CHRISTMAS EVE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024

Words of Welcome Reverend Burke Owens

Prelude O, Come Little Children Dale Wood (1934-2003)

*Call to Worship Reverend Burke Owens

On this holiest of nights,

we come, joining the shepherds who are stunned by wonder.

On this most silent night,

we come, our hopes and dreams joining those of Mary and Joseph.

On this night of carols and candlelight, we come, our glad songs joining with the choirs of angels over us.

*Carol O Little Town of Bethlehem United Methodist Hymnal 230

Prayer Reverend Gerardo García Palacios

*Carol The First Noel UMH 245

*Scripture Luke 2:8-18 Sarah Joy Espinoza-Evans

Message Jesus, the Gift That Never Runs Out

Reverend Gerardo García Palacios

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

*Carols Away in a Manger UMH 217

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing UMH 240

Invitation to the Offering

to benefit UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)

Offertory Carol

lov to the World

UMH 246

Candle Lighting

Please light your candle from your neighbor's candle. Then hold your candle vertically while the person next to you lights his/her candle.

*Carol Silent Night, Holy Night UMH 239 v. 1-3

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

3. Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light; radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, lesus, Lord, at thy birth.

2. Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

*Benediction Reverend Gerardo García Palacios

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

*Please stand as you are able when indicated by an asterisk.

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

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



Special thanks to Reverend Doug Norris for the original "Christmas Story" script.

Thank you to the Owens Family for lighting the Advent candles.

Reverend Burke Owens, Senior Pastor Reverend Gerardo García Palacios, Children, Youth & Family Ministries Diane Keller, Organist Mark Shaull, Director of Music

AWeek at First Church

SUNDAY

10:00 AM Sunday School - Rainbow Room (resumes 1/12)

10:45 AM Sanctuary Worship Celebration - Sanctuary

12:00 PM Snack-n-Chat Fellowship - Patio

12:00 PM Couples Group - Wesley Room (1st & 3rd Sundays, resumes 1/5)

12:15 PM Bible Study w/ Pastor Burke - Kohlstedt Hall (2nd & 4th Sundays)

MONDAY

7:00 PM Social Action Movie Night - Zoom (resumes 12/30) 7:15 PM Monday Night Bible Study - Zoom

TUESDAY

12:00 PM Current Affairs Fellowship Group - Zoom

WEDNESDAY

5:00 PM Covenant Class - Zoom (resumes 1/8) 7:00 PM Upstream Contemporary Service, Zoom

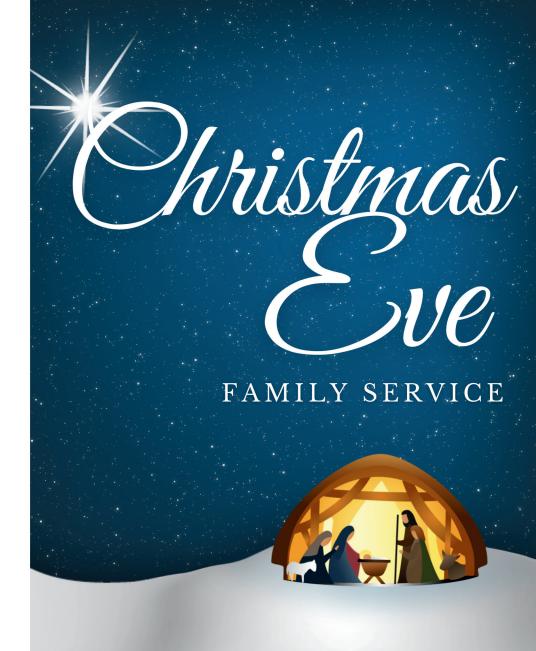
THURSDAY

1:00 PM Call to Prayer - Wesley Room

Church Office Holiday Hours:

Closed Dec. 25 - 27 and Jan. 1 Reduced hours 12 - 4 PM Dec. 30 - 31 Regular hours Jan. 2 - 3 from 9 AM to 4 PM.

Email Pastor Gerardo at **cyfministries@firstpaloalto.com** to learn more about our Children, Youth & Family Ministries, or contact the church office at **info@firstpaloalto.com**.



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