

The Order for Worship and Celebration

Third Sunday in Advent
Christmas Music Sunday

December 11, 2011

10:00 a.m.

A THOUGHT BEFORE WORSHIP

The people of God are to watch for the coming of the Lord. They are to be ready for the unexpected, and readiness takes preparation. Think of the unexpected ways the Lord appears in our lives. To watch means to live in expectation. How does this anticipation affect the routine course of the day?

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“*Prelude and Fugue in G minor*”

Miah Han, organ

D. Buxtehude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Christmas Joy Offering

Marie Fernau

PRELUDE

“*Pat-A-Pan*” Burgundian Carol, arr. Gary Meredith
Celebration Ringers, Taemin Han-director
Janis Shea, finger cymbals; Miah Han, tamborine

*OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Almighty God and Heavenly Creator, we are all the work of your hand. Give us the strength and faith to look to you even in our brokenness and pain. May we wait for your coming with eagerness and hope, trusting that you will renew us and all your creation; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Lift up your head, you mighty gates! Be lifted up, O ancient doors!
All: *For the king of glory is coming, He will rule for ever more!*
Leader: The earth is his and all its lands, and all the folk of every race!
All: *For God has founded the hills and the oceans, and put the mountains in their place.* (Psalm 24)

*OPENING HYMN

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

#28, Hymnal

CHORAL ANTHEM

“*Infant Jesus*”

Sanctuary Choir

Taemin Han-director, Miah Han-organ

Mary Grey, Therese Fetter, Michaela Gansen-violins, Megan Grey-cello

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Father, we confess that we are not as we seem to others, nor even as we pretend to ourselves. You alone see us as we are: yet you do not reject us. May the faith you have put in us cheer us into living our lives more as you meant them and planned them. May your son keep working in us his miracle of transformation; and may the whole world come to realize that it is yours. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Responsive)

Leader: Jesus said that anyone who hears what he says and trusts in God has eternal life. The time is coming, indeed it is already here. All who heed God’s voice shall have life and life that is, indeed, eternal. Rest in the assurance of God’s grace made known to us in Jesus the Christ.

People: *Thanks be to God!*

*RESPONSE

“*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*” (Refrain)

#9, Hymnal

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

*PASSING THE PEACE

(Please warmly greet those persons around you.)

Children and youth should remain with their parents throughout the service today.

LIGHTING THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE: The Candle of Joy

Taemin & Miah Han Family and First Church Children and Youth

1st Reader:

I will praise you, O Lord. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me.

All:

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

2nd Reader:

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord is my strength and my son; God has become my salvation.

All:

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

1st Reader:

Give thanks to the Lord, call on God’s name; make known among the nations God’s mighty deeds, proclaim that the Lord’s name is exalted.

All:

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

2nd Reader:

Sing to the Lord, for God has done glorious things; let this be unknown to all the world. Shout aloud and sing for joy, great is the Holy One among you!

All:

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

1st Reader:

Today we light three candles. The first candle is the candle of hope. During Advent we wait in the hope that God’s promises will be fulfilled. The second candle is the candle of peace. We can have peace because God’s preparations have brought forth the fulfillment of the promises. Today’s candle is the candle of joy. God has given us the waters of salvation! Let us rejoice.

All:

Praise to the Lord, because God has come and redeemed the people.

“*Light One Candle*”

Natalie Sleeth

Light one candle for joy, One bright candle for joy.

He brings joy to every heart, He comes, He comes! CCLI #1176456

First time Advent family; second time choir and congregation

(The first, second and third Advent candles are lit.)

2nd Reader & All: *Gracious Lord, we wait during Advent for the coming of your Son, fill our lives with joy. Fill us with joy because we will draw from the waters of salvation. Fill us with joy at the coming of your Son. And fill us with joy as we serve a world that needs the joy that comes from knowing Jesus Christ. Amen.*

CHRISTMAS STORY

“The Angels’ Point of View”

Dr. David K. Wood

By J.B. Phillips

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Jesus, Joy of Man’s Desiring

Sanctuary Choir

J.S. Bach

Taemin Han-director, Miah Han-organ

Mary Grey, Therese Fetter, Michaela Gansen-violins, Megan Grey-cello

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Offertory

“For He That Is Mighty”

Megan Grey, cello; Taemin Han, piano

J.S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING ANTHEM

“Christmas Is Coming”

Sanctuary Choir, Celebration Ringers

Taemin Han-director, Miah Han-piano

David Benskin-guitar, Alixandra Wimberley-double bass

Joel Raney

*CLOSING HYMN

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?”

#11, Hymnal

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“In Dulci Jubilo”

Miah Han, organ

Gordon Young

**All those who are able may stand*

Musicians for Today’s Musical Offering:

Taemin Han, director

Miah Han, organist and pianist

Celebration Ringers

Sue Hummel*, Karen Dew, Marsha Platt, Jo Beaver

Mary Mumm, Jackie Bass, Marie Fernau, Grace Han, Solomon Han

Sanctuary Choir

Jo Beaver, Sally Davis, Karen Dew, Marie Fernau, Janis Shea, Kari O. Narey

Mary Mumm, Kaethe Henning, Mary Kabel, David Kabel, Valeria Kishkunas,

Terrell L. Izzard, Juan Ahumada, Larry Guadagnoli, Allison Wamset*

*Guest Member

Instrumental Players

Mary Grey, Therese Fetter, Michaela Gansen-violins, Megan Grey-cello

David Benskin-guitar, Alixandra Wimberley-double bass

Thank you to the all musicians for their talents and commitment.

Also, thank you to all of you who come and join us

in praising God with the gift of music today.

This Week at First Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11: 3rd Sunday in Advent, Christmas Music Sunday

8:45 a.m.	Adult Forum “ Walking to Bethlehem:	Calvin Hall
9:00 a.m.	Over the Coffee Discussion Group	Parlor
10:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Mission Project	Gym
11:45 a.m.	First Church Family Christmas Dinner	Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13:

8:30 a.m.	Foster Care Review Board	Calvin Hall
9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting	Church Office
1:00 a.m.	Worship at Rosewood	Rosewood Estates

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14:

10:00 a.m.	PWC Coordinating Team Brunch	Calvin Hall
6:15 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15:

11:30 a.m.	Staff Christmas Lunch	Office Closed
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16:

1:00 p.m.	Prime Timers (Harvey DVD)	Calvin Hall
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18: 4th Sunday in Advent

8:30 a.m.	Community Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
8:45 a.m.	Adult Forum “Walking to Bethlehem:	Calvin Hall
9:00 a.m.	Over the Coffee Discussion Group	Parlor
10:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Church Nominating Committee Meeting	Parlor

Known to be Hospitalized:

Pray for our Partners in Ministry:

Kesley Presbyterian Church, Kesley
Rev. Tamara EnTin

Candidates: Jennifer Ehlers, Patricia Geadelmann, Sarah Hegar, Nicholas Redmond
Inquirers: Melissa Brunia Brown, Ashley Lage, Erin Marth, Emily Heitzman, Patience Hewitt

Pray for our Partners in Mission in the Presbytery of Los Ranchos (California), the Presbytery of the Pacific (Hawaii and California), the Presbytery of Riverside (California), the Presbytery of San Diego (California), the Presbytery of San Fernando (California) and the Presbytery of San Gabriel (California).

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