

**December 8, 2019**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**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.  
[www.RMNetwork.org](http://www.RMNetwork.org)

Presiding in worship: Reverend Dr. Debra Murray  
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 / From *A Little Advent Music* / Richard Shepherd  
*Come Thou Redeemer of the Earth*  
Julian Stafford, Oboe & Alan Cooper, Violin

*The Ushers distribute the Attendance Registers during the prelude.*

Welcome / Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

\*Opening Hymn / *Herald of Christ* / No. 567

**WE SPEAK TO GOD**

\*Call to Worship / Mira Dabrowski

Leader: Christ, God's gift to the world, shall come.

**People: For those who feel despair will know hope.**

Leader: For those who are oppressed will know freedom.

**People: For those who are lonely will know love.**

Leader: For those who are suffering will know inner peace.

**People: For those in need of a Savior will know Christ.**

Leader: O Christ, Lord of the world, your time is now!

**All: Amen.**

\*Advent Candle Lighting / *Advent 2* / insert

Children's Hymn / *Where Children Belong* / FWS No. 2233

Children's Moment / Hope Crockett

Life of the Community / Mira Dabrowski

Joy of Giving / Chuck Hebel, Vicki Veenker

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 / From *A Little Advent Music* / Richard Shepherd

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

*O Come O Come Emmanuel*

Julian Stafford, Oboe & Alan Cooper, Violin

**GOD SPEAKS TO US**

Scripture Reading / *Philippians 4:4-7, Romans 15:1-13* / John Kispert

New Testament 187, 153; large print p. 242, 198

\*Hymn / *Blessed Be The God of Israel* / No. 209, v. 1-2

Sermon / *Making Room for Peace* / Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Sung Response / *Blessed Be The God of Israel* / No. 209, v. 3

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

Invitation to the Offering / Mira Dabrowski

Offertory / *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* / J.S. Bach

\*Doxology / *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* / No. 94

\*Prayer of Dedication of Gifts & Self /

**Holy One, this Advent season we wait in peace, and we give in  
peace. We live for your coming reign of everlasting peace.**

**Peacefully we live because of your presence with us, even now.**

**Receive these generous offerings and use them for your work  
of peace in our world. Amen.**

**WE SPEAK TO THE WORLD**

\*Closing Hymn / *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* / No. 213

\*Benediction / Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

\*Alleluia / No. 186, vs. 1

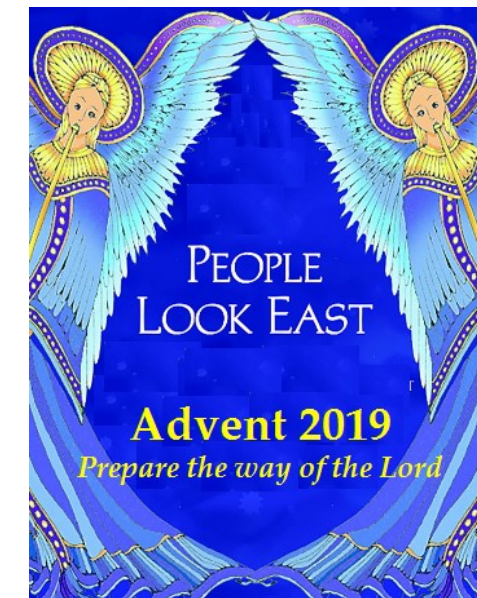
\*Postlude / *Toccata on "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* / David Pickering



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

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in in memory of  
Andrew Birrell and Doreen Hodgkiss by Brenda Birrell.*

Don't forget: **TODAY** is the **Church Charge Conference!** Please  
plan to attend in Kohlstedt Hall at 12:30 PM.  
Lunch will be provided.



**Advent & Christmas Services and Music:**

**Advent Procession with Lessons and Carols**

TODAY, 6:40 PM organ prelude, 7:00 PM service

**Special Music w/ Fiume di Musica and Handbells**

December 15, 10:45 AM service

**Community Carol Sing with Brass Quintet**

December 22, 3:00 PM (preview at 10:45 service!)

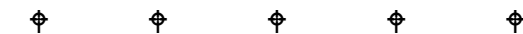
**Christmas Eve**

**Family Service, 5 PM**

**Candlelight Service, 11 PM**

**Christmas Day**

2 PM with First Tongan UMC



**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 Shaull, 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](http://www.firstpaloalto.com/live). DVD's of the 10:45 a.m. worship service are  
available to borrow in the library or to purchase by contacting the church office.



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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](mailto:charlotte@firstpaloalto.com) with your request.

**UMW Card Sales:** The final day for UMW greeting and Christmas card sales **TODAY at 11:45** in the Library. All proceeds go to UMW missions.

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



**SEEDS Youth Packaging Event: TODAY, 3-5 PM** in the SEEDS room. Join us for an opportunity to give back to our community through SEEDS, whose mission is to "plant hope and change lives" and to "help end youth homelessness." Children and youth of all ages, come put together LifePacks to provide life-saving supplies to homeless kids. This is also a great chance to earn community service hours. Bring friends!

**LifeMoves Donations:** Bring holiday cheer to our unhoused community! Most needed 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.). LifeMoves also collects items for clients' pets—wet and dry dog or cat food, pet toys, leashes and collars (preferably visible at night). **All items must be NEW.** You can also purchase items online and have them delivered to the church office. Extended deadline: **Fri, Dec 13.**



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

**Parents' Night Out: Sat 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. **All materials provided!** Email [hope@firstpaloalto.com](mailto: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.

**Advent Devotional** emails are sent out every day of Advent, save Sundays! Make sure you are signed up for our e-news to receive them. If you are interested in writing a devotional, email Hope Crockett at [hope@firstpaloalto.com](mailto:hope@firstpaloalto.com).



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**. Forms are in front office, and online at <http://firstpaloalto.com/womens-retreat-2020/>. Full and partial scholarships are available.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Check our online calendar at [www.FirstPaloAlto.com](http://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 December 8

11:45 AM **Snack-n-Chat**, Patio  
11:45 AM **Boy Scout Wreath Sale**, Patio  
12:30 PM **Charge Conference**, Kohlstedt Hall  
3:00 PM **Youth SEEDS Packaging Event**, SEEDS Room  
6:40 PM **Organ concert**; 7:00 PM **Advent Procession with Carols**, Sanctuary

### Monday December 9

7:00 PM **Fiume di Musica Rehearsal**, Sanctuary

### Tuesday December 10

7:30 PM **Trustees**, Patio Room

### Wednesday December 11

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

### Thursday December 12

9:30 AM **UMW Walking Group**, Off-site  
6:30 PM **Handbells Rehearsal**, Sanctuary  
6:45 PM **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**, Kohlstedt Hall

### Saturday December 14

10:00 AM **UMW Cookie Plates for Shut-ins**, Patio Room  
5:00 PM **Parents' Night Out**, Patio Room

### Sunday December 15

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](mailto: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:

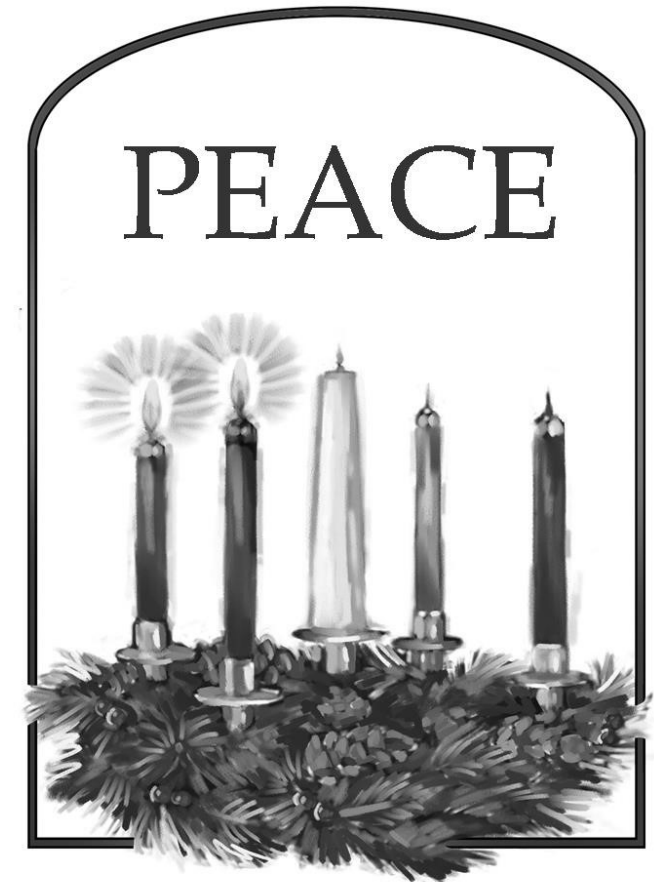
Sunday School is from 9:45 to 10:40 a.m. in the First School room (ages 3 through Kinder) and the Rainbow Room (grades 1 through 5).

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

# WELCOME

December 8, 2019

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## WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS:

SUNDAY 10:45 AM

WEDNESDAY 6:00 PM

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