



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Epiphany Sunday

SUNDAY JANUARY 2

10:45 AM SERVICE



If you ordered Christmas poinsettias, please feel welcome to pick your poinsettias from the display after the service and take them home.

Prelude *Angels We Have Heard on High* Dale Wood (1934-2003)

Welcome Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

*Opening Hymn *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* UMH 224

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
News, news!
Jesus Christ is born today!
Ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today,
Christ is born today!

2. Good Christian friends, rejoice,
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:
News, news!
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door,
and ye are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this,
Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian friends, rejoice,
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:
News, news!
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save,
Christ was born to save!

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo García Palacios and Kyle Trammel

Life of the Community

Baptisms of Ruth Kalas and Alyssa Rao

Welcoming of New Members: Dr. Brenda and Cedric Fellows

*Call to Worship

Sing aloud with gladness:
God is gathering the people!
From the farthest parts of the earth we come:
All who struggle; all who labor with new life!
Those who are weeping, God will console;
Those who get lost find a clear path home.
Let us worship the God who gathers us!

Pastoral Prayer Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Lord's Prayer Reverend Gerardo García Palacios

Our Creator who art in heaven, hallowed be your Name. Your kingdom come, your 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Anthem *A Christmas Canticle* William Billings (1746-1800) / Tom Fettke (b. 1941)

Scripture	<i>1 Kings 19: 1-10</i>	Linda Grossman
Hymn	<i>Love Came Down at Christmas</i>	UMH 242
	1. Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine; Love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign.	
	2. Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, Love divine; worship we our Jesus, but wherewith for sacred sign?	
	3. Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine; love to God and all men, love for plea and gift and sign.	
VirtuAll Voices	<i>Noel</i>	
Sermon	<i>Reconnecting with God after: Disconnecting when we are afraid</i>	Reverend Dr. Debra Murray
COMMUNION		
Invitation to the Offering		
Offertory	<i>Adeste Fidelis</i>	Daniel Gawthrop (b. 1949)
Offertory Prayer	Magnificent God, as we focus on Mary, the mother of Jesus, we are reminded that you do great wonders and signs through the most humble and obedient of your children. As we give our gifts to you this day, give us ears to hear the whispers of the angels speaking to us; give us eyes to see the needy and the unloved all around us; and give us faith to offer our lives to your plan of saving love. In Christ, our redeemer, we pray. Amen.	
*Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH 95
*Closing Hymn	<i>Go, Tell It on the Mountain</i>	UMH 251
	Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.	2 The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth, rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth. (Refrain)
	1 While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold throughout the heavens there shown a holy light. (Refrain)	3 Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)
*Benediction		
*Alleluia		
Postlude	<i>In dir ist Freude</i>	J.S. Bach (1685-1750)