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How does a weary world rejoice?

We make room

December 24, 2023
 Christmas Eve

Welcome to CAPC Oakland!

We are a reformed, multicultural, politically purple, community of followers of Jesus. Together we seek to vigorously live our faith through our words, actions, and relationships in the East Bay.

In our community, face masks are not required, but always welcome. Masks are available in the entry.

As a community we are committed to being safe, open and real. We'd love to know you better. Use this QR Code to share your contact info or questions with our staff so we can follow up. We will not sell, share or abuse your personal info.



TONIGHT'S PLAN

Tonight's celebration is built around the ancient practice of lighting the Advent wreath in preparation for Christmas. Composed of four candles, each lit on a Sunday preceding Christmas Day. The fifth and final candle is lit on Christmas Eve. If you have a wreath at home, you can light it with us during our gathering.

Tonight, we gather to retell the Nativity story. It's not just a story, but *our* story. One we continue in our life today. Much thanks to all those who helped make it possible!

WI-FI

Want Wi-Fi during our gathering?
 Select our network - Capc1.
 Our password is 5106583666

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- Prelude "In The Heavens Shone A Star"
- Words of Welcome & Invitation to Enter the Story - *Rev. Monte McClain*
- Responsive Call to Worship
- Lesson 1: Isaiah 35:1-10 - *Linda Davis*
- Carol "O Come All Ye Faithful" Blue Hymnal #41, v. 1, 2 & 3
- Lesson 2: Isaiah 11:1-10 - *Chickwendu Okereke*
- Lighting of the First Candle :: HOPE
- Carol: "The First Nowell" Blue Hymnal #56, v. 1 & 2
- Lesson 3: Matthew 1:18-24
- 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
- Lesson 5: Luke 1:39-56
- Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle :: LOVE
- Carol: "In the Bleak Midwinter" Blue Hymnal # 36, 1, 2, 3 & 4
- We do a no-practice instant Christmas Pageant in which all minors present are invited to participate. We even have costumes! If your younger humans would like to join in the fun, they can depart for the dressing room during this carol (the room behind the sanctuary - through the double doors)*
- Lesson 6: Luke 2:1-15
- Instant Christmas Pageant

COMMUNITY NEWS

Want to learn more about our community life and action?

A great way to see a bit more is to check out our website at www.capcoakland.org or see what we've been up to lately on our socials under the handle @capcoakland.



QR Code for our website

WORK WITH US TO RESPOND TO LOCAL HUNGERS

Help us to bring about peace through justice right here in Oakland.

We seek to do just that by responding to the Hungers of Oakland as we host a free hot meal each and every Friday night. You can help us serve and cook up the meal. We also distribute "Blessing Bags" containing new underclothes toiletries, and gently used jackets & blankets twice a month during the dinner. You can actively work towards peace for all the world – and meet new people by joining in! Use this QR Code to sign up and get involved!



QR Code for the FNM

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Carol: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

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

Words of Christmas Contemplation

- Rev. Monte McClain

Offering

Song during the Offering

"Rise Up Shepherd"

- CAPC Choir

*If you'd rather give electronically
you can do so safely with this QR Code*

*Tonight's collection goes completely to the work of our Deacons
in and outside our church: feeding the hungry, clothing the naked,
and loving others, as we believe God first loves us.*



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

Lesson 7: John 1:1-5, 16

- Marge Harvey

Christmas Circle of Light: A Light to All Peoples

*We invite you to stand together in the shape of a circle
along the perimeter of the sanctuary space as we sing together.*

Singing of "Silent Night"

Blue Hymnal #60, v. 1-4

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.

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,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

2 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!"

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,
Christ the Savior is born!

Benediction

Greeting One Another with Christmas Chocolate Kisses

Thank you to Tonight's Leadership:

Music: Pete Feltman, Dave Eagle, Roger Kim, Ben Kramarz

Liturgical Words by Rev. Sarah Speed | sanctifiedart.org

Preaching: Monte McClain

Readers: Various Community Members

Video Tech: Albert Hussian, Dann Wilkens, Thom Faulkner