

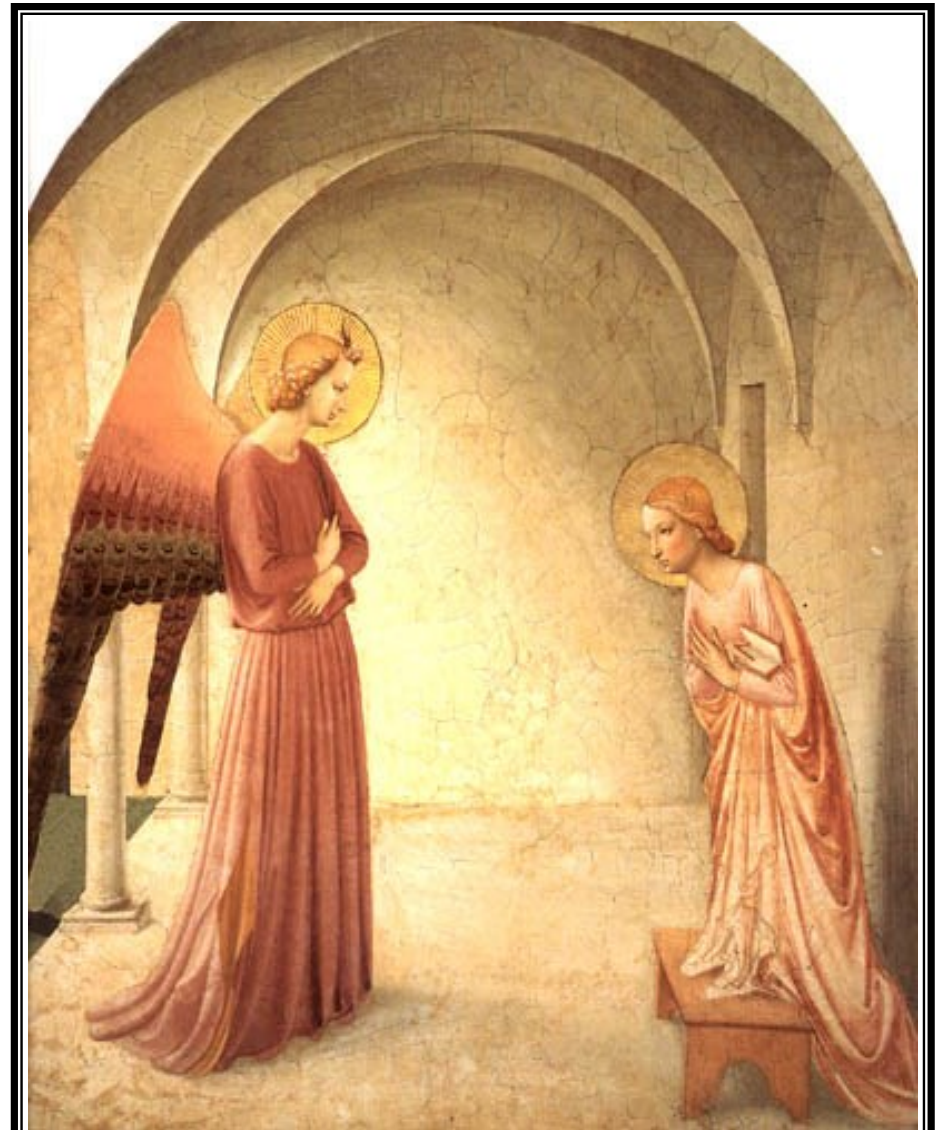
ADVENT PROCESSION WITH CAROLS

December 4, 2022

7 PM

In the old English liturgies, Advent services made a vivid preparation for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Much of Procession with Carols for an Advent Sunday is drawn from these old sources, and frequently the words of new carols have a similar antiquity. From the beginnings of Israel through the period of the New Testament and the Middle Ages, people took up the same language and used it afresh to speak of their own experiences. This Advent service draws on varied sources to express the expectations of God's people in many ages, as they prepare for Christmas. We therefore join together in this traditional ceremonial service of processions and carols, expectantly awaiting God's work anew.

Drawing from the models at King's College, Cambridge, England, choral music has been chosen to fit and comment upon the lessons to be read. The music has been chosen and the movements of the Chancel Choir adapted to fit the spaces and acoustics of First Palo Alto United Methodist Church. In the service, the procession moves from the semi-darkness at the Narthex to the light at the Chancel. From the darkness, which precedes the word of Creation in Genesis, our readings progress to the vision of the City of God, which has "no need of sun and moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God is its light and its lamp is the Lamb" (Revelation 21:23). Life apart from God is described as that of an arid desert place. But into this world enters God's mercy as rain, the "constant falling" of divine goodness, which transforms our lives and the world about us: the dew discovered in the morning becomes an image for the secret working of God's mercy. With the birth of a child, born in obscurity whilst the rest of the world was asleep, God intervened in history and gives real hope of lives continuously transformed from fragmentation to wholeness. Into the black despair that our world faces in an age of war, Christ brings light and hope. In this service, as in all of the Advent season, we recall the world's need for Christ's grace.



ADVENT 2022

Advent Procession with Carols Service

December 4, 2022 - 7pm

First United Methodist Church of Palo Alto

ORGAN MEDITATION

Prelude on Picardy / Daniel Gawthrop (b. 1949)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel / Marianne Kim (b. 1972)

Es ist ein Ros / Daniel Gawthrop (b. 1949)

Of the Father's Love Begotten / Daniel Gawthrop (b. 1949)

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME Reverend Doug Norris

CHANT Venii, Veni Emmanuel 14th Century Chant

ANTHEM Emmanuel—God With Us Robert H Young

HYMN-ANTHEM *Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth* Michael Praetorius
Chancel Choir

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,
and manifest thy virgin-birth:
let every age adoring fall;
such birth befits the God of all.

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
and darkness glow with new-born light,
no more shall night extinguish day,
where love's bright beams their power display.

O Jesu, virgin-born, to thee
eternal praise and glory be,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.

***THE BIDDING PRAYER** Reverend Doug Norris

In the name of God, who has delivered us from the
dominion of darkness and made a place for us in the
reign of Christ, we welcome you: grace to you and peace.

As we meet to celebrate anew the coming of the Christ Child,
we hear revealed the mystery of God's loving purpose for us:
how that when we were far off, God came in Jesus Christ,
and how God took our human form, that we might share divine glory.

Let us then so celebrate this coming with our carols and
hymns of praise, that our lives may be filled with this grace;

Advent & Christmas Schedule

12.15 Christmas Music at Thursday Meditations - 12:30 PM

12.18 Corelli Christmas Cantata - 10:45 AM service
Presented by the Chancel Choir and Fiume di Musica

12.24 Christmas Eve Family Service - 5 PM
Drop-in nativity—costumes provided!
Christmas Eve Midnight Service - 11 PM

12.25 Christmas Day Service - 10:45 AM

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Senior Pastor: Reverend Doug Norris
Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries: Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios
Director of Music: Mark Shaull
Organist: Diane Keller

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Of Jesse's lineage coming,
As men of old have sung;
It came, a blossom bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind;
To show God's love aright,
She bore to men a Savior,
When half spent was the night.

ADVENT LITANY

Pamela Cutkosky

Leader: Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed:

All: Tomorrow go forth, and the Lord will be with you.

Leader: Stand still, and you shall see the salvation of the Lord.

All: Tomorrow go forth, and the Lord will be with you.

Leader: Glory be to God whose mercy is endless.

All: Tomorrow go forth, and the Lord will be with you.

THE BLESSING

Reverend Doug Norris

Open wide, O Lord, the gates of heaven,
and visit thy people in peace.
Send forth thy Spirit from on high
that their hearts may be uplifted unto thee.
O Lord, who for us was of a maiden born,
make holy thy people, and bless thine heritage.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
who reigns now and forevermore,
be amongst you and abide with you forever. Amen.

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ, Amen.

*CAROL UMH 214

Savior of the Nations, Come

sung by all

POSTLUDE

(1919-2009)

Wake, Awake for Night is Flying

Paul Manz

that we may bear witness to God's glory and so bring light to
those who sit in darkness.

CAROL UMH 196

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

sung by all

Come, Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-11

Nancy Glaser

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHORALE

Comfort, Comfort, Now My People

arr. by Paul Bunjes

Comfort, comfort now my people:
"Tell of peace" so says our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness
mourning under sorrow's load.
To God's people now proclaim
that God's pardon waits for them!
Tell them that their war is over;
God will reign in peace forever!

For the herald's voice is crying
in the desert far and near.
Calling us to true repentance
since the Kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey!

Now prepare for God a way!
 Let the valleys rise to meet Him,
 and the hills bow down to greet Him!
 Straight shall be what long was crooked,
 and the rougher places plain!
 Let your hearts be true and humble,
 as befits his holy reign!
 For the glory of the Lord
 now on earth is shed abroad,
 And all the flesh shall see the token
 that God's word is never broken.

ANTHEM *Advent Cry* Joseph Martin
 Soloist: Diane Allen

SECOND LESSON *Isaiah 35:1-10* Nancy Glaser
 Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
 People: **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL UMH 202 vs. 1 & 4 *People, Look East* sung by all

THIRD LESSON *Isaiah 11:1-9* Linda Grossman
 Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
 People: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO *O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines* Charles Parry
 Soloist: Mark Shaull, Baritone

O day of peace that dimly shines Through all our hopes and prayers and dreams Guide us to justice, truth and love Delivered from our selfish schemes May swords of hate fall from our hands Our hearts from envy find release Till by God's grace our warring world Shall see Christ promised reign of peace	Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb Nor shall the fierce devour the small As beasts and cattle calmly graze A little child shall lead them all. Then enemies shall learn to love All creatures find their true accord The hope of peace shall be fulfilled For all the earth shall know the Lord
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FOURTH LESSON *Isaiah 65:17-25* Linda Grossman

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
 People: **Thanks be to God.**

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head
 "To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,
 "My soul shall laud and magnify His holy name."
 Most highly favored lady, Gloria, Gloria!

CHORALE *Wachet auf! ruft uns die Stimme* J. S. Bach

Now let every tongue adore thee!
 Let men and angels sing before thee!
 Let harps and cymbals now unite!
 All thy gates with pearl are glorious,
 Where we partake, through faith victorious,
 With angels round thy throne of light.
 No mortal eye hath seen,
 No mortal ear hath heard
 Such wondrous things;
 Therefore with joy our song shall soar
 In praise to God for evermore.

SEVENTH LESSON *Mark 1:1-15* Pamela Cutkosky

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
 People: **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN CHORALE INTERLUDE
Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme J.S. Bach

THE COLLECT FOR ADVENT Reverend Doug Norris

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light now in the time of this mortal life in which Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; so that, at the last day, when he shall come again in glorious majesty, to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through the Christ who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Leader: We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord:
All: In the midst of thy temple.

ANTHEM *Lo How A Rose* Michael Praetorius

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming,
 From tender stem hath sprung.

Who mourn o'er joys departed
And tremble at your doom.
Despair not; he is near you,
He's standing at the door
Who best can help and cheer you
And bids you weep no more.

He comes to judge the nations,
A terror to his foes,
A light of consolations,
And blessed hope to those
Who love the Lord's appearing.
O glorious Sun, now come,
Send forth your beams most cheering,
And guide us safely home.

FIFTH LESSON *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, 23-24* Reverend Doug Norris

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL UMH 213 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* sung by all

SIXTH LESSON *Luke 1:26-35, 38* Reverend Doug Norris

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *The Angel Gabriel* Emma Lou Diemer

The angel Gabriel from heaven came
His wings as drifted snow
His eyes as flame
"All hail" said he "thou lowly maiden Mary
Most highly favored lady, " Gloria, Gloria!

"For known a blessed mother thou shalt be
All generations laud and honor thee
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel
By seers foretold
Most highly favored maid, " Gloria, Gloria!

CAROL UMH 198 vs. 1,3 & 4 *My Soul Gives Glory to My God* sung by all

ANTHEM *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You* Michael D. Costello
Chancel Choir

O Lord, how shall I meet You,
How welcome You aright?
Your people long to greet You,
My hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy,
Your lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly
All that may please You best.

Your Zion strews before You
Green boughs and fairest palms;
And I too will adore You
With joyous songs and psalms.
My heart shall bloom forever
For You with praises new
And from Your name shall never
Withhold the honor due.

I lay in fetters, groaning;
You came to set me free.
I stood, my shame bemoaning;
You came to honor me.
A glorious crown You give me,
A treasure safe on high
That will not fail or leave me
As earthly riches fly.

Love caused Your incarnation;
Love brought You down to me.
Your thirst for my salvation
Procured my liberty.
Oh, love beyond all telling,
That led You to embrace
In love, all love excelling,
Our lost and fallen race.
Rejoice, then, you sad-hearted,
Who sit in deepest gloom,