

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Woodland

Bulletin, December 19, 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 sharing the love that God brings the world through the one born in Bethlehem.”

Call to Worship—Larry Love

Opening Song—“O Come, All Ye Faithful” *Chalice Hymnal # 148*
(Verses #1, 3, & 4)

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!
3. Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
we would embrace thee, with love and awe;
who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born for our salvation,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Words: John F. Wade, tr. by Frederick Oakeley;

Music: John F. Wade.

Opening Prayer—Unison—Gloria Dewey

God of all wisdom, our hearts yearn for the warmth of your love,
and our minds search for the light of your Word.
Increase our longing for Christ our Savior,
and strengthen us to grow in love,
that at the dawn of his coming

we may rejoice in his presence,
welcome the light of his truth
and live his way of extravagant love.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Response—“*When God Is a Child*” *Chalice Hymnal #132*
(Verse 4)

4. Love is a flame that burns in our heart.
Jesus has come and will never depart.

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 Love—Judith Jones and Mary Atchison

Song of Advent—“*One Candle Is Lit*” *Chalice Hymnal # 128*
(Verse 4)

4. Come, wander where lion and lamb gently play,
where evil is banished and faith takes the day,
a babe in a manger to fool the world's eyes.
One candle is lit for God's loving surprise.

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A Story for Children of All Ages—Gloria Dewey

Scripture Text:—*Micah 5:2-5a*—Gloria Dewey

Choir Anthem—“*All on a Silent Night*”
(Words and Music by Becki Slagle Mayo, incorporating “*Stille Nacht*”)

Sermon Text:—*Luke 1:39-55*—Larry Love

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Message—“*God’s Love Made Little...and Writ Large*”—Pastor Larry Love

Song of Commitment— *“God’s Love Made Visible!” Chalice Hymnal # 171*

1. God’s love made visible!
Incomprehensible!
Christ is invincible!
His love shall reign!

From love so bountiful,
blessings uncountable
make death surmountable!
His love shall reign!

Joyfully pray for peace and good will!
All of our yearning he will fulfill.
Live in a loving way!
Praise him for every day!
Open your hearts and pray.
His love shall reign!
2. God gave the Son to us
to dwell as one of us –
a blessing unto us!
His love shall reign!

To him all honor bring,
heaven and earth will sing,
praising our Lord and King!
His love shall reign!

Open all doors this day of his birth,
all of good will inherit the earth.
His star will always be guiding humanity
throughout eternity!
His love shall reign!

Words: Iola Brubeck; Music: John Brubeck

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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—Gloria Dewey

Communion Call and Prayer—Diana Fallbeck

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

Closing Song—“*Joy to the World*” *Chalice Hymnal* #143
(Verses #1 & 3)

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
3. He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

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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.
- Monday—Fellowship in Parker Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday—Prayer Time via Zoom, 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday—No book study until January 12th at which time we will begin **Nadia Bolz-Weber's** book *Accidental Saints*. If you would like to join us as we begin a new book please contact Pastor Larry.
- Thursday—No choir practice.
- Friday—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service in the sanctuary, 11 p.m.
- Next Sunday—Zoom worship, 9:00 a.m.
- Next Sunday—In person and livestream worship, 10:30 a.m.
- Larry is on vacation December 27th through January 3rd. He will be back in the office on Tuesday, January 4th.
- **Leigh Dieckmann** is struggling with light sensitivity in her eyes and cannot drive and is in need of persons to drive her to doctor's appointments or to pick up groceries. If you can help, please call Pastor Larry or Leigh directly.
- **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.
- **Steven Wong** (for whom we are very grateful) has informed us that he will no longer be recording and livestreaming our worship services after December 31st...which means we need some other people to learn this process and do the livestream and recording on Sunday mornings. Ultimately, we hope hire someone to do this, but we also need several persons who are familiar with the process who can step in now...and fill in when the paid person needs to be away. If you are willing to help out with this important part of our ministry (or willing to be the paid person), please contact Pastor Larry, 530-662-9356.
- Larry's hours in the church office are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Thursday.
- Pastor Larry's days off are Friday and Saturday.

Prayer Requests:

Thanks for:

- The life of **Barb Tucker** who passed away December 13th...and prayers for all who loved her including friends **Ann Edwards, Cheryl Grant and Kathy Cholewinski**

Prayers of concern for:

- All of the people who lost loved ones, homes, places of worship, and businesses in the recent tornadoes in Kentucky and Illinois.
- **Del Zeiger's sister, Marianna**, hospitalized in Tennessee with gall stones.
- **Judy Mehren's friend, Chrissy** whose husband, **Drew**, died on Monday.
- Our former regional minister, **Chuck Blaisdell**, who has a recurrence of cancer and is on palliative chemotherapy. Prayers, too, for his wife, **Barbara**, and all of his family.
- Peace on the Russian/Ukraine border...and between China and Taiwan.
- **Becky Holland's nephew, Trevor**, who is serving at the U. S. embassy in Kiev, Ukraine during this time of high tension between Ukraine and Russia.
- Healthcare workers who continue to be under tremendous stress as a result of the COVID pandemic.
- **Neal and Susie Hardman** as they travel to Seattle and visit with their children and grandchildren for Christmas.
- **Ryan Wysong, son of Dan and Heather Wysong** suffering from an undiagnosed illness. Dan is the pastor at St. John's United Church of Christ.
- **Liz Shull** who has begun radiation for a brain tumor. Liz has also lost most of her eyesight. Prayers, too, for her family including **Kris, Megan, Maddie, Clara, and Lydia Shull**.
- Prayers for the whole **Shull Family** at the death of **Shirley Wilson** who is **Liz Shull's mother** and **Kris Shull's grandmother**,
- The **Holmes, Zeiger, and Tuman** families who have also lost loved ones recently.
- **Laura Daggett's mother, Pauline**, who is dealing with Lupus. Also **Laura's stepfather, Roger**, concerned about an abnormal blood test result, **Laura's aunt, Sherry**, still recovering from a broken arm, and **brother, Paul**, suffering with mental illness.
- **Jim Craig, Heather Craig's uncle** on hospice following a bout with COVID.
- **Kevin Dooley, friend of Beth Erickson**, is dealing with a debilitating illness.
- **Beth Erickson** recovering from a fractured knee and arm.
- **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** parents as her **mother, Gloria Martin**, is on hospice...and her father, **Ellis Martin**, is dealing with heart valve problems.
- **Leigh Dieckmann** who is having trouble with her eyes, major light sensitivity.
- **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.
- **Brenda Small's son and daughter-in-law, Dakota and Tori Mann**.
- 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)** has cancer.
- 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)

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2021 Christmas Offering

**We imagine God's love revealed
when Jesus called disciples to follow him**

And we imagine God's love revealed when our Region nurtures persons for ministry preparing them for ordination and commissioning.

**We imagine God's love revealed when Jesus
drew his disciples into retreat**

And we imagine God's love revealed when our Region gathers children, youth, and adults in summer camps.

We imagine God's love revealed when the Apostle Paul cared for congregations and helped them find their leaders

And we imagine God's love revealed when our Region provides care for our pastors, encouragement to lay leaders, and support in transitions.

**We imagine God's love revealed when the early church
found ways to break down racial, political, and economic
barriers to form true community**

And we imagine God's love revealed when our Region assists pastors and congregations to honestly confront racism in our own time.

**We imagine God's love revealed when a young couple in
Bethlehem, overwhelmed by God's love, gave birth to one
in whom they could see God's face**

And we imagine God's love revealed when we see the face of God in our neighbor, the stranger, and the refugee.

We invite you to share your gift to the Christmas offering supporting the ministries of our Region as we continue our witness to God's love in our midst.



You may make a gift to the Christmas offering through your local church,
or online at disciplesmissionfund.org/give

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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A Concert for James

A musical evening honoring the life and legacy of
James C. Glica-Hernandez

Tuesday, December 28th - 7:30 p.m.
The Historic Woodland Opera House
340 2nd Street, Woodland
Reserved Seating \$5.00

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE
JAMES C. GLICA-HERNANDEZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
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ARTISTS THROUGH THE WOODLAND OPERA HOUSE
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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Concert for James

At The Woodland Opera House
Tuesday, December 28, 2021
7:30 PM

Many lost a dear friend on January 10, 2021, as James C. Glica-Hernandez passed from complications due to COVID-19. James was a long-time teacher and mentor, as well as a musical director at the Woodland Opera House. To honor his legacy, a group of his friends and former students have arranged a special evening of music.

James had an impact on everyone he met, but most especially on his students in whom he instilled a love of music and a sense of discipline and hard work. Many of his students have gone on to pursue music and theatre as their life's work and it is in no small part due to the role James played in nurturing them as young artists. He taught them voice and music but also how to be good people, respectful of others, and authentic to their own true selves.

The concert will benefit a scholarship created in his name, the James C. Glica-Hernandez Memorial Scholarship. A goal of \$20,000 is set and the scholarship funds will be used to enable young artists from Yolo County who otherwise may not be able to afford classes through the Woodland Opera House Education Department. Proceeds from the scholarship will be awarded each session to young artists based on need, talent, and commitment to studying music, dance, and acting.

Reserved seating tickets - \$5 per person and are available at <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/3523511/a-concert-for-james-woodland-woodland-opera-house> or at the box office (530) 666-9617/340 2nd Street, Woodland. Hours: Tuesday – Friday from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM & 2:00 - 5:00 PM

Scholarship donations can be made at <https://secure.givelively.org/.../james-c-glica-herandez...> and are also accepted by mail. Please send to Woodland Opera House, P.O. Box 1425, Woodland, CA 95776.

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%2FIs%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