

CHRISTMAS EVE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024

Prelude *Sussex Carol* Dale Wood (1934-2003)

Words of Welcome Reverend Burke Owens

*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 Burke Owens

*Carol *The First Noel* UMH 245

*Scripture *Luke 2:6-20* Bill Davidson

Message *Silent Night, Holy Night* Reverend Burke Owens

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 *Joy to the World* UMH 246

Candle Lighting Sandra Florstedt, Alice Peterson, Bill Davidson

Please light your candle from your neighbor's candle. Then hold your candle vertically while the person next to you lights their candle from yours.

*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,
Jesus, 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 Burke Owens

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 Davidson, Florstedt and Peterson family for lighting the Advent candles.

Reverend Burke Owens, Senior Pastor
Diane Keller, Organist
Mark Shaull, Director of Music

A Week at First Church

SUNDAY

10:00 AM Sunday School - Rainbow Room (resumes 1/4)
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)
12:15 PM Bible Study w/ Pastor Burke - Millennium Room (2nd & 4th Sundays)
6:00 PM Covenant Class - Zoom (resumes 1/11)

MONDAY

7:00 PM Social Action Movie Night - Zoom
7:15 PM Monday Night Bible Study - Zoom

TUESDAY

12:00 PM Current Affairs Fellowship Group - Zoom

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM Upstream Contemporary Service - Zoom

THURSDAY

1:30 PM Call to Prayer - Library (resumes 1/8)



If you donated a poinsettia, please feel welcome to take it home after Dec 25.

Church Office Holiday Hours:

Closed Dec. 25 - 26, Jan. 1-2

Reduced hours 10 - 4 PM Dec. 29 - 31

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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