

# Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Woodland

Bulletin, December 26, 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 let Christmas have its full effect upon our lives and our life together in this world.*

**Call to Worship**—Larry Love

Paul writes to the church at Ephesus, “I pray that...you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through God’s Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.” This is what Christmas brings—the presence of God’s Spirit, or Christ living in us strengthening us in our inner being and rooting us and grounding us in love, helping us comprehend the wonder of God’s love, the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with all the fullness of God. May the fullness of God, the full meaning of Christmas shape our living this day and always.

**Opening Song**—“*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*” *Chalice Hymnal # 150*  
(Verses #1 & 3)

1. Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with th’angelic hosts proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King!”
3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings,  
mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,

born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King!”

Words: Charles Wesley; Music: Felix Mendelssohn.  
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**Opening Prayer**—Unison—Jeanelyse Doran

Emmanuel, God with us,  
show us where you may be found today:  
in each human birth, in family joy, in relentless tragedy,  
in treasured babes, and homeless families.  
Immanuel, we rejoice that you are with us—  
in everything, through everything.  
Lord Christ, be born in us today.  
Word of God, become flesh in us that we might live your gospel.  
Light of the world, shine in us and through us for the sake of your world.  
Loving God, help us to see your grace,  
hear your voice, and follow in your way;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**Response**—“*What Child is This?*” *Chalice Hymnal* #162  
(Verse #3)

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
come rich and poor, to own him,  
the Kings of kings salvation brings,  
let loving hearts enthrone him.

**Refrain**

This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the Babe, the Son of Mary.

Words: William C. Dix; Music: English melody.

**A Story for Children of All Ages**—Jeanelyse Doran

**Scripture Text:** *1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Colossians 3:12-17*—Jeanelyse Doran

**Special Music**—Jay Surdell

**Sermon Text:** *Luke 2:41-52*—Larry Love

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

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Message**—“*Becoming Christmas*”—Pastor Larry Love

**Song of Commitment**—“*O Little Town of Bethlehem*” *Chalice Hymnal # 144*  
(Verses #1, 3, & 4)

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.
3. How silently, how silently  
the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the joy of highest heaven.  
No ear may hear Christ coming,  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him still  
the dear Christ enters in.
4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in;  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our God, Emmanuel!

Text: Phillips Brooks; Music: Lewis H. Redner

### **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**—Jeanelyse Doran

**Communion Call and Prayer**— Cheryl Grant

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

**Closing Song**—“*Away in the Manger*” *Chalice Hymnal #147*  
(Verses #1 & 3)

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay  
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Words: Anonymous (19<sup>th</sup> Century);  
Music: Attr. James R. Murray

**Benediction and Postlude**

**Announcements:**

- Today—Zoom worship, 9 a.m.
- Today—In person and livestream worship, 10:30 a.m.
- Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup> through Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>—Pastor Larry on vacation.
- Monday—Fellowship in Parker Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday—Prayer Time via Zoom, 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday—No book study until January 12<sup>th</sup> 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—New Year’s Eve—Office Closed.

- Next Sunday—Welcome Table Worship, 8 a.m. Contact **Beja Springer** for Zoom link.
- Next Sunday—Zoom worship, 9:00 a.m.
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- Larry is on vacation December 27<sup>th</sup> through January 3<sup>rd</sup>. He will be back in the office on Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.
- **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.
- **Steven Wong** reports that our livestream recording is not working at this time, so there will be no livestream until further notice. Please join us for worship on Zoom at 9 a.m. each Sunday or for in-person worship at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday.
- Once we get our technology updated and begin livestreaming our worship again, we need some persons who are willing to learn the technology and run it 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, 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 opportunity to celebrate the birth of Jesus together on Christmas Eve and with people we love on Christmas Day.
- The rain here and the snow in the mountains!!!

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. The Disciples of Christ church in Mayfield, Kentucky was destroyed by the tornadoes.
- **Judy Mehren's friend, Chrissy whose husband, Drew,** died recently.
- 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 are traveling visiting children and grandchildren in Seattle.

- **Everet Frank** who is having some health problems.
- **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**.
- The **Shull, Holmes, Zeiger, and Tuman** families who have also lost loved ones recently...and celebrating this Christmas without dear loved ones.
- The family and friends of **Barb Tucker** who passed away recently.
- **Alberta Bradley** dealing with some health concerns as well as concerns for **her husband, Phil**, whose Alzheimer's disease is progressing.
- **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.
- **Terry Shultz, a friend of Bill Powell**, who is on hospice. Prayers too for his wife, Kimberly.
- **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.
- **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** diagnosed with and eye disorder called solar retinopathy.
- **Marjie Echols' friend, Christine**, dealing with mental health issues.
- **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, Ted Pitts and daughter (Margaret), Willie Paulucci, Ricardo Rico, Liz Shull, Katharine (Patty Overfield's mother), Lisa Austin (friend of Megan Shull), Flo Tinsley, Debbie Staeden (Brenda Small's sister)**

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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-hernandez...> and are also accepted by mail. Please send to Woodland Opera House, P.O. Box 1425, Woodland, CA 95776.




# 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 FUND IN SUPPORT OF CLASSES FOR YOUNG PERFORMING ARTISTS THROUGH THE WOODLAND OPERA HOUSE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.







## **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.



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