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Worship Bulletin of the United Methodist Church of Vista

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In-house and Live-stream Worship

December 10, 2023

10:00 a.m.

2nd Sunday of Advent

Gathering

Gathering Music

Praise Band

Pastoral Welcome with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Opening Prayer with Dakota Koenig, Certified Lay Minister

Oh, beautiful Advent season, how we love thee. This time of waiting and anticipation stirs such hope in our hearts. God, we recognize this season as a gift from you, a reminder of your promised Messiah come to save us. As we enter into worship today, fill us with exceeding great joy. Holy Spirit, guide our words, our songs and our actions. Allow each song that is sung, each Scripture that is read, and each prayer offered to point us to you. We give you this time because it is for you and about you. May your name be made great. Amen.

Song of Welcome

People, Look East UMH 202, Vs. 1-3

Words: Eleanor Farjeon

Music: Trad. French carol; harm. by Martin Shaw

Praise Band

Advent Candle Lighting

Leader: O God, we light the second candle of Advent.

*(*With the first candle already burning, a family member lights the second candle.)*

People: We seek your comfort. Both mighty and tender, you come. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you.

Leader: Isaiah announced God's coming to a people exiled in a broken and parched wilderness. He declared that God's redemption would make a highway in the desert and change the rough places into plain. God would come as a shepherd—feeding, leading, and cradling the weary flock. This Advent, we seek such a God.

People: Saving God, look upon your world and heal your land and your people. Prepare us to be changed. This Advent, teach us to be tender and just, as you are. Amen.



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Song of the Word

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear UMH 218, Vs. 1-4

Words: Edmund H. Sears

Music: Richard Storrs Willis

Adam Ferrara

Gathering at the Nativity

***Children's Time (and released to Sunday School)**

Sharing the Word

Scripture with Martha Treutle

Isaiah 40:1-11 and Mark 1:1-8 (NRSV)

Message

Changing Your Mind

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Song

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing UMH 240, Vs. 2 & 3

Words: Charles Wesley

Music: Felix Mendelssohn

Adam Ferrara

Pastoral Prayer with Lord's Prayer with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

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

Glory to God

Music: G. F. Handel from *Messiah*

Chancel Choir

***Call to Offering and Action** with Melissa Giard

Invitation and Dedication: Prayer

Almighty God, we enter this season from a chaotic world filled with violence, division, and injustice. We hear your prophet Isaiah promising comfort -- then John the Baptist calling us to construction projects. We are reminded we are called to prepare the way, to be the designers of peace, the builders of justice, the producers of kindness. As we bring our tithes and offerings to you, we pray that our giving continues to point to the Christ who comes in love and compassion. May our giving in this season reflect our hope for the promised kin-dom to reign in our world. We pray this in the name of the Messiah, Jesus our Savior. Amen.



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Commissioned into the World

Song of Sending

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks UMH 236, Vs. 1-6

Words: Nahum Tate

Music: *Harmonia Sacra*, Arr. from G.F. Handel

Adam Ferrara

Benediction with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Postlude

Liebestraum No. 3

Music: Franz Liszt

Adam Ferrara

Pastors: Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw, Associate Pastor of Music and Visitation,
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Announcements

During Advent we will be building a unique and dynamic nativity scene. Pastor Leigh Ann is collecting a piece from all members of the congregation to create a messy, unusual vision of Christ's birth. Any one piece that is a part of the story of the Nativity is welcome and should be considered a donated gift for someone else. On Christmas Eve all the pieces will be available to take home and added to your family Christmas celebration.

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.

Giving thanks for your Support and Contributions: You are essential to all we do for Vista and beyond. Please consider making a financial contribution to the ongoing work of this faith community. Your monetary gifts can be dropped in the offering box, put through the secure mail slot near the office or use your credit card at the Scrip table. Thank you!

The nursery is available to receive little ones. The cry room is also available for parents to use. For more information or questions, see Margene Haase.

Join us TODAY at 2:00 p.m. for Christmas caroling. Please plan to participate in this wonderful holiday tradition. This heartwarming and fun event is filled with Christmas spirit for the home bound and for us, the carolers. If you have questions, please call Kathy Johnson at 760.560.7150.

Today - United Women in Faith's Annual Christmas Bake Sale! Goodies will be boxed and ready for you to give as gifts. Stop by the table in the narthex to select your homemade treats and support the mission of United Women in Faith.

Our **Christmas concert, "Rejoice Greatly" is on Sunday, Dec. 17, 4:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. Our Chancel Choir will be combining with members of the San Luis Rey Chorale, and friends from the Greater San Diego Music Coterie. We will also feature our Chamber Orchestra, Anderson Handbells and guest artists, Jimmy Patton and Enrique Platas and Naomi Alter, harpist. Admission is free, and a free-will offering will be taken.

Youth Happenings... Youth Group today from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. See John Giard with any questions.

Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Worship

Worship – 10:00 a.m. (An interpreter for the Deaf/and hard-of-hearing will be here.)

Family Candlelight Worship – 5:00 p.m.

Dec. 31, New Year's Eve Online Worship – 10:00 a.m.



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