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## United Methodist Church of Vista

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### Bulletin

*Worship Bulletin of the United Methodist Church of Vista*

**December 19, 2021**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**4th Sunday of Advent**

*Please be aware: For best conservation and stewardship practice, the worship bulletin will not be printed from the office. The order of Worship and weekly information will be on the screens, and continue to be emailed for your use.*

### Gathering

#### Gathering Music

Praise Band

**Pastoral Welcome** with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

#### Advent Candle Lighting Song

**“O Little Town of Bethlehem” UMH 230**

Words: Phillips Brooks

Music: Lewis H. Redner

Adam Ferrara

#### Advent Candle Lighting with the Felien Family

Watch and wait for Christ’s coming! Light candles of hope, peace, joy and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.

**We light this candle for hope.**

**We light this candle for peace.**

**We light this candle for joy.**

**We light this candle for love. Our candles of waiting are fully lit.**

Remember the words of the prophet Micah, “he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live securely, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.”

Let us pray: **God of hope, Prince of peace, Jubilee Judge, and Lord of love, your goodness is beyond our wildest imaginings. You give us more than we can think to ask, coming to us with impossible possibilities in the union of flesh and spirit. Teach us to love this world and all people as you love us in Jesus Christ, God of promise and God of hope. Amen.**

#### Song of Welcome

**“What Child Is This” UMH 219, Vs. 1-3**

Words: William C. Dix

Music: 16<sup>th</sup> cent. English melody

Adam Ferrara

**\*Children’s Time** (and released to Sunday School) with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw



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### Sharing the Word

**Scripture** with Diane Biggs

**Micah 5:2-5a and Matthew 1:18-25 (NRSV)**

### Proclamation of the Word

Word of God, for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### Message

**A Woman's Calling**

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

### Christmas Affirmation of Faith: Jesus was a Refugee from Salt Project

### Song of the Word

**"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" UMH 218**

Words: Edmund H. Sears

Music: Richard Storrs Willis

Praise Band

### Community Prayer with Lord's Prayer with Dakota Koenig, Certified Lay Minister

God of our every joyous moment, come to us this day. Receive our concerns and lift our stress that we can feel your leap within. May the miracles of our lives fill us with wonder for the truth of your goodness. We are nearly to the day when the present of life will be opened. Open the manger of our heart and fill us once again with new life. We are your restored creation, blessed to be a blessing to the world. Hear the prayers we bring this morning for healing and patience. Hear the prayers we bring for our own life and the lives of those we love. We lift our every thought to you, as we join our voices in the prayer of our Lord.

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

### Response to the Word

### Special Music

**"To Thee My Heart I Offer"**

Words: Mein Herz will ich dir schenken

Music: Elaine Hagenburg

Chancel Choir

**\*Call to Offering and Action: The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw**



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### **Invitation and Dedication: Prayer**

Magnificent God, as we focus on Mary, the mother of Jesus, we are reminded that you do great wonders and signs through the most humble and obedient of your children. As we give our gifts to you this day, give us ears to hear the whispers of the angels speaking to us; give us eyes to see the needy and the unloved all around us; and give us faith to offer our lives to your plan of saving love. In Christ, our redeemer, we pray. Amen.

### **Commissioned into the World**

#### **Song of Sending**

**“Angels We Have Heard on High” UMH 238, Vs. 1-3**

Words: Trad. French carol

Music: French carol melody; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes

Adam Ferrara

**Benediction** with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

#### **Postlude**

**“Sleigh Ride”**

Music: Leroy Anderson

Adam Ferrara

**\*\*Please wait to leave until the pastors have recessed.**

Please keep the aisles clear for safety and fire code enforcement. Wheelchair seating is available; please speak to an usher.

**Reminder:** Please turn off the sound on your cell phone during worship so that others can enjoy and stay focused on worship. Thank you.

**Partners in Ministry:** Pastor, Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw and Associate Pastor of Music and Visitation, Rev. Frank Hallock



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### Announcements

The **Call to Offering and Action** highlights our response to God’s love through our action, service and financial support. Each week we pray for a community partner, special project and/or people who are making a difference in our community and world. The United Methodist Church and this local congregation live our faith through our giving in many ways. Your giving starts here and is multiplied by God. Thank you.

**Our Call to Offering and Action today** we highlight the **United Methodist Committee on Relief** as our Community Partner. UMCOR responds to natural or civil disasters of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community’s ability to recover on its own. Through UMCOR, United Methodists extend loving care to people within the United States. When disaster strikes, it is local churches that provide the first response to their communities. This basic understanding—that disaster response is local—forms the foundation for UMCOR’s US disaster training and response. When responding to a disaster in the United States, UMCOR provides training, financial assistance, expertise, community collaboration to churches and partners making them more resilient to disasters.



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**Advent: HOME for the Holidays** - A weekly online devotional from our church during Advent. Each week there will be a special message, scripture, prayer and special music. Get out a candle to light. We hope you are blessed by this time together. Found on our YouTube channel, and listed in the Spark each week.

*December 19: A message of LOVE from Kathy Johnson. Scripture: [1 John 4:16](#)*

The **Music Ministry** will be offering an **in-person concert for the Christmas Season** TODAY at **4:00 p.m.** *Director's Conversation* will be offered at 3:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. There will be a free-will offering to offset concert expenses and in support of the ministry of the church. We hope to see you there!

### **Season of Gratitude: From Staffing Committee**

To show our gratitude for the leadership and dedication of our staff team, our Staffing Committee (SPRC) is collecting monetary gifts that will be distributed to all the staff on December 21st. Please show your appreciation by dropping a gift in our "Gift Present Box" in the Narthex' today. You may also leave it in the office marked "Staff Gift." Contact Melissa Giard for more information or if you would like to extend extra-generosity! Last Sunday.

### **Special Online Worship with our Southern California Conference of United Methodists:**

December 26 we will be worshipping online from our homes with our whole region. Please watch for the worship link in your inbox, or let Paula know you'd like it so you can join us there for worship. We will not be sharing in person worship and will return in person on January 2 at 10 a.m. For more information, contact Paula Amaro in the office.

**To get your announcement on the screens:** Any announcements are due by Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. to Michael Beu. Thank you for planning ahead and being a part of the communications team!



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Senior Pastor	Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw
Associate Pastor of Music and Visitation	Rev. Frank Hallock
Director of Family Ministries	
Office Manager	Paula Amaro
Bookkeeper	Joann Balardeta
Music Accompanist (Organist/Pianist)	Adam Ferrara
Video Tech Coordinator	Rob Pierce
Nursery Attendants	Tracy Lyons, Marie Bonner
Certified Lay Minister	Dakota Koenig
Lay Leaders	Rollin Grider, Dakota Koenig, Rob and Katie Pierce, Pastor Emeriti, Rev. Lanny Arrowsmith
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