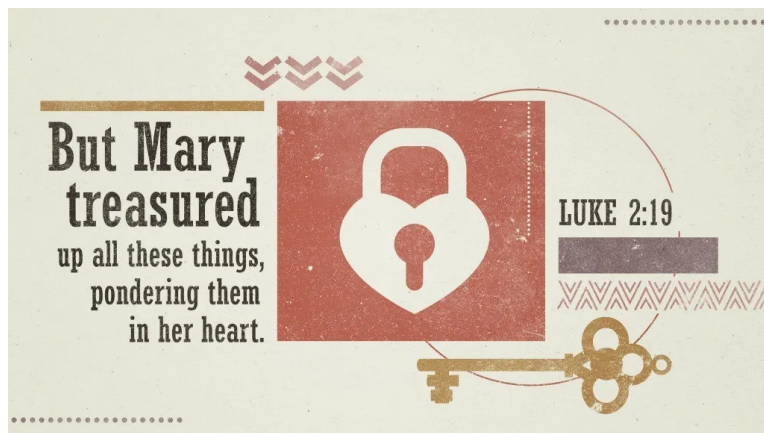


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**Welcome to
 CAPC Oakland ONLINE!**

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'll get better at each time we gather remotely, it will allow us to gather together even in observing social distancing. We can't do coffee hour but you can call or connect with someone else by phone to share a moment together after worship.

CHILDREN

We have Godly Play for kids via ZOOM at 9:45am on Sunday. Find info and links at <http://www.capcoakland.org/zoom-worship-virtual-gatherings>

PRAYER CARDS

We can't do prayer cards but we can do live chat on ZOOM while we meet. Myrna Shadley is being our digital Deacon. She'll use the prayer requests you may share in the chat during our visual gathering to shape our Prayers of the People time. Look for the chat box in the lower right hand corner of your ZOOM screen.

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GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD VIA ZOOM

GATHERING SONG "Twas in the moon of Wintertime"

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

SONG OF PRAISE "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE Luke 1:46-55; 2:19

LECTIO DIVINA MEDITATION Pondering in our Hearts - Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE "In Bethlehem a Newborn Boy"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER - Deacon Myrna Shadley
You can share your prayer requests for the good and the new using the Chat function on Zoom. Call and response liturgically prayed at the conclusion of sharing a prayer.

Leader: God, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

COLLECTION OF OUR OFFERINGS AND GIFTS

SENDING SONG "Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child"

SENDING CALL AND RESPONSE

Leader: God is good!

Leader: And all the time!

People: All the time!

People: God is good!

EXHORTATION & BENEDICTION

PASSING THE PEACE OF GOD

In the season of COVID-19 you're invited to pass the peace of God however and to whoever you can this day as we live our lives of disciples of Jesus sheltering-in-place, as a living sign of the Dominion of God at work moving us toward the healing transformation of the world.

Reading for the First Sunday of Christmas-time

Luke 1:46-56 (*The Voice Translation*)

[Mary is deeply moved by these amazing encounters—first with the messenger and then with her cousin, Elizabeth. Mary’s response can’t be contained in normal prose; her noble soul overflows in poetry. And this poetry isn’t simply religious; it has powerful social and political overtones. It speaks of a great reversal—what might be called a social, economic, and political revolution. To people in Mary’s day, there is little question as to what she is talking about. The Jewish people are oppressed by the Roman Empire, and to speak of a King who will demote the powerful and rich and elevate the poor and humble means one thing: God is moving toward setting them free! Soon Zacharias will overflow in poetry of his own.]

- 46 Mary: My soul lifts up the Lord!
47 My spirit celebrates God, my Liberator!
48 For though I’m God’s humble servant,
God has noticed me.
Now and forever,
I will be considered blessed by all generations.
49 For the Mighty One has done great things for me;
holy is God’s name!
50 From generation to generation,
God’s lovingkindness endures
for those who revere Him.
- 51 God’s arm has accomplished mighty deeds.
The proud in mind and heart,
God has sent away in disarray.
52 The rulers from their high positions of power,
God has brought down low.
And those who were humble and lowly,
God has elevated with dignity.
53 The hungry—God has filled with fine food.
The rich—God has dismissed with nothing in their
hands.
54 To Israel, God’s servant,
God has given help,
55 As promised to our ancestors,
remembering Abraham and his descendants in
mercy forever.
- 56 Mary stayed with Elizabeth in Judea for the next three
months and then returned to her home in Galilee.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 | Margie Laverty – turning 97 years young! | | |
| 8 | Bill Bryant | 10 | Thom Faulkner |
| 18 | Gary Yee | 20 | Daniel Geary |
| 25 | Joy Barnes | 29 | Bill Beatty |

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Daily Zoom Calls – every day at 12pm.

Community Care Package Team Meeting Monday 1:00pm on Zoom

Race Matters—Not meeting this week.

Friday Night Meal 6:00pm Friday, January 1st
Remya & Bright are cooking dinner ***We need help serving & setting-up & cleaning-up as Monte will be gone. Contact Monte to help or sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/yalhct6p>.***

Women’s Group – Saturdays at 9:30am on Zoom.
Contact Anne Marie Adams for info about joining - amadams44@gmail.com

Indian Meals to Go Order by Wednesday for pick up
Friday & Saturday 5-7pm. (510) 717-9291 or
brightsinghd@rediffmail.com

Tamales por Oakland – Order tamales from our Primera Iglesia partners to create work and you enjoy a great meal! www.capcoakland.org

Godly Play – Sundays 9:45-10:25 on Zoom.

Christmas Eve 2020 | Thanks to all our readers and pageant participants! You can view the children’s pageant online at

Next week in Worship: Communion & Epiphany.

Monte will be taking Tuesday through Friday off this week to recoup from the holy-days season.

Thank you to Today’s Worship Leadership:

Chat Master: Kristy Parsons McClain

Deacon Liturgist: Myrna Shadley

Godly Play: Beth Beatty

Music: Pete Feltman

Sound/Video: Thomas Faulkner, Karl Shadley

LYRICS & RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION

"'Twas in the moon of Wintertime"

Author: Jean de Brébeuf (1641 c.)

Translator: Jesse Edgar Middleton (1926, alt.)

Music: Jesus Ahatonhia, French Canadian melody

Glory to God #142 || "'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime," generally considered the first Canadian carol, was originally written in the Huron Indian language in 1640 and set to an old French tune by a Jesuit priest, Jean de Brebeuf.

1. 'Twas in the moon of wintertime
When all the birds had fled
That mighty Gitchi Manitou
Sent angel choirs instead
Before their light the stars grew dim
And wond'ring hunters heard the hymn:

Refrain

Jesus, your King, is born;
Jesus is born!
In excelsis gloria!

2. Within a lodge of broken bark,
The tender Babe was found
A ragged robe of rabbit skin
Enwrapped His beauty round
And as the hunter braves drew nigh,
The angel song rang loud and high:

Refrain

3. The earliest moon of wintertime
Is not so round and fair
As was the ring of glory on the
Helpless infant there.
The chiefs from far before him knelt
With gifts of fox and beaver pelt.

Refrain

4. O children of the forest free,
O songs of Manitou
The Holy Child of earth and heav'n
Is born today for you
Come kneel before the radiant Boy
Who brings you beauty, peace and joy:

Refrain

Call to Worship Responsive Reading

*written by Tim Graves, and posted on his blog
LiturgyBits: Little bits for worship.
<https://liturgybits.wordpress.com/>*

One: We waited.

ALL: And imagined a savior.

One: We imagined power.

**ALL: One like the world but stronger
and on our side.**

One: We imagined a king on a white horse
wielding a sword.

**ALL: We got a baby born in a stable
among the livestock.**

One: We imagined the work done for us
through the destruction of our enemies.

**ALL: We receive a baby who will teach us
our calling
to seek reconciliation and to love
expansively.**

One: Praise be to God for the unexpected
babe of Bethlehem.

**ALL: Praise to the wisdom of love.
Amen!**

“Gentle Mary Laid her Child”

*Joseph Simpson Cook (1919)
Glory to God #146*

1 Gentle Mary laid her child
lowly in a manger;
there he lay, the undefiled,
to the world a stranger.
Such a babe in such a place,
can he be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race
who have found his favor.

2 Angels sang about his birth;
wise men sought and found him;
heaven's star shone brightly forth,
glory all around him.
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight,
heard the angels singing;
all the plains were lit that night;
all the hills were ringing.

3 Gentle Mary laid her child
lowly in a manger;
he is still the undefiled,
but no more a stranger.
Son of God, of humble birth,
beautiful the story;
praise his name in all the earth;
hail the King of glory!

“In Bethlehem a newborn boy”

*Rosamond E. Herklots (1969)
Glory to God #153*

1. In Bethlehem a newborn boy
was hailed with songs of praise and joy.
Then warning came of danger near:
King Herod's troops would soon appear.

2. The soldiers sought the Child in vain:
not yet was he to share our pain,
but down the ages rings the cry
of those who saw their children die.

3. Still rage the fires of hate today,
and innocents the price must pay,
while aching hearts in every land
cry out, 'We cannot understand!'

4. Lord Jesus, through our night of loss
shines out the wonder of your cross,
the love that cannot cease to bear
our human anguish everywhere.

5. May that great love our lives control
and conquer hate in every soul,
till, pledged to build and not destroy,
we share your pain and find your joy.

“Jesus Jesus O what a Wonderful Child”

*Traditional Spiritual,
Jeffrey Radford, Horace Clarence Boye, r arrangers
(2000)
Glory to God #126*

Jesus, Jesus, O what a wonderful child.
Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek and mild;
new life, new hope the child will bring.
Listen to the angels sing:
“Glory, glory, glory!”
Let the heavens ring. when lo!
Above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our savior's birth

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1 Gentle Mar-y laid her child low - ly in a man - ger;
 2 Angels sang a - bout his birth; wise men sought and found him;
 3 Gentle Mar-y laid her child low - ly in a man - ger;

there he lay, the un - de - filed, to the world a -
 heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth, glo - ry all a -
 he is still the un - de - filed, but no more a

strang - er. Such a babe in such a place,
 round him. Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight,
 strang - er. Son of God, of hum - ble birth,

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 MUSIC: TEMPIUS ADEST FLORIDUM 7.6.7.6.D; *Piae Cantiones*, 1882; arr. Ernest C. MacMillan, 1980

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all the race who have found his fa - vor.
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 all the earth; hail the King of glo - ry!

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