

MERRY CHRISTMAS



December 24, 2019

Welcome to
College Avenue
Presbyterian Church

Tonight, we gather to
retell the Nativity story.

It's not just a story,
but our story.

One we continue in
our life today.

During tonight's service
you'll need both a
bulletin and a candle
(for the candlelit singing
of *Silent Night*).

Tonight's celebration is
built around the ancient
practice of lighting the
Advent wreath in prepara-
tion for Christmas.
Composed of four candles,
each lit on a Sunday
preceding Christmas Day,
the fifth and final candle is
lit on Christmas Eve.

For little ones, there are
sheets and crayons in the
front of the church, near
the double doors.

We're having an
impromptu children's
pageant during which we
read aloud the story in an
interactive way.

Children & youth are
invited to participate
as actors.

We even have costumes!!!

Musical Prelude

Words of Welcome & Invitation to Worship

- Rev. Monte McClain

Lesson 1: Isaiah 2:2-5

- Chickwendu Okereke

Carol "O Come All Ye Faithful"

Blue Hymnal #41, v. 1, 2 & 3

Lesson 2: Isaiah 11:1-10

- Elaine Price

Lighting of the First Candle :: HOPE

Carol: "The First Nowell"

Blue Hymnal #56, v. 1 & 2

Lesson 3: Matthew 1:18-24

- Linda Davis

Second Advent Candle :: PEACE

Carol: "Away in a Manger"

Blue Hymnal # 25, v. 1, 2 & 3

Lesson 4: Luke 1:26-38

- Louise Hirschman

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle :: JOY

Carol: "Joy to the World"

Blue Hymnal #40, v. 1 & 2

*Children & youth are invited to come and pick a role and costume
located in the back room to take part
in our impromptu and instant Christmas Pageant!*

Lesson 5: Luke 1:39-56

- Janet Majors

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle :: LOVE

Carol: "In the Bleak Midwinter"

Blue Hymnal # 36, 1, 2, 3 & 4

Lesson 6: Luke 2:1-15

- Sophie Parsons McClain

Kids' Impromptu Christmas Pageant:

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Carol: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Blue Hymnal #23, v. 1, 2 & 3

Offering

*Tonight's collection goes entirely to the ongoing work of our Deacons:
a group elected from our church to work together both in and outside our church:
feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and loving others, as God first loves us.*

WIFI

2wire927 is our open wifi access. The password is 7304088568. If you post during or about the service we encourage you to tag it with #capcoakland

We'll post photos of tonight on our Facebook page & website
www.capcoakland.org

SPECIAL THANKS TONIGHT TO

Pete Feltman,
Minister of Music,
the CAPC Choir
Dave Eagle, Andre Mateo
& Jennifer Clevinger
(accompanist)

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Choral Song during the Collection of the Offering
"What you gonna Call That Little Bitty Baby" *Traditional Spiritual*

Words of Christmas Contemplation - Rev. Monte McClain

Celebrating the Promise of Christmas with the Gift of the Light of God

Lesson 7: John 1:1-5, 16 - William Winkley Martman

Christmas Circle of Light: - A Light to All Peoples

*Following the reading, we'll form a circle around the walls of the sanctuary.
As we sing "Silent Night" we'll pass the light of God
to one another beginning from the light of the Advent Wreath.*

Singing of "Silent Night" *Blue Hymnal #60, v. 1-4*

Benediction and Sharing of Holy Chocolate Christmas Kisses
& Christmas Gifts

Silent Night (lyrics)

1. 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!

2. Silent Night! Holy Night!
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia
Christ the Savior is born!
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3. 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.

4. Silent Night! Holy Night!
Wondrous Star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King:
Christ the Savior is born!

Wishing you and yours
a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!

