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**Welcome to
 CAPC Oakland ONLINE!**

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

We usually gather in person, but cannot during this season of COVID-19. So instead, we're worshipping together via ZOOM. While imperfect, and something that we get better at each time we gather remotely, it allows us to gather together even in observing social distancing during this hard time.

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 virtual 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. We've adapted our annual instant pageant to a virtual edition! Much thanks to all those who helped make it possible!

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- Words of Welcome & Invitation to Worship - *Rev. Monte McClain*
- Lesson 1: Isaiah 2:2-5 - *David Kittams*
 Carol "O Come All Ye Faithful" Blue Hymnal #41, v. 1, 2 & 3
- Lesson 2: Isaiah 11:1-10 - *Bob Brylawski*
 Lighting of the First Candle :: HOPE
 Carol: "The First Nowell" Blue Hymnal #56, v. 1 & 2
- Lesson 3: Matthew 1:18-24 - *Paulette Leston*
 Second Advent Candle :: PEACE
 Carol: "Away in a Manger" Blue Hymnal # 25, v. 1, 2 & 3
- Lesson 4: Luke 1:26-38 - *Myrna Shadley*
 Lighting of the Third Advent Candle :: JOY
 Carol: "Joy to the World" Blue Hymnal #40, v. 1 & 2
- Lesson 5: Luke 1:39-56 - *RuthAnn Friedland*
 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
 Virtual 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 to the work of our Deacons in and outside our church: feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and loving others, as God first loves us.*
- 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 - *Chickwendu Okereke*
- Christmas Circle of Light: - A Light to All Peoples
 Singing of "Silent Night" Blue Hymnal #60, v. 1-4
- Benediction