months to live (Suzanne Ford)

Alli who had a hospital stay due to expecting identical twins with Will (Jennifer Winter's son)

Doris recovery from a broken pelvis (Janice Kakazu's mother)

Karen success & healing from breast cancer surgery (Janice Kakazu's sister)

Martin recovery from back surgery, wife Romana caring for him (McEachern family)

Tracy with multiple serious health problems and unable to work (friend of Christina M & Patti A)

Diane recovering from esophagus surgery (Friend of Debi Dyer)

Idris struggling with the transition to Independence (Friend of Debi Dyer)

Ceil with failing health (Adler)

Patti for improved and stable vision treatment (Adams)

Pat's Grandson relief from social fears (Graning)

Thomas success and recovery from a Liver transplant (Meier, friend of the Ford family)

Amber recovering from a lightning strike (Escudero-Konostathis)

Carolyn & Hanna (Sylvester)

CANCER TREATMENT

Karen (Janice K), Logan (Kathy H), Rita (Buckley, Lynne H) Bill (Debi D's Uncle),

Heather (Marion E's Daughter), Debbie, JoAnn Y, Joshua (Leslie's son), Ruby (cousin of Emmie),

Ariel (friend of Pam M), Dick, Romana, Bob and Gonzalo (friends of McEachern's), Toni, Sylvia

(friend of Pam P), Joey (Friend of Taty) and Melissa (Pastor Bob & Beth Ferguson's D-I-L)



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IN HOSPICE CARE
John (Thompson, friend of Roger Tripp)
Carole's mother (Tripp)

The Lord's Prayer

Moving Beyond a Spirit of Prayer

Invitation to Give our Blessings back to God
Offertory

Jack Doman

***Doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"**
*Blessing of our Gifts and Tithes

Hymnal #95

***Closing Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"**

Hymnal # 211

Verse 1

**O come O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear**

Chorus

**Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel**

Verse 2

**O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight
(chorus)**

Verse 3

**O come Thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things far and nigh
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go
(chorus)**

Verse 4

**O come Desire of nations bind
All peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy strife and quarrels cease
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace
(chorus)**

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Powell

Ministry & Life of the Church Announcements

Postlude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

Thank you

Jack, Randi, Randy and the Knoedler family for leading us in worship
Pastor Jim Powell for the Sermon Message
Kevin Su Fukagawa and The St. Matthew's Choir for our music

*The Altar Flowers are provided by
Patti Adams In honor of daughter Cathy's 58th Birthday
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Happy Birthday to
11-27 Mike Bertrand,
11-29 Tim LeRoy, Ben Kuo,
12-2 Jennifer Winter

Ministries & Events

11-30 Charge Conference at Westlake Village UMC 6:30pm
12-4 *Powell Family Open House 3:30pm*
12-4 Christmas Shoppe collection ends
12-10 Women's breakfast 8:30am in the Sanctuary
12-10 All Church Work Day 9am-noon
12-16 Polar Bear Express Movie Night at UMC T.O.

ONGOING

Mondays - Pastor's Team 9am
Wednesdays - Men's Study at 11am
in the Fireside Room
Wednesday-Choir 6:30pm/Sanctuary
*On hiatus: Book of James Study, Quilting Ministry, Women's Study,
Conejo Connect*



12-24 Christmas Eve 7pm Worship Service
12-25 Christmas Day 10am Worship Service

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