

January 12, 2020

1st Sunday After Epiphany

Good Morning!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

Lay Liturgist: Caryn Cranston

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.

10:45 a.m. Worship Celebration

PreludeWith Jesus I Will Travel (Norwegian Folk Tune)

Mons Leidvin Takle (b. 1942)

Welcome

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Opening Hymn*My Soul Gives Glory to My God

UMH 198

Call to Worship*

Caryn Cranston

Leader: The Kingdom of God is coming!

People: Let your Reign, O God, be acknowledged among all people.

Leader: We stand on the threshold of truth.

People: We are perched on the branches of justice.

Leader: Across the horizon we see the outline of peace and harmony.

People: With privilege comes responsibility, With responsibility comes accountability, With accountability comes honesty, With honesty comes faithfulness.

All: God of Creation and history, equip us to live faithfully in your Kingdom! Amen.

Children’s HymnWhere Children Belong

FWS No. 2233

This, this is where children belong, Welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

Children’s Moment

Reverend Ann Duncan

Life of the Community

Caryn Cranston

Pastoral Prayer

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

The Lord’s Prayer

adapted / UMH 895

Our Creator, 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*

Please stand and greet your neighbor

Sung Response*Shalom to You

UMH 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.

AnthemCry Out and Shout

Knut Nystedt (1915-2014)

Cry out and shout, ye people of God! The Lord is strength and song! Therefore with joy shall ye draw water from the wells of salvation. -adapted from Isaiah 12

Scripture ReadingIsaiah 42:1-9

Tom Fingar

Old Testament p. 630; large print p. 820

Hymn*The Earth is the Lord’s

v. 1-2

Sung to the tune of UMH 103 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." Creation reminds us, O God, of your love. By grace we are learning, as year leads to year, We’re called to be stewards, your caretakers here.

Your rainforests nurture the world that we share. Your wetlands give animals shelter and care. Your coral reefs cradle the life of the sea. You’ve shown us, in love, what your good world can be.

SermonHope and Social Justice

Hope Crockett

Sung ResponseThe Earth is the Lord’s

v. 3-4

Too often, O God, we abuse your good earth. We fail to remember its beauty and worth. We take from creation much more than we need, We threaten your world through indifference and greed.

May we be good stewards of all that you give, Protecting creation wherever we live. May we be a church that renews and restores And lovingly cares for this earth that is yours.

Text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Tune: Traditional Welsh hymn, in John Robert's Caniadau y Cyssegr 1839

Biblical References: Genesis 1, 2; Psalms 8, 24

Invitation to the Offering

Caryn Cranston

OffertoryWe All Are One in Mission

Mark Sedio (b. 1954)

Doxology*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 94

Prayer of Dedication of Gifts & Self

Caryn Cranston

Faithful God, you powerfully bring your saving help to all who cry in pain. You have drawn us into this church to be nurtured and to work together to offer encouragement and help to others. We are grateful that you enrich us with gifts of your Spirit and tangible resources to use for your will in the world. We offer these gifts and tithes to make the work possible. We devote ourselves anew to your service through Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn*Lord, You Give the Great Commission

UMH 584

Benediction*

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Alleluia*

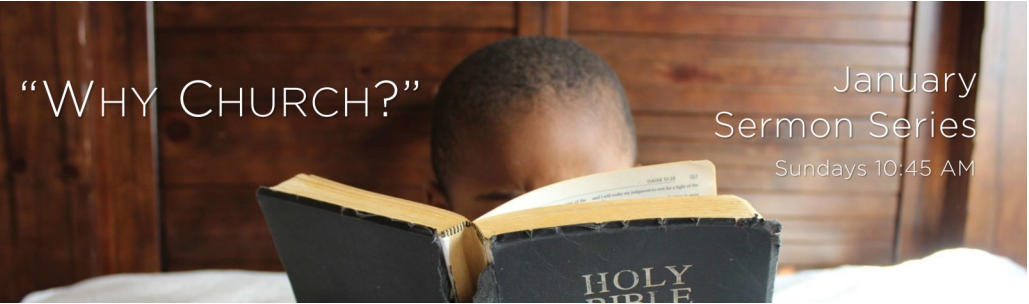
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PostludeArise, My Soul, Arise!

Dale Wood (1934-2003)

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 memory of Earl and Mary Ross by Vickey Conley.



Join us as local residents from diverse age groups and professions discuss Christianity and answer the question: How is the Word relevant in all aspects of our lives for the 21st century?

January 12 - Hope and Social Justice
Hope Crockett, BA Exercise & Sport Science, Interim Children & Youth Director, FUMCPA

January 19 - Entrepreneurial Spirit and Holy Spirit
Kali Morris, Personal Life Coach and Speaker

January 26 - Medicine and Miracles
Dr. Chris Holsinger, MD, Stanford University Medical Center

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. 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 with your request.

Altar Flower Signups for 2020 are open on the Education Building bulletin board and online at <https://tinyurl.com/fumcpaflowers2020>. We are testing out a new online sign-up this year. Altar flowers cost \$70.

Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration: Sunday, Jan 19 at 3 PM! This year's theme is "Working with Love and Compassion to Strengthen Our Community". Reverend Amos C. Brown, Pastor of the Third Baptist Church of San Francisco and President of the San Francisco NAACP will be the guest speaker, and the Hon. LaDoris H. Cordell will be Master of Ceremonies. If you would like to sing with the Volunteer Community Interfaith Choir, please arrive at 1:45 PM for rehearsal in a white shirt and dark pants or skirt, or a choir robe.



Couples Group meets every 1st & 3rd Sunday. Next meeting: Jan 19.

Koinonia Chinese New Year's Dinner: Celebrate new Year of the Rat with a catered Chinese dinner from Chef Chu followed by a sing-along on **Saturday, January 25 at 6 PM** in Kohlstedt Hall. Please wear red and bring \$20 per person. No MSG or peanut oil is used in the meal.



Great Decisions 2020: Please join us for this upcoming foreign policy discussion series Sunday nights **Feb 9 through March 29 at 7 PM**. Contact Tom Fingar (tom.fingar@gmail.com) with questions. Books are \$25 and will be available in mid Jan. Additional materials and information are available on the FPA website: <https://tinyurl.com/greatdec2020>



Meet-and-Greet for Reverend Ann Duncan: Come say hello **Sunday, Feb 9** after service in Kohlstedt Hall! Refreshments will be served.

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

Handbells rehearses **Thursdays at 6:30 PM** in the Sanctuary. We always welcome new members! Music reading skills are a plus, but not a necessity. Contact Jerry Johnson at jerisings@gmail.com.



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, Joanne Perry Mehri Namdarian, Robin Snyder, Orin & Jo Zimmerman, Kitty Baggott, Diane Mazuera's father, Tom Cousar (Patty & Lou Bellardo's nephew), Major Ross (Pastor Debra's brother), Marilyn Davis (Michele Conway's aunt), Merribeth May Munyon, Janni Yuen, Jean Cole, Frankie Campos, Kathy Kemp
We lift the names of those who have passed away: Dawn Arkema (Marcia Sterling'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.

Food Collection: Please bring a non-perishable food item each week for the Downtown Streets Team Food Closet. Place your food item in one of the baskets in the Narthex. The food is delivered to the Food Closet. Items of particular need include: Vienna sausages, corn beef, microwaveable popcorn, instant coffee, apple cider and hot chocolate packets, baby food and formula, and any "open and eat" packages.

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 January 12

11:45 AM **Snack-n-Chat**, Patio

Monday January 13

7:00 PM **Fiume di Musica Rehearsal**, Wesley Room

Tuesday January 14

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

Wednesday January 15

10:00 AM **Bible Study**, Channing House

6:00 PM **Community Soup Supper**, Patio Room

7:00 PM **Contemporary Service**, Patio Room

Thursday January 16

6:30 PM **Handbell Rehearsal**, Sanctuary

7:30 PM **Choir Rehearsal**, Kohlstedt Hall

Friday, January 17

4:00 PM **Annual Women's Retreat Starts**

Sunday January 19

Annual Women's Retreat

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 Reverend Ann Duncan, ann@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:

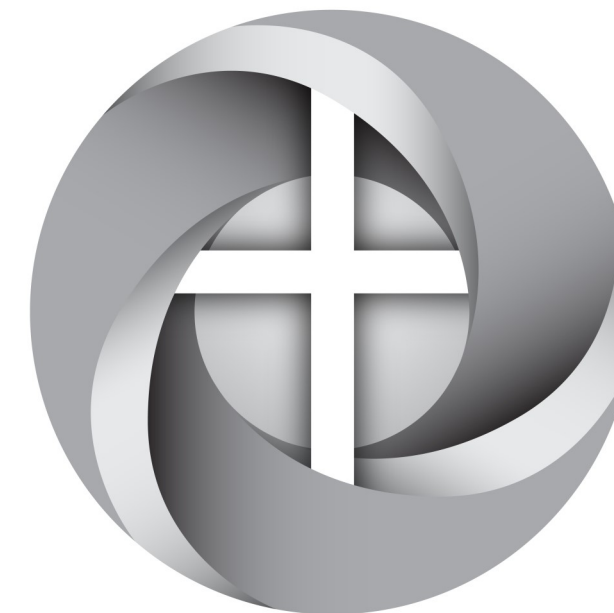
Sunday School is from 9:45 to 10:40 a.m. in the First School room (ages 3 through Kinder) and the Rainbow Room (grades 1 through 5).

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

WELCOME

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WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS:

SUNDAY 10:45 AM

WEDNESDAY 6:00 PM

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