

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Woodland
Bulletin, December 20, 2020
Zoom Worship

Musical Prelude—Jay Surdell

Greeting—Larry Love

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

Love is a flame that burns in our heart.
Jesus has come and will never depart.
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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Our shared life together, aka, announcements—

*“Here are some things our church is doing this week
which just might lead us to a deeper experience of God’s love.”*

Call to Worship—Larry Love

Opening Song—“*O Come, All Ye Faithful*” *Chalice Hymnal # 148*

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!
2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
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!

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Opening Prayer—Unison—Pastor Larry

Almighty God, Creator and Ruler of all worlds,
who in the beginning created light to dispel darkness:
we bless you for the light of your love seen in the face of Jesus Christ.
We worship and adore you with heartfelt thanks
for the fulfillment in him of the promise of the ages.
Blessed are you, Lord God most holy,
for you have visited and redeemed your people;
and holy is your name. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. .
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen. Amen.

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Advent Candle Lighting—Gloria Dewey

Song of Advent—“One Candle Is Lit” #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—Nancy Love

Scripture Text—2 Samuel 7:1-11,16; Romans 16:25-27—Nancy Love

Piano Duet—Jay Surdell and Pam Prater—
“Hark the Herald Angels Sing,”
(arranged by Joel Raney)

Message—“*In It for the Long Haul*”—Luke 1:26-38—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.

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Prayers of the Community...and Lord's Prayer—Pastor Larry Love

Responsive Song, “*Away in a Manger*” *Chalice Hymnal #147 (verse 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.

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Call to Stewardship and Prayer—Nancy Love

Doxology

Communion—Call—Larry Love

Words of Institution—Communion—Peace—Prayer

Closing Hymn—“*It Came upon the Midnight Clear*” *Chalice Hymnal #153*
(Verses #1, 3, & 4)

1. It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to all
from heaven’s all gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.
3. And you, beneath life’s crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow,
look now, for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road
and hear the angels sing!
4. For lo, the days are hastening on,
by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold;
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song
which now the angels sing.

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Postlude and Fellowship

Announcements:

- Today—Welcome Table Worship, 8 a.m. Contact **Beja Springer** for Zoom link.
- Today—Live stream worship at 8:30 a.m.
- Today—Zoom worship, 10 a.m.
- Monday—Monday fellowship in the courtyard, 9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday—Prayer time via Zoom, 11 a.m.
- Wednesday—Book study of **Brian McLaren's** *The Galapagos Islands*, 7 p.m. (Chs. 5 and 6)
- Thursday—Zoom viewing of the elder's Christmas Eve Service recorded previously, 11 p.m. Watch for the Zoom link from Jeanelyse Doran.
- Next Sunday—Live stream worship via Facebook and website, 8:30 a.m.
- Next Sunday—Zoom worship, 10 a.m.
- You can also watch our worship services anytime on the church's Facebook page or on our church's website—christianchurchofwoodland.com.
- Watch for an email from **Melissa Paulucci** or **Katie Wilmot** with the recorded Christmas Eve Service. You can watch it at your leisure on Christmas Eve...or watch together via Zoom at 11 p.m.
- **The Christmas Offering for Disciples Mission Fund (DMF)** goes entirely to support the ministry of our regional church, the Christian Church of Northern California-Nevada. It supports the ministry we do together—Disciples Women and Disciples Men events, starting new churches, transforming existing churches, doing camp and conference at CGC, supporting pastors, and so much more. You can support this offering by sending a gift to the church clearly designating your gift as DMF Christmas Offering.
- Copies of the January/February *Upper Room* are here. Contact Pastor Larry for a copy.
- Pastor Larry will be on vacation December 28th through January 13th.
- Zoom instructions and etiquette—Click on the highlighted Zoom link in the email Jeanelyse sent...Download the Zoom app if it asks you to (it is safe)...Please make sure you click the mute button on the bottom left of the zoom screen. It looks like a microphone. If you are not muted, everything you say can be heard by everyone else. You can unmute temporarily by pressing the space bar on your computer or by clicking on the microphone icon.
- If you would like to join in the sharing of communion, please have some bread, crackers or cookies and some juice, water or milk within reach.
- If you have announcements or prayer requests, please contact Larry (530-666-2069 or pastorlarrywcc@sbcglobal.net). You can also write announcements or prayer requests in the "Chat" box at the bottom of the Zoom screen.
- Larry's work hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday. He is now working mostly from home again. Please call him at 530-666-2069.
- Greg Hayakawa's work hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact # 530-304-5153
- Though church life is dramatically changed, our ministry continues in new and exciting ways. Please continue to support the life and ministry of the Christian Church of Woodland. You can mail your offering to 509 College Street, Woodland, 95695...or you can give electronically through our website.

Prayer Requests:

- Prayers as the COVID-19 pandemic surges nation-wide...including in Yolo County. Doctors nurses and other hospital workers...and all essential workers. The unemployed...and struggling businesses. People in danger of losing their housing.
- Prayers for **Doyle and Linda Tuman, Elaine Morrison (*Larry Love's aunt*), Lucas Eggers (*Diana Fallbeck's son-in-law*), and Mark Dunn (*Megan Shull's uncle*)** as they recover from COVID-19.
- **Heather Craig's friend, Iris Deznan**, dealing with complications related to a knee surgery.
- **Beth Erickson's mother, Dorothy**, enduring added restrictions at her senior housing facility in North Bend, Oregon.
- **Leigh Dieckmann** dealing with new health concerns.
- Prayers for **Jim and Mary Johnson** as Jim is dealing with tongue cancer. *Jim is the cousin of Susie Hardman's brother-in-law.*
- **Polly Swilley, Linda Tuman's cousin** who recently had her arm and shoulder removed.
- **Bill and Jan Powell's friends, Eric and Sean**, both dealing with cancer.
- Prayers for the healing of our country in this difficult post-election time.
- Our county's convalescent hospitals as they deal with COVID-19 outbreaks...especially Cottonwood Rehab and Alderson's here in Woodland
- Students and teachers, parents and grandparents dealing with online school.
- Our country's ongoing struggle with racism.
- Ongoing prayers for: **Joyce Henning, Deanna Hinkle, Leigh Dieckmann, Ana Mangandi, Katharine (*Patty Overfield's mother*), Edith (*Pam Prater's mother*), Becky Holland, Flo Tinsley, Jenny Bietel**