

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Woodland

Bulletin, December 5, 2021

(10:30 AM In-Person & Live Stream Worship Service)

(We welcome you. Whoever you are, wherever you are from, wherever you are in your faith journey, whomever you love, whatever your ethnicity or first language, whatever your past, regardless of your abilities and whether you are rich or poor or in between...you are welcome here.)

Musical Prelude—Jay Surdell

Our shared life together, aka, announcements:

“Here are some things our church is doing this week which just might provide us with even more opportunities to cooperate with God in bringing the peace, the shalom that is God’s will for this world.

Call to Worship—Larry Love

Opening Song—“*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*” *Chalice Hymnal #119 (Verses 1 & 4)*

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!
4. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to thy tribes on Sinai’s height
In ancient times didst give the law,
In cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Words: ‘O’ Antiphons, Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3–6 para. in *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John M. Neale;
Music: Chant, Mode I; Processionale, French, 15th cent.; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, Public Domain.

Opening Prayer—Unison—Nancy Love

God in heaven,
our hearts desire the warmth of your love
and our minds are searching
for the light of your Word.
Increase our longing for Christ our Savior
and give us the strength to grow in love
and in Christ’s way of peace,

that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing
and welcoming the light of his truth.
Use us to prepare the way for Christ's love and peace.
In the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Response—“*When God Is a Child*” *Chalice Hymnal #132 (Verse 2)*

2. Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
Giving a promise of safety and worth.

Refrain:

When God is a child
there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first
and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.

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Music: Joan Collier Fogg.

Advent Candle Lighting—The Candle of Peace—Sue and Sarah Tarleton

Song of Advent—“*One Candle Is Lit*” *Chalice Hymnal #128 (Verse 2)*

2. Come quickly, shalom, teach us how to prepare
for a gift that compels us with justice to care.
Our spirits are restless till sin and war cease.
One candle is lit for the reign of God's peace.

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A Story for Children of All Ages—Nancy Love

Scripture Text—*Isaiah 40:1-11*—Nancy Love

Special Music—Sarah Tarleton—

"Thy Word"

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Sermon Text: —*Luke 3:1-6*—Larry Love

Reader: *The message of God for the people of God.*

All: Thanks be to God.

Message—“*Preparing for Peace*”—Pastor Larry Love

Song of Commitment—“*Christians All, Your Lord Is Coming*” *Chalice Hymnal # 144*
(Verses #1, 3, & 4)

1. Christians all, your Lord is coming,
drawing near in holy birth.
Ring the bells and sound the trumpets,
let your music fill the earth.
Dance and move to show God's glory;
kneel and pause to hear God's word.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Rise and let your songs be heard.
3. Christians all, your Lord is coming,
he will rise up from the dead.
Lift the cup, of sin forgiven;
bless the host and eat his bread.
Mend the ways where peace is broken,
give yourselves to true Shalom.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dwell as one in church and home.
4. Christians all, your Lord is coming,
hope for peace is now at hand.,
Let there be no hesitation,
walk in faith where life demands.
Bear the word that God has given;
share the birth that stirs your soul.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ will come and make you whole.

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Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from the evil:
for thine is the kingdom, and the power

and the glory, forever, and ever.
Amen. Amen.

Responsive Song—“*O Lord, Hear My Prayer*” *Chalice Praise #104*

O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

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Call to Stewardship...and Doxology—Nancy Love

Communion Call and Prayer—Nancy Love

Words of Institution—Communion—Peace—Prayer—Larry Love

Closing Song—“*O Little Town of Bethlehem*” *Chalice Hymnal # 144*

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary,
and gathered all above
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth.
Your voices raise to God in praise;
and peace to all on earth.

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Benediction and Postlude

Announcements:

- Today—Welcome Table Worship, 8 a.m. Contact **Beja Springer** for Zoom link.
- Today—Zoom worship, 9 a.m.
- Today—In person and livestream worship, 10:30 a.m.
- Today—**Annual Congregational Meeting** right after worship about 11:45 a.m.
- Monday—Fellowship in Parker Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday—Prayer Time via Zoom, 11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday—**Woodland Ecumenical and Multi-faith Ministries** (WEMM) hosted by **Khalid Saeed** at the LDS church building on Pioneer Avenue, 12 noon.
- Wednesday—Book study, 6:45 p.m. in the church library.
- Thursday—Choir practice in the sanctuary, 6:30 p.m.
- Next Sunday—Zoom worship, 9:00 a.m.
- Next Sunday—In person and livestream worship, 10:30 a.m.
- Next Sunday—Elders meeting after worship.
- **Woodland Ecumenical and Multi-faith Ministries** is once again doing 300 Christmas baskets for families in our community. Our church is responsible for 600 cans of fruit. **Lon Springer** is once again heading up this effort for us. The easiest way to secure this fruit is for us to give money directly to Lon and let him negotiate a good price with a local store. All gifts are appreciated.
- **Ann Edwards** is overseeing our effort to once again purchase Christmas presents for residents at **Cottonwood Rehab** who do not have anyone to purchase Christmas gifts for them. Ann has a sign-up sheet with names of Cottonwood residents and the items they would like for Christmas. If you would like to help, please call Ann Edwards or the church office.
- **Sarah Tarleton** is once again collecting blankets for a non-profit in Sacramento which provides blankets to homeless and very low-income persons. Please leave the blankets in the Gravink Room next to Pastor Larry's office.
- You can watch our worship services anytime on the church's Facebook page or on our church's website—christianchurchofwoodland.com.
- Larry's hours in the church office are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Call him at 530-662-9356 or 666-2069.
- Pastor Larry's days off are Friday and Saturday.
- Greg Hayakawa's work hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact him at 662-9356.

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Prayer Requests:

Thanks for:

- The life of **Roy Holmes** whose life we celebrated yesterday.

Prayers of concern for:

- **Del Zeiger** as he has been hospitalized with gall stones this week.
- Healthcare workers who continue to be under tremendous stress as a result of the COVID pandemic. Some 20% of healthcare workers (doctors and nurses) have quit in the last year...and more are contemplating ending their healthcare careers.
- **Dan and Heather Wysong and their family. Dan's father a few weeks ago...and their son, Ryan**, continues to struggle with some undiagnosed illness. Dan is the pastor at St. John's United Church of Christ.
- **Elizabeth Shull** who has begun radiation on her brain again. Prayers, too, for her family including **Kris, Megan, Maddie, Clara, and Lydia Shull**.
- **Shirley Wilson**, who is *Kris Shull's grandmother*, is on hospice at the Californian.
- **Wendy Ostergaard, daughter of Dona Ostergaard** as she continues recovering from a pace-maker procedure.
- **Marjorie and David Brown, Sam, Heather, Saige, Ivy, Judah Morgan** and the whole extended Holmes family as they mourn the death of Roy Holmes.
- **Laura Daggett's mother, Pauline**, who is dealing with Lupus. Also **Laura Daggett's stepfather, Roger**, concerned about an abnormal blood test result, and **Laura's aunt, Sherry**, still recovering from a broken arm.
- **Jim Craig, Heather Craig's uncle** who is now on hospice following a bout with COVID.
- **Barb Tucker, Ann Edward's and Cheryl Grant's friend**, dealing with lung cancer.
- **Kevin Dooley, friend of Beth Erickson**, is dealing with a debilitating illness.
- **Beth Erickson** recovering from a fractured knee and arm.
- **Linda Tuman** and her whole family at the death of her uncle, **Otho**.
- **Bonny Carr**, whose husband was killed in a tractor accident recently. Bonny is a friend of **Lori Williams**.

- **Pam, a friend of Sue Tarleton.** Pam is dealing with dementia and Alzheimer's disease and is at the point where she needs to leave her home.
- **Nancy Love's whole family as Nancy's mother, Gloria Martin,** is now on hospice.
- **Marjie Echols' friend, Christine,** dealing with mental health issues.
- **Jack and Holly Scherer, a very good friend of Lori and Randy Strong.** Jack is dealing with abdominal and liver cancer.
- **Doyle Tuman** who continues to deal with severe back pain.
- **Alice Manus** suffering with Guillain-Barre syndrome.
- **Charles Tarleton, Sarah Tarleton's father** who is now on hospice.
- **Del and Jenny Zeiger** as they grieve the loss of **Pam Zeiger.**
- **Brenda Small's son and daughter-in-law** dealing with some difficult issues.
- Afghan refugees as they settle into new life here in the U.S. and other host countries.
- All the people of Afghanistan (especially women) as they come again under Taliban rule.
- **Ivana Cruz (Ana Mangandi's daughter in El Salvador)** being treated for cancer in a hospital.
- **Kevin (Tuman's neighbor)** recovering after a bone marrow transplant.
- Prayers for the healing of our country in this deeply divided time.

Ongoing prayers for:

Joyce Henning, Leigh Dieckmann, Laura Daggett, Alberta Bradley, Ricardo Rico, Ted Pitts and daughter (Margaret), Liz Shull, Willie Paulucci, Flo Tinsley, Katharine (Patty Overfield's mother), , Lisa Austin (friend of Megan Shull), Debbie Staeden (Brenda Small's sister),



Dominoes

December Dominoes
Friday, December 17th

At 6:30 PM

Hosted by
Karen Webber
100 Greenwood Dr.

Theme:

"O Come Let Us Adore Him"

Please bring a gift
and a dish to share
and a gift to fit the theme.

SCRIP NEWS

As the holidays approach please keep in mind that if you use scrip for your shopping and gift giving our church general fund gets a considerable boost.

I will be available after church most Sundays for you to purchase gift cards from the box. I am always available by phone/text/email for special or spur of the moment purchases.

I will place our Christmas order on or about the 7th of December. If you need gift cards for your shopping or gifts please contact me before that date so that I can be sure to have what you need.

And, again, the most convenient and profitable way for you to support the scrip program is to create your own account on the scrip website shopwithscrip.com. Contact me for the enrollment code and our church will benefit from every purchase you make. You will be able to print ecards from your own computer in minutes as you walk out the door to do your shopping. You will also be able to reload most cards you have purchased from me. No need to find me for a new card.

This program has the potential to earn **BIG BUCKS** for our church but only if you participate. It's easy and costs you nothing more than you would spend anyway. These are just some of the stores and restaurants that are available to you

Home Depot.	Ace Hardware
Target	Walmart
Amazon	CVS
Burger King	JCPenney
Starbucks	

IF YOU SHOP OR EAT AT ANY OF THESE WITHOUT SCRIP.....OUR CHURCH LOSES!!!

Barnes and Noble	Famous Footwear
Home Goods	JoAnns
Kohls	Lowes
Macys	Olive Garden
Panera	Red Robin
Applebees	REI

THINK SCRIP ALL THE TIME

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Blanket Drive

Good afternoon Church Family!

I will be making some blanket donations again to those in need this holiday season. I feel so fortunate to have a roof over my head and a warm place to sleep at night, and know that others may not. Sometimes even a small gesture like a donated blanket, can go a long way.

I would like to invite you to join me to drop off a blanket to the church or my home (email me for address). If you're not able to drop one off and would like me to pick one up on your behalf, I can do so as well.

Let's see if we can beat our record of 65 blankets donated last year!

HomeAid Sacramento builds and renovates temporary, transitional and permanent housing for homeless children, women, men, veterans, and families who have experience a life-altering event and are rendered temporarily homeless. Their goal is to enable them to take the critical steps toward achieving lives of self-sufficiency.

They are seeking twin size blankets...new or handmade. Please drop off to the church or my house by 12/20/21. If you bring blankets to the church, please put them in the Gravink Room.

You can also use this link to place a blanket order and have it shipped directly to HomeAid Sacramento via their Amazon Registry - https://smile.amazon.com/gp/clpf?orig=%2Fhz%2Fcharitylist%2Fls%2F2SU9WA3SS708F%2Fref%3Dsmi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl%3Fnull&ref=smi_se_cl_r_d_ge&fbclid=IwAR2ZM1o9_yN_iZf4ebWLJTAiLSOkNOHUADHYMpUXNKpb8zkrEihutBIeoxI

<https://www.homeaidsac.org/>

Thanks and Happy Holidays! 🎄😊

Blessings,
Sarah Tarleton