

November 24, 2019
Christ the King Sunday
10:45 a.m. Worship Celebration

Good Morning! Malo e lava mai! Nisa bula vinaka!
In this Reconciling Congregation, all people are welcome, safe and cherished.
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Guest Preacher: Reverend Karen Paulsen
Lay Liturgist: Mira Dabrowski

*With the sounding of the chimes, we are gathered as a family of faith.
Please stand as you are able where indicated by an asterisk (*).
Children's activity packets are available in the entry way.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude / *Prelude on "The Ash Grove"* / David Cherwien
The Ushers distribute the Attendance Registers during the prelude.
Welcome / Reverend Karen Paulsen

WE SPEAK TO GOD

*Call to Worship / Mira Dabrowski
Leader: Gather us in, Lord, and hear our prayers.
People: We have come to this place in need for healing and hope.
Leader: Gather us in, Lord, and heal our spirits.
People: We come here seeking guidance and strength.
Leader: Gather us in, Lord, and open our hearts to receive your word.
People: Open our hearts, our spirits, our souls to comprehend your word and follow you faithfully. Amen.

*Opening Hymn / *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* / No. 694
Children's Hymn / *Where Children Belong* / FWS No. 2233
Children's Moment / Hope Crockett
Life of the Community / Mira Dabrowski
Joy of Giving / Reverend Dr. Debra Murray and Brenda Birrell
Pastoral Prayer / Reverend Dr. Debra Murray
The Lord's Prayer / No. 895
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

*The Peace of Christ Be With You / stand and greet your neighbor
*Sung Response / *Shalom to You* / No. 666
**Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

Anthem / *For the Beauty of the Earth* / John Rutter

GOD SPEAKS TO US

*Scripture Reading / *Luke 14:7-14* / John Baglin
New Testament 72; large print p. 94
*Hymn / *We Gather Together* / No. 131, v. 1-2
Sermon / *Everyone Is Invited to God's Table*
Reverend Karen Paulsen
Sung Response / *We Gather Together* / v. 3

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Invitation to the Offering / Mira Dabrowski
Offertory / *Now Thank We All Our God* / Wilbur Held
*Doxology / *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* / No. 94
Offering Prayer / Mira Dabrowski
Dear Lord, bless these gifts of tithe and offering. Amen.

WE SPEAK TO THE WORLD

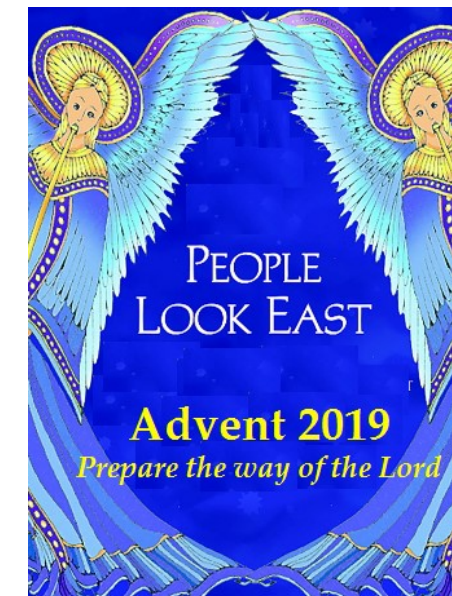
*Closing Hymn
A Hymn for Thanksgiving: God, Your Blessings Overflow, insert
*Benediction / Reverend Karen Paulson
*Alleluia / No. 186, vs. 1
*Postlude / *Now Thank We All Our God* / Sigfrid Karg-Elert



*All are invited to a time of refreshment and conversation
on the patio following worship.*

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of
Victoria Vandersteen and Ellen Haffner by Kathy Haffner,
sister and daughter.*

Don't forget: **Sunday 12/8** is the **Church Charge Conference!**
Please plan to attend in Kohlstedt Hall at 12:30 PM.



Advent & Christmas Services and Music:

Advent Processional Service
December 8, 7 PM
Special Music w/ Fiume di Musica and Hand Bells,
December 15, 10:45 service
Community Carol Sing w/ brass quintet
December 22, 3 PM (preview at 10:45 service!)
Christmas Eve
Family Service, 5 PM
Candlelight Service, 11 PM
Christmas Day
Tongan Service, 2 PM



Our Vision:
The Children in Our Midst
The Mission at Our Doorstep
A Place of Hospitality and Grace

Rev. Dr. Debra Murray, Senior Pastor
Mark Shaul, Director of Music
Diane Keller, Organist
Peni Savou, Lay Leader, Fijian Language Ministry

The worship service is webcast live every Sunday. To view it, go to www.firstpaloalto.com/live. DVD's of the 10:45am worship service are available to borrow in the library or to purchase by contacting the church office.



Our electronic giving page is open! Whether you are a long time member, or just joined us, you can give with just a few clicks at www.firstpaloalto.com/give. You can also find information on how to contribute through Amazon Smile. As always, your generosity makes our mission possible! Thank you!

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NOTEWORTHY NEWS.....

Sunday Announcement Guidelines: If you have an announcement you want to make on a Sunday or place in the Sunday bulletin, please email Charlotte at charlotte@firstpaloalto.com with your request.

UMW Holiday Card Sales will be held **TODAY and Dec 1** on the patio. Proceeds support UMW service projects around the world.

Deck the Halls: We need volunteers of all skill levels to help decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas at **9 AM, Nov 30!** Breakfast will be served. (Youth, this is a great opportunity to get community service hours!)




Koinonia's annual Christmas Party is **Dec 7 at 6 PM**. The party includes a potluck, White Elephant gift exchange, and caroling at the Larsons'. RSVP to Nancy at (650) 326-4856 or nancyco2@gmail.com by **Dec 5**.

Wreath Sales: Boy Scout Troop 50 will sell wreaths on **Dec 8** after our 10:45 service!

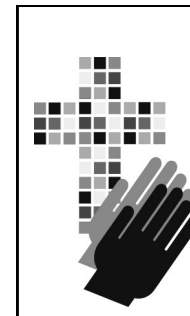


LifeMoves Drop-In Holiday Shoppe: We will have a barrel in the narthex for donations. **Particularly requested items:** sleeping bags, blankets, undergarments (underwear, socks for men & women), warm coats/heavy hoodies (adult sizes), wool socks, wool hats, and mitten/scarves, backpacks, umbrellas, and/or durable rain ponchos, self-blow-up mattress or mat for sleeping, gift cards for car gas, Walmart/Target, or meals (i.e. McDonald's, Starbucks, etc.) **You can also have items sent from Amazon to the church office! All items due Wed Dec 11.**

 **UMW Cookie Plates for Shut-ins:** The UMW will make cookie plates for homebound congregation members on **Saturday, Dec 14 at 10 AM**. All women of the church are invited to participate!

Parents' Night Out: Saturday, Dec 14 5-8 PM. Youth Leader Hope Crockett and childcare staff will host an evening of dinner and games for kids while parents get their Christmas shopping done! Invite your friends.

Make-a-Gift: Children and youth are invited to make homemade Christmas gifts **Sat, Dec 21** in Kohlstedt Hall from **2-4 PM**, led by Children & Youth Director Hope Crockett and volunteer instructors! Parents, please accompany younger children. Email hope@firstpaloalto.com with questions.

 **We lift the names of those asking for prayer, with thanksgiving for the healing already being received:** Artemas, Don and Jennifer (Janet Nicholls' friends), Emilie Sweet, Danielle Martell, Keith Perry, Frankie Campos, Mehri Namdarian, Joanne Perry, Robin Snyder, Orin & Jo Zimmerman, Kitty Baggott, Diane Mazuera's father, Tom Cousar (Patty & Lou Bellardo's nephew), Robert Day, Major Ross (Pastor Debra's brother), Marilyn Davis (Michele Conway's aunt), Merribeth May Munyon, Christina Harland, Janni Yuen, Jean Cole, Anna Costello Osden (Sheila Gholson's niece)

To add your name to the prayer list, fill out a Prayer Request Card and place in the offering plate. Our "on-going prayer list" (for persons who are homebound, battling long-term illness, or serving overseas) may be found on our website.

The **2020 Women's Retreat** runs **Jan 17-19** at Villa Maria del Mar. This year's theme is "Peace and Simplicity of Heart". The deadline to register is **Jan 2**. At the front office, and online at <http://firstpaloalto.com/womens-retreat-2020/>. Full and partial scholarships are available.

Couples Group meets every 1st and 3rd Sunday in the Wesley Room. Next meeting: **Dec 1**.

Chancel Choir rehearses **Thursdays at 7:30 PM** in Kohlstedt Hall. Contact Mark Shaull: markshaull@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Check our online calendar at www.FirstPaloAlto.com for the latest schedule information. Church Office Hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Closed weekends.

Sunday November 24—United Methodist Student Day

11:45 AM **Snack-n-Chat**, Patio
12:00 PM **UMW Holiday Card Sales**, Patio

Monday November 25

1:30 PM **UMW Meeting**, Patio Room
7:00 PM **Fiume di Musica Rehearsal**, Sanctuary

Tuesday November 26

7:30 PM **Church Council**, Millennium Room

Wednesday November 27

10:00 AM **Bible Study**, Channing House
6:00 PM **Upstream Meal**, Patio Room
7:00 PM **Upstream Service**, Patio Room

Thursday November 28—Thanksgiving

Church Office Closed
6:30 PM **Handbells Rehearsal**, Sanctuary
7:30 PM **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**, Kohlstedt Hall

Friday November 29

Church Office Closed

Saturday November 30

9:00 AM **Deck the Halls**, Sanctuary

Sunday December 1

9:15 AM **Childcare**, Noah's Ark Nursery
9:30 AM **Adult Bible Study: You, The Bible, and Current Events**, Wesley Room
9:45 AM **Children's Sunday School**
Preschool-K, Butterfly Room (1st floor)
1st-5th Grade, Rainbow Room (2nd floor)
10:45 AM **Sanctuary Worship Celebration**

For questions regarding Children & Youth Ministries contact Hope Crockett, hope@firstpaloalto.com.

Childcare for young children is available every Sunday from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in Noah's Ark Nursery, located next to the Library on the 1st floor.

Children's Sunday School for kids age 3 through 5th grade:

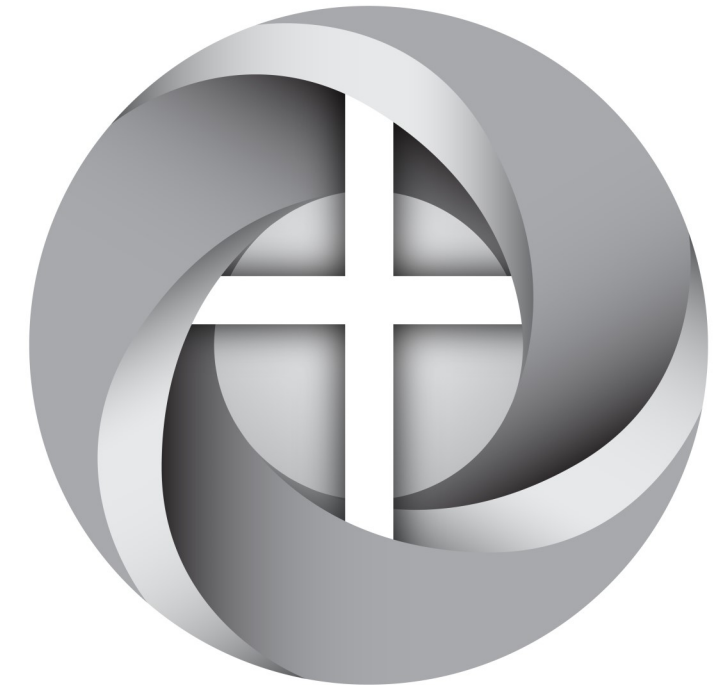
Sunday School is from 9:45 to 10:40 a.m. in the First School room (ages 3 through Kinder) and the Rainbow Room (grades 1 through 5).

YOOPA (Youth of First Palo Alto) for 6th-12th graders: Contact Hope Crockett for meeting details.

WELCOME

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FIRST PALO ALTO

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS:

SUNDAY 10:45 AM

WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM

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