

TUSTIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024, 7:00 P.M.



*Lessons
& Carols*

CHRISTMAS EVE LESSONS & CAROLS



*Welcome to Tustin Presbyterian Church. No matter where you come from or where you're going, no matter what you believe or what you doubt, no matter what you feel or just don't feel today, no matter whom you love, you are welcome into this space to be met by a God who knows you by name, who knows your heart, who knows your mind, and...
who wants to have a relationship with you.
We join together in worship and celebration of Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

*The livestream for this service can be accessed from our main YouTube page: <http://bit.ly/TPC-YouTube-Page>
The livestream will begin several minutes before the service begins. Feel free to tune in whenever you are ready. If you prefer to view the service later, the video will be available soon after the service has concluded.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

As the prelude begins, we gather before God in silent reflection.

PRELUDE

Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)

O Holy Night

Dr. Hye Kyung Lee, Organ

WELCOME

CHOIR INTROIT

arr. Marianne Forman

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

TPC Chancel Choir

Gavin Thrasher, Choir Director

***OPENING CAROLS**

Hymn No. 140, Verses 1, 2, 4

Once in Royal David's City

*Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little child.*

*He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and His shelter was a stable,
and His cradle was a stall;
with the poor and meek and lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.*

*And our eyes at last shall see Him,
through His own redeeming love,
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above;
and He leads His children on
to the place where He is gone.*

Cecil Frances Alexander (1848)



Hymn No. 133, Verses 1, 3, 4

O Come, All Ye Faithful

*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!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God in the highest!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

*Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

John Francis Wade; Tr. Frederick Oakeley (1841), alt.

OPENING SENTENCES

The Rev. Dr. Steve Ranney

Behold, I bring you good news of great joy
which will come to all people;

***for to you is born this day in the city of David
a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.***

And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

***We pray that the Prince of Peace will be revealed
as we worship in His name.***

FIRST LESSON

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Gavin Thrasher

**The Angel Gabriel Visits Mary
Luke 1:26-33**

SPECIAL MUSIC

arr. David Willcocks

Gabriel's Message
TPC Chancel Choir

SECOND LESSON

New Testament, Page 58
Reader 2

**Mary and Joseph Go to Bethlehem
Luke 2:1-5**

CAROL

Hymn No. 121, Verses 1, 4

O Little Town of Bethlehem

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.*

*O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel.*

Phillips Brooks (1868)

THIRD LESSON

New Testament, Page 58
Reader 2

**The Birth in the Manger
Luke 2:6-7**

SPECIAL MUSIC

arr. Larry Harris

A La Nanita Nana
TPC Chancel Choir

FOURTH LESSON

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Reader 3

The Angels' Song
Luke 2:8-20

***CAROL**

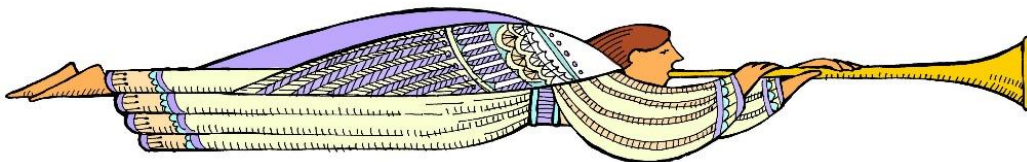
Hymn No. 113, Verses 1, 3

Angels We Have Heard on High

*Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

French Carol; tr. James Chadwick, 1860, alt



*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Webb Family

*The white color of the candle signifies the pure life of Christ.
The flame is a symbol of Christ, the Light of the World.*

Lighting of the Advent Candle

On this most holy night we light all four candles in our Advent wreath, and we are reminded of the Expectation, Preparation, Proclamation, and Revelation of His coming. Now we light the Christ Candle, as tonight is the culmination of the Advent season when we celebrate the birth of our Lord. As we remember that holy night, let us hear the words of the prophet Isaiah as he described what Christ's birth would mean to the world.

Reading of Scripture

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined.

⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

Isaiah 9:2, 6–7

Prayer

Gracious and Mighty King, we celebrate Your goodness to us as we join the triumph and joy of Christmas. As Your love has been revealed in all of its fullness, we pray that love may abound in our hearts during this special day. Grant us the spirit of Christ that we may live in the fullness of His character every day. In His name we pray. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Randall Thompson

Alleluia

TPC Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Almighty and everlasting God,
Your Word made flesh in Jesus
is a light shining brightly in a world of confusion.
The Light exposes places in our lives
where we need forgiveness and renewal.
Fill us with Your glory
and make us bearers of the light
to our family and friends,
our neighbors and coworkers.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

***CAROL**

Hymn No. 119, Verses 1, 3

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King.
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."*

*Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise the us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

Charles Wesley (1739, 1753; alt.)

FIFTH LESSON

New Testament, Page 2
Joe Price

**The Wise Men Worship
Matthew 2:1-11**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

Videntes Stellam
TPC Chancel Choir

CAROL

Hymn No. 147, Verses 1, 2

The First Nowell

*The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel!*

*They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night:
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel!*

Anonymous (1833)

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The Innkeeper

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (TRADITIONAL)

Glory to God, Page 35

*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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.*

***CAROL**

Hymn No. 134, Verses 1, 2, 4

Joy to the World

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare Him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness
and wonders of His love,
and wonders of His love,
and wonders, wonders of His love.*

Isaac Watts (1719)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

arr. Shawn Kirchner

Brightest and Best TPC Chancel Choir

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Wie Schön Leuchtet

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: All glo-ry be to God on high, and Je-sus Christ whose birth is nigh, and Ho-ly Spi-rit praise we. As it was in the be-gin-ning, now and ev-er shall be. A - men! A - men! A - men!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*With shepherds and magi
we adore the Holy Child,
the promised King;
and with our gifts we worship Him,
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with You
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.*

SERVICE OF CANDLE LIGHTING

As 'Silent Night' is sung, the congregation will remain seated. The pastor will light a candle from the Christ Candle and then light the candles of the ushers. The ushers will, in turn, light the candles of the first worshiper in each pew. The light will then be passed from worshiper to worshiper. Please remember to keep the lighted candle upright while tipping the unlit candle to it. The sanctuary lights will be dimmed during the final verse. Before leaving, worshipers are asked to extinguish their candles.

Silent Night

*Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
'round yon virgin mother and Child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia:*

*Christ the Savior is born;
Christ the Savior is born!"*

*Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from Thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.*

*Silent night, holy night!
Wonderous star, lend thy lights
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King,
Christ the Savior is born;
Christ the Savior is born!*

Joseph Mohr (1816; tr. John Freeman Young (1863)



***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Don Hustad (1918-2013)

Joy to the World
Dr. Hye Kyung Lee, Organ

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WELCOME!

If you are new to this area or if you do not have a church home, we invite you to come again to experience the joy of the life of Christ throughout the entire year. The next time you come, we will not have all the beautiful Christmas decorations, but you will find a group of people who are seeking God and who care about you.

Our worship service each Sunday is at 10:00 a.m. with nursery care offered for infants through age two, along with Sunday School for children and youth. If you have questions, please talk to our pastor. You can also find us, along with past services and sermons, on the web at www.tustinpresbyterian.org.

**We look forward to having you come again,
and we wish you a blessed Christmas.
May you walk closer with the Lord in the New Year!**

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END THE YEAR WITH GRATITUDE



We are hugely grateful to all those who have supported the ministry of this church with their gifts — spiritual and material. We know that service and giving to TPC are two of the ways that we show our gratitude to God for all of the blessings God has showered upon us. As we come to the end of the calendar year and look toward the bright future, we know that some may want to make an extra special gift to TPC. As the Session works to expand our mission and grow our church, those funds will allow us to maintain the excellent ministry we already have, even as we reach out to new people that God will bring to us.

We also have the opportunity to participate in our TPC Christmas Offering to support the **Pastor’s Discretionary Fund**. This money helps meet needs that our regular budget or deacons cannot meet and to keep special needs in our church family confidential.

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**THE STAFF AND SESSION OF TUSTIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WISH YOU AND YOURS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

TUSTIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

- Pastor.....The Rev. Dr. Steve Ranney
- Choir DirectorGavin Thrasher
- Organist.....Dr. Hye Kyung Lee
- Director of Children’s MinistriesLori Ruff-Schmalenberger
- Youth Director.....Emily Fuentes
- Director of Ministerio en Tustin
(Spanish Ministry)..... Jorge Gutierrez
- Financial Secretary.....Martha Romick
- Administrative Assistant.....Jessica Mercouri
- ReceptionistPatty Sanchez
- Faith Community NurseJuliana Emina-Coney

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

When you give to the Christmas Joy Offering, you help sustain the promises we have made in two ways. Through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, the Christmas Joy Offering assists church workers and their families during times of need, giving back to those who have spent their lives in the service of the church. The Christmas Joy Offering also supports the education and development of our future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. These schools are dedicated to nurturing opportunity and creating environments where diverse students can succeed from a foundation of Christian values. Gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering uplift our brothers and sisters in Christ by reducing their burdens and opening new paths of opportunity. Please give generously!



POINSETTIA DONORS

We are grateful to the following members and friends of Tustin Presbyterian Church for donating the beautiful poinsettias which adorn our sanctuary tonight:

Ron Askew

The Bells Family

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