

**Events**

**Sunday, December 9**

- 8:45 AM Sunday School
- 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Worship Service

**Monday, December 10**

- 4:00 PM Intercessory Prayer @Emerald Oaks
- 7:00 PM Dig In Bible Study

**Wednesday, December 12**

- 2:00 PM Emerald Oaks Annual Christmas Tea
- 3:30 PM 345 ALIVE
- 4:30 PM Shekiniah Praise Team Practice
- 5:30 PM Jr. UMYF
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Practice
- 6:30 PM Sr. UMYF

**Thursday, December 13**

- 6:00 PM Intensified Prayer @War Room

**Friday, December 14**

*\*Office Closed*

**Sunday, December 16**

- 8:45 AM Sunday School
- 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Worship Service
- 5:00 PM Community Hospice Memorial Service

*Emerald Oaks  
Annual Christmas  
Tea*

*2-4pm*



*Everyone is welcome to attend!*

**Birthdays & \*Anniversaries**

- 2 Janice Kassel  
Ally Rouse
- 3 Jed Beschorner  
Irene Goff
- 4 Tammy Naig  
Jim Tonderum
- 5 Jodi Ward  
Jaden Ward
- 7 Steven Hoyman  
Cerenady Hoch  
\*Steven Schiek & Daunyale  
Sporaa
- 10 Tara Clark  
Jayme Lentz
- 12 Ali Weir  
\*James & Connie Manwarren
- 13 Bev Salas  
\*John & Shirley Schmidt
- 14 Ryan Bare  
Ronja Klootwyk  
Justine Tonderum
- 16 \*Ken & Janice Kassel  
Mya Burns

**Attendance 11/25/18**

131

**Empowering EFUMC Ministry**

General Fund	\$ 2,025.38
Kid's Can Collection	\$ 73.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,098.58</b>

\*Correction-The previous service the church offering church was incorrectly reported as \$4,623.52. The correct offering total was \$7,660.00. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.



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2nd Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018, 10:00 AM

**Youth Serving God on Youth Sunday!**



**Welcome!** We're glad you're here.

When you see the [\*], people are invited to arise as able.

Hymns No. 57-734 are in the red hymnal (*The United Methodist Hymnal*),  
2000's are in the black hymnal (*The Faith We Sing*).

**Liturgist** Susan Embrock

**Organist** Rosemary Matthews

**Greeters/Ushers** Embrock Family

**Presentation Operator** Embrock Family

**Advent Candle Acolytes** Maddy Anderson & Paxton Duhn; Cade Shirk & Clay Shirk

## Prelude

## Bringing In the Light of Christ

## Announcements

## Advent Candlelighting *First Sunday in Advent*

Acolyte 1: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- on them light has shined... For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:2, 6)

Acolyte 2: Today we remember the prophets of old, who demanded to be heard, who dared to speak of a child to come, unexpected liberator of the people, vulnerable incarnation of the Holiest of Holies, a new name for God.

**People: Today we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring to us surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think outside the box, who show us a future we never anticipated.**

Acolyte 1 & 2: On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of the prophets who renew our faith and remind us of what may be.  
(*Light a purple candle.*)

## Hymn 2090 Light the Advent Candle (verse 1)

*Second Sunday in Advent*

Acolytes 3: "In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people'" (Luke 2:8-10).

Acolytes 4: Today we remember the shepherds, workers for the common good, steadfast watchmen isolated and alone, far from the warmth of home, doing the job no one wants. And yet God saw them, God valued them, and God declared the greatest news of all to them alone.

**People: Today we give thanks for the shepherds among us, back-breaking laborers on whom our economy stands, those we over look or rarely see, yet rely on for our very survival, the ones who have much to teach us about watching for God in the darkness.**

## "We Are Accomplices" - Forgive Us Our Debts

Matthew 6:9-15

## 1. Roots of Unhappiness and Solutions of High Religions

	Root of Unhappiness	Solution
(1) Buddhism	A_____ (Tenacity)	Liberation
(2) Confucianism	G_____ and S_____	Courtesy
(3) Christianity	S_____	J_____

## 2. A Society That Encourages Sin

καὶ ἄφεξ ἡμῖν τὰ ὀφειλήματα ἡμῶν,  
and forgive us the d\_\_\_\_\_ our

- (1) Tendency to look down on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- (2) "Sin M \_\_\_\_\_", Dallas Willard

## 3. 'O \_\_\_\_\_' Sin

- (1) D \_\_\_\_\_ of environment caused by thoughtless C \_\_\_\_\_.
- (2) Economic issues are the result of our G \_\_\_\_\_.
- (3) R \_\_\_\_\_ for C \_\_\_\_\_.

## 4. Let the Waves of Forgiveness Flow

- (1) Augustine, called the second "We Petition" an awful prayer because ...  
\_\_\_\_\_
- (2) C \_\_\_\_\_ and P \_\_\_\_\_ to flow forgiveness.

## 5. Untie a Knot

- (1) Forgive (ἄφεξ) - to send away, leave, unknot

(*Prayer*)

Lord of forgiveness, we confess our sins.

We tear our hearts to repent of our own sins, our neighbor's sins, and all humans' sins.

With your mercy, forgive us so that we may forgive with the power of forgiveness.

May we be the tool of peace to unravel complex knots.

In the name of the Redeemer. Amen.

(*for Meditation and Discussion*)

1. Do you agree that we are accomplices? If so, how will our lives be different?
2. Remember your experiences of forgiving, or of being forgiven.  
Also remember experiences of not forgiving or not being forgiven.  
And think about the power of forgiveness through those experiences.

redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other,  
and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory,  
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your Holy Church  
honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen, Amen, Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

### Giving the Bread and Cup

### Prayer after Receiving

Thank you, God,  
for receiving all who seek you in this holy mystery,  
and giving all you are to every one of us,  
your flesh and blood in our flesh and blood.  
Send us by your Spirit to hear the cries of all lives,  
everywhere, who long for your coming  
and join them in your work that makes all things new;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### Offering

\* **Doxology** 95 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

\* **Offertory**

\* **Closing Hymn** 363 And Can It Be That I Should Gain (verse 1, 2, & 5)

\* **Blessing**

\* **Song of Sending Forth** 245 The First Noel (verse 1)

**"God Is Good All the Time!"**

## Christmas Memorial Service

December 16, 2018  
5:00 PM

The Ministerial Association and Hospice  
of Palo Alto County will provide a Holiday  
Service. Ornaments are provided by area fu-  
neral homes.

Free will donations can also be made at the  
service or at Palo Alto County Community  
Health to benefit the Hospice program.



## Christmas Hope

Christmas Program

**Dec 22nd at 5pm**

Followed by a Community Supper

**Free Will Offering**

to support

**VBS**

Acolytes 3& 4: On this second Sunday in Advent, we light the second candle as  
a symbol of the shepherds, agents of the gospel and redeemers of the world.  
(Light two purple candles.)

**Hymn** 2090 Light the Advent Candle (Verse 2)

### \* Call to Worship

L: People of faith, prepare for the coming reign of Christ

**P: As we gather to pray and sing and listen,  
a spirit of anticipation and hope fills us.**

L: The days are surely coming, says Our God,  
when justice and righteousness will prevail.

**P: May our worship illuminate our hearts and minds,  
freeing us to respond joyfully  
to God's call in the days to come.**

\* **Opening Hymn** 211 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

### \* Opening Prayer

**Holy Source of life and hope,  
as we come together this day,**

**open our ears to hear,**

**open our eyes to see,**

**and open our hearts to love,**

**that we may come to know your ways  
and follow your paths.**

**Help us grow in love for one another,  
and for all creation,**

**as we prepare for the coming of the one**

**who calls us to turn from our false gods**

**and turn to you, Holy One,**

**the true source of our salvation. Amen.**

**Children's Sermon** Jeanelle Stokes

\* **Scripture Reading** Matthew 6:9-15

**Message of Life** "We Are Accomplices" Pastor Hojin Shin

**Joys Concerns Prayers**

\* **Prayer of Confession**

L: Loving Creator, you call us to rejoice

in your promise of the birth that is to come,  
but we are afraid.

**P: You invite us into a world**

**where justice and righteousness prevail,  
but we turn away in fear.**

L: We long for an easy path into your promised world,  
but you warn us that there is no easy way.

**P: Birth new life within us,**

**that we may abide in your perfect love —  
the love that casts out fear.**

**\* Words of Assurance**

God's mercy and steadfast love endure,  
strengthening our hearts and overcoming our fears.  
God will remove every obstacle  
that keeps us from being the body of Christ.

**Amen.**

**\* Passing the Peace of Christ**

Anticipating the blessings of the one who is coming,  
let us offer one another signs of Christ's peace:  
The peace of Christ be with you, always.

**And also with you.**

**Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth:

You formed us in your image  
and breathed into us the breath of life.  
When we turned away, and our love failed,  
your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity,  
made covenant to be our sovereign God,  
and spoke to us through your prophets,  
who looked for that day  
when justice shall roll down like waters  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,  
when nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so,  
with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven,  
we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy  
Lord, God of power and might;  
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,  
whom you sent in the fullness of time  
to be a light to the nations.  
You scatter the proud in the imagination of their hearts  
and have mercy on those who fear you  
from generation to generation.  
You put down the mighty from their thrones  
and exalt those of low degree.

You fill the hungry with good things,  
and the rich you send empty away.  
Your own Son came among us as a servant,  
to be Emmanuel, your presence with us.

He humbled himself in obedience to your will  
and freely accepted death on a cross.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant by water and the spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,  
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,  
gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Drink from this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,