



St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

Welcome Home

Order of Worship

December 4, 2022

As John prepared the way for the Messiah, we prepare through confession, making room for Christ to come.

Prelude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

Welcome

Jack Doman

*Call to Worship

Christy Whisman

The Lord be with you

And Also with you

Prepare the Way of the Lord

God's Kingdom is drawing near.

Prepare the way of peace

God's Salvation is at hand

Prepare the way of righteousness

God's Spirit moves among us.

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

2nd Sunday of Advent



*Opening Prayer

God our Creator-

Who prepared the world for all living things.

Who prepared the soil for us to plant and reap from it,

Who prepared our minds so your word could be understood,

Who prepared our hearts that you might fill them with love,

Prepare us now for the coming of your Light into the world.

Prepare in us the way of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In His Name We Pray- Amen

*Opening Hymn "That Boy Child of Mary"

Hymnal #241

Chorus

That Boy Child of Mary

Was born in a stable

A manger His cradle in Bethlehem

Verse 1

What shall we call Him

Child of the manger

What name is given in Bethlehem

(C h o r u s)

Verse 2

His Name is Jesu

God ever with us

God given for us in Bethlehem

(C h o r u s)

Verse 3

How can He save us,

How can He help us

Born here among us in Bethlehem

(C h o r u s)

Verse 4

Gift of the Father

To human mother

Makes Him our Brother of Bethlehem

(C h o r u s)

Verse 5

One with the Father

He is our Savior

Heaven sent Helper of Bethlehem

(C h o r u s)

Verse 6

Gladly we praise Him

Love and adore Him

Give ourselves to Him of Bethlehem

(C h o r u s)



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Lighting of the Advent Candle

Marv Jacobsen & Family

We light this Candle of Preparation, remembering that our God prepared us with a covenant of love.

A righteous branch was promised from the Tree of Jesse.

For unto us a child is born and a light breaks forth. Prepare us Lord for the coming of your light.

Children's Message

Barbara Karplus

Scripture: Matthew 3: 1-12 NRSV

Christy Whisman

1 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,

2 "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." 3 This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.' "

4 Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, 6 and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

7 But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruit worthy of repentance. 9 Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

10 Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

11 "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Anthem Choir "I Trust In The Lord"

Directed by Kevin Su Fukagawa

Sermon: "Preparation: Make Way For The Lord"

Pastor Jim Powell

Holy Communion

Pastor Jim Powell & Jack Domes

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

PRAISE Roger with heart issues that he is not requiring surgical intervention (Tripp)

Wife Patti and family upon the passing of her husband Jerry from the flu (Rob Domes' B-I-L)



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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)
 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)
 Ceil with failing health (Adler)
 Amber recovering from a lightning strike (Escudero-Konostathis)
 Carolyn & Hanna (Sylvester)

CANCER TREATMENT

Georgia (Forbes), 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)

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 Jack Doman

Offertory "Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming"

***Doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"** Hymnal #95

*Blessing of our Gifts and Tithes

***Closing Hymn "O Come All Ye Faithful"** Hymnal # 234

Verse 1

O come all ye faithful
 Joyful and triumphant
 O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem
 Come and behold Him
 Born the King of angels

Chorus

O come let us adore Him
 O come let us adore Him
 O come let us adore Him
 Christ the Lord

Verse 2

Sing choirs of angels
 Sing in exultation
 O sing all ye bright
 Hosts of heav'n above
 Glory to God all
 Glory in the highest

(C h o r u s)

Verse 3

Yea Lord we greet Thee
 Born this happy morning
 Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n

Word of the Father

Now in flesh appearing

(C h o r u s)



*Benediction

Pastor Jim Powell

Ministry & Life of the Church Announcements

TODAY Powell Family Open House 2:30-5:30pm
TODAY Community Christmas Shoppe collection ends
12-5 Trustees Meeting 7:15pm
12-10 Women's breakfast 8:30am in the Sanctuary
12-10 All Church Work Day 9am-noon
12-13 Conejo Connect Youth Meeting 5:30pm UMC T.O.
12-16 Polar Bear Express Movie Night 7:00pm UMC T.O.
12-25 Christmas Dinner 5pm hosted by Nancy Liedblad
ONGOING
Mondays - Pastor's Team 9am
Wednesdays - Men's Study at 11am in the Fireside Room

Postlude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

Thank you

Jack, Christy, and Barbara for leading us in worship
Pastor Jim Powell for the Sermon Message
Kevin Su Fukagawa, Wendy Kaszycki and The St. Matthew's Choir for our music

The Altar Flowers are provided by Tina Martin

Fellowship Today is provided by Robyn Grenn

Happy Birthday to

2-4 Barbara Karplus, Katie Rainey & Holden Sheppard,
12-7 Hanna Sylvester-Frost, 12-8 Christy Whisman, 12-9 Tanya Blanck



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

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