



Today's
Scripture
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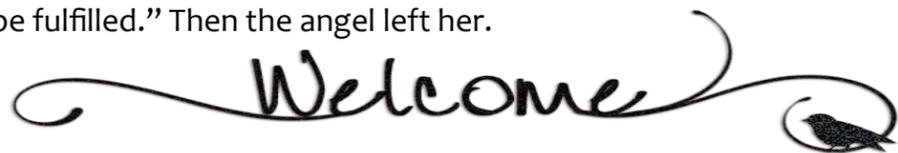
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Pre-Service Music by the Lord's Crew

Welcome and News of the Church Pastor David

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Scripture Reading **John 3:13—17** **In Unison**
No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him." For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Opening Prayer

Handbell Anthem *Good King Wenceslas*
John Behnke, arrangement

Praise *Hark The Harold Angels Sing*
Mary Did You Know?
Little Drummer Boy
I Just Want to Praise You

Prayer of Adoration Susan Coho

Prayer for the Giving and Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory *Light of The Stable*

We Share In God's Peace - please be seated when you hear the music.

Joys and Concerns & Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Luke 1:26—38 Joel Anderson
One: This is the word of the Lord.
Many: Thanks be to God.

Message *Announcement, Anxiety, Answer*
Pastor David M. Burgeson

Holy Communion Liturgy (on screen)
Communion Song *Silent Night*

Benediction *The Lord Bless Thee* Pastor David

Recessional *When A Savior Dreams*



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Welcome and News of the Church

Organ Prelude Join The Triumph of the Skies! (E. Wagner)

Handbell Introit What Is This Lovely Fragrance
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† **Hymn No. 220** Angels From the Realms of Glory

Lighting of The Advent Wreath—Pat and Larry Wiemers

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Children's Moment Leonard Lutz
Nursery care is available. Children ages K-6 are dismissed with the teachers at this time to room 211. Junior & Senior High will stay in worship with their families.

Call to Confession Pastor David
One: Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Have you done that this week or has Christ been crowded out of Advent? Let us confess our sins together.

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Prayer of Confession

Pastor David

* Please join me in our Prayer of Confession:

All: Merciful Savior, we have the best of intentions, wanting to create memorable celebrations of your incarnation. We confess, though, that we get off track. We are dazzled by shiny lights and beautifully decorated trees, yet fail to be your light to a hurting world. We run from one holiday event to the next, yet fail to stop and be a Good Samaritan to those who need food and shelter.

We sing Christmas carols at every opportunity yet fail to share the Good News of your love to those for whom the holidays bring depression, grief, loneliness and despair. Forgive us, we pray. Restore to us a joy in the sacred, in the simple, and in being in your presence as redeemed children of God. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor David

Pastor: God so loved the world that Jesus, God's only Son, came into the world to redeem everyone who believes.

People: Thanks be to God! We are forgiven because of Jesus Christ. Hallelujah! Amen.

Choral Anthem Candlelight Carol (John Rutter) Chancel Choir

Sharing of Our Joys & Concerns with Pastoral Prayers & Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer

Prayer for Giving & Receiving of Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Mary Did Your Know
Julie Burns—SOLO

✠ **Doxology**

Prayer For Illumination

Judy Leonard

One: Please join me in our Prayer for Illumination:

ALL: Gracious God, as we prepare for the coming Light of the World, illumine our hearts with the light of Your Spirit to hear and receive Your Word as it is read as proclaimed. Amen.

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✠ **Affirmation of Faith**

The Lord is holy and awesome and full of power! He sent His Son to earth to redeem mankind. Jesus came and lived among us, dying that we might live. He returned to heaven, promising to return again one day. He will come in righteousness and holiness, bringing peace to all mankind. The Spirit of God lives with us now, moving and breathing peace to all mankind. He is coming! This we believe.

✠ **Hymn No. 202** People Look East

✠ **Benediction and Choral Response**

Postlude Joyful Tidings (J. Moffatt)

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Joys and Concerns—21 December 2014

Lift Up These People In Recent Need of Prayer:

- Health and healing for those who are ill, battling depression, isolation and the loss of loved ones.
- The People's Kitchen needs a serving space that is permanent.
- That we all would reach out to our community; show the love of Christ.
- Those who are fighting cancer and other diseases; for the many who suffer in chronic pain.
- Susan Coho's cousin—Paul is still in need of prayer. He is up to 50% and improving but not fully recovered.
- Victoria Gandy's son Wil—continues health struggles; he will have spinal surgery.
- Tina Moore and family with the passing of Helen.
- Leonard Mansell is in ICU with a blood infection and mass in his head.
- Tom Egan had another treatment this past week.
- Calvin Thompson's friend—Robyn will have a lumpectomy; Calvin got approval for housing.
- The Johnson girls as they seek to learn about Christ in this season.
- Ron Miller had colon cancer surgery.
- Neil Prestemon's mom has a diagnosis and is under home care.
- Prayers for families in Pakistan who lost children.

Praise the Lord! His Mercies Are New Every Morning!

- A warm welcome to our visiting friends. Welcome home to those who we have not seen for a while. It is good to have you with us!
- Church parking lot giveaway was a success.
- The Elmore's baby just turned ONE year old.
- Susan Coho's cousin Paul is stable enough to fly home to Alaska.
- Caitlin Herber & Myra Spaulding graduated from CalPoly SLO.
- The UMM Christmas Jubilee was a GREAT time!

Continued Prayer: Fenton McClure, Ken Coombs, Isabella Sloan, Ayleen Melsheimer, Les Bradley, Mike Douglas, Richard & Adam Gainer, Wil Ogden, the Gandys, Rick Ventura, the Harveys, Lisa Graham, the Mark Moore Family, Cristy Van Hook, Ellie Asprion, Juji Boyle, Tom Egan, Guy Oates and Jim Duffin.
Those In Care Facilities/Shut-ins: Bob Atwood, Bob Serby, Wayne Frisby, Doris Rice, Ruby Weddell, Madge Young, Jeanne Jenkins, Donna Truman, the Bucktons, Sadie Krovious, Jerry Smith, Glen Hughes, Doug Craig, & Doris Leddy.

Covenant Missionary: Tim & Juji Boyle (Japan)

Remember in Prayer: Our pastor and his family; church family and friends; those with the unspoken prayer; the ministries of this church; our church leaders; those serving God around the world; the hungry, displaced, sick and/or impoverished; the many who are suffering after natural or man-made disasters and for the workers who minister to them; for God's peace & justice for the world; our nation; current leaders; salvation for the world through Jesus Christ; the military & their families; the Middle East & Syria; the unrest in the nation. Cal-Pac Field Missionaries: Charley Brower (Alaska), John Elmore (Chile), The Persons (Congo), Carmen Aracelis Meléndez & Alejandro Rodriguez (Mexico).

North District Weekly Prayer Covenant

- Retired Clergy and Seminarians
- Camp Wrightwood—Jennifer Berry, manager

Global Mission Focus for the Week

- **Dec. 21:** Pakistan: Association of Women Awareness and Rural Empowerment (AWARE): Ending violence against women
- **Dec. 22:** Haiti Hope House: Child education and young adult vocational training, Haiti
- **Dec. 23:** Fiji: Weavers: Peace and security in the Pacific through theological reflection and analysis for constructive transformation
- **Dec. 24:** United Methodist Women: Representation at U.N. Commission on the Status of Women
- **Dec. 25:** World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women
- **Dec. 26:** West Angola: Community Leadership Development of Youth: Establishing a resource and educational center for youth
- **Dec. 27:** China: Guangxi Family Preservation and Education Project: Providing educational and nutritional support to families