

**December 24, 2019
Christmas Eve
5:00 p.m. Family Service**

Welcome! Malo e lava mai! Nisa bula vinaka!
In this Reconciling Congregation, all people are welcome,
safe and cherished.

*Presiding in worship: Reverend Dr. Debra Murray
Children & Youth Director: Hope Crockett*

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 ().*

*Please note: The front pews on both sides are reserved for parents and
small children, allowing them to see the Pageant!*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Organ Prelude

The Snow Lay on the Ground / Leo Sowerby

La Nativité / Jean Langlais

(The Cradle, The Angels, The Shepherds, The Holy Family)

Il Est Né, le Divin Enfant / Dale Wood

Words of Welcome / Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

WE SPEAK TO GOD

Handbell Solo / *Silent Night* / Caroline Bowker Bliss

Lighting the Candles / Lucy Tompkin, Scott and James Thomas

Leader: Our first Advent Candle - the candle of Hope -

**People: Reminds us that in Christ we find hope even when all
hope seems lost.**

Leader: Our second Advent Candle - the candle of Peace -

**People: Reminds us that Christ is the Prince of Peace and we
are to follow his example.**

Leader: Our third Advent Candle - the Candle of Joy -

**People: Reminds us to rejoice in the promise of God's
presence.**

Leader: Our fourth Advent Candle - the candle of Love -

**People: Reminds us that God deeply and unconditionally
loves us just as we are.**

Leader: Our fifth Advent Candle - the Christ Candle -

**People: Reminds us that tonight the Christ Child is born
anew, into the world and into our lives.**

Leader: Today we who seek the Christ Child, who yearn for Jesus
in our lives, light the fifth Advent Candle, the candle of Christ.

Advent Wreath Response / Congregation, Organ
Please join us in singing the response printed on the insert.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

*Hymn / *O Little Town of Bethlehem* / No. 230

*Hymn / *Joy to the World* / No. 246

Telling the Story in Action / Children & Youth of First Palo Alto

Emma Keep, Owen Keep, John Kispert, Julia Kispert,
Sarah Perry, Faith Veenker

Hymn / *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* / No. 196 (v. 1)

Hymn / *Away in a Manger* / No. 217 (v. 1, 2)

Hymn / *The First Noel* / No. 245 (v. 1, 2, 4)

Hymn / *We Three Kings* / No. 254 (v. 1, 5)

Hymn / *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* / No. 240

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Invitation to the Offering / Hope Crockett

Offertory / *Shepherd's Pipe Carol* / Dale Wood

Prayer of Dedication / Hope Crockett

*Closing Hymn / *Silent Night, Holy Night* / No. 239

*Benediction / Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Postlude / *Angels We Have Heard on High* / Dale Wood

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray, Senior Pastor

Hope Crockett, Children & Youth Director

Diane Keller, Organist

Special thanks to Mira Dabrowski, Ruthie Waters and Craig Laughton
for their help with organizing the pageant.



Everyone is invited to the patio for cookies and cocoa after service.

*First United Methodist Church wishes you and
your family a joyful Christmas!*

Church Office Closed: Dec. 25, 26 and 27 and Jan. 1, 2020

Join us for Sunday worship!



SUNDAY:

9:45 AM Children's Pre-5th Sunday School
(Sunday School resumes Jan. 5!)

Adult Bible Study

10:45 AM Traditional Worship

WEDNESDAY:

6:00 PM Community Supper

7:00 PM Contemporary Service and
Discussion

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