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FROM
 GENERATION
 TO GENERATION...
We tell this story

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**Welcome to
 CAPC Oakland**

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.

In this seasons of COVID-19 & RSV we are gathering both in person and online. We ask that you wear a face mask for the entirety of the gathering in you join us in person. This is our way to best care for and love one another in the context of this airborne disease. We also leave windows open to ensure airflow.

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 hour 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. Much thanks to all those who helped make it possible!

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- Words of Welcome & Invitation to Worship - *Rev. Monte McClain*
- Invitation to Enter the Story
- Responsive Call to Worship - *Cameron Beatty*
- Lesson 1: Isaiah 35:1-10 -*Fredora Darmstadt*
- Carol "O Come All Ye Faithful" Blue Hymnal #41, v. 1, 2 & 3
- Lesson 2: Isaiah 11:1-10 - *Taylor Beatty*
- Lighting of the First Candle :: HOPE
- Carol: "The First Nowell" Blue Hymnal #56, v. 1 & 2
- Lesson 3: Matthew 1:18-24 - *Joseph Kang*
- Second Advent Candle :: PEACE
- Carol: "Away in a Manger" Blue Hymnal # 25, v. 1, 2 & 3
- Lesson 4: Luke 1:26-38 - *Sophia Kang*
- Lighting of the Third Advent Candle :: JOY
- Carol: "Joy to the World" Blue Hymnal #40, v. 1 & 2
- Lesson 5: Luke 1:39-56 - *Amber Beatty*
- 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.*
- Lesson 6: Luke 2:1-15
- Instant Christmas Pageant:
- 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

- John LaMotte

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

- Gia Beatty

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

Benediction

Thank you to Tonight's Leadership:

Music: Pete Feltman, Tom Beyer, Dave Eagle, Gabe Szilardi-Tierney, Roger Kim

Liturgical Words by Rev. Sarah Speed | sanctifiedart.org

Preaching: Monte McClain

Readers: Various Community Members

Video Tech: Albert Hussian, Dann Wilkens

COMMUNITY NEWS



We are not having an in-person service tomorrow on Christmas Day. AND you can join us for an asynchronistic devotional video that you can stream from wherever you may be.

Use this QR Code to go directly to the video devotion or visit our website at capcoakland.org.

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.



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...working towards peace for all the world. Use this QR Code to sign up and get involved!