



2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024

### WE GATHER

**Gathering Music:** *In the Bleak Midwinter* (vv. 1-3) 221

**Lighting the Advent Wreath: PEACE**

#### \*Call to Worship

God says, “**Do not be afraid.**”

God says, “**I have called you by name.**”

God says, “**I will be with you.**”

God says, “**You are precious and honored in my sight.**”

At the beginning of this season, **at the start of this week,**  
at the top of this hour, **may we wrap ourselves in these words.**

**May we begin again.**

Let us worship our Holy God!

#### \*Opening Prayer

**God of love, your angel spoke to Mary, telling her of great things you were doing in her. Speak to us now. Let us hear the good news of your desire for us, and for all Creation, unfolding in us. Here are we, the servants of your love. May it be for us according to your Word. Amen.** Steven Garnaas-Holmes

**\*Hymn of Praise:** *Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming* 216

### THE WORD

**Scripture:** Isaiah 43.1-7; Luke 1.26-38

**The Word in Music:** *Breath of Heaven*

Chancel Choir  
Directed by Dave Fog

**Message:** *You Are a Blessing*

### WE RESPOND

**With Our Offerings**

**\*Doxology**

(tune: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*)

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**With Our Prayers**

**Invitation to Prayer:** *Away in a Manger* (v. 3) 217

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

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**Affirmation of Faith**

### WE ARE SENT

**Life of the Church**

#### \*Benediction

*As you leave this place, may you have the wisdom to lean on one other.*

*May you have the courage to hold onto hope,*

*the compassion to do the good that is yours to do,*

*and the confidence to trust that God sees you as a blessing.*

*For in a world full of dead ends, Advent invites us to begin again.*

*So start here. Start now. Start with love and begin again.*

*In the name of Christ, our new beginning, go in peace.*

**\*Sending Hymn:** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (vv. 1 & 2) 211

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH



### Adopt-a-Family Christmas Gifts – TODAY

Bring UNWRAPPED items **today**. Thank you!



### TONIGHT – Non-denominational Blue Christmas Service, 5 pm

At Bethany Lutheran Church. Join us for this opportunity to remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones lost. Hosted by Hospice of Palo Alto County & our Ministerial Association.



### Dec 15, 10 am - Christmas Program & Christmas Brunch – FLC

Join us next Sunday for our all-church celebration!  
Wear your Christmas Sweater, sing Christmas Carols, celebrate the season with your church family! Sign up to bring a dish to share for our brunch!

### Coming Up

- ◆ **Mon, Dec 9:** Card Club, 12:30 pm; Horizons, 1 pm
- ◆ **Tues, Dec 10:** ELF Wrapping, 9 am; Card Club 12:30 pm; Bible Study, 1:30 pm
- ◆ **Wed, Dec 11:** NO Finance or Council
- ◆ **Thurs, Dec 12:** Horizons, 1 pm; Just 4 Kix, 4 pm; AA, 7:30 pm
- ◆ **Sun, Dec 15:** Family Worship & Christmas Brunch, 10 am
- ◆ **Wed, Dec 18:** Christmas Coffee, 2 pm (FLC)

Worship Stewards	TODAY	Next Week- FLC
Liturgist	Marie Stewart	Michelle Kogel
AV	Hudson family	Kogel family
Livestream	Randy Becker	
Counters/Ushers	Shayne K, Tony S	Karen S/Steve H
Advent Wreath	Rouse family	Ward family

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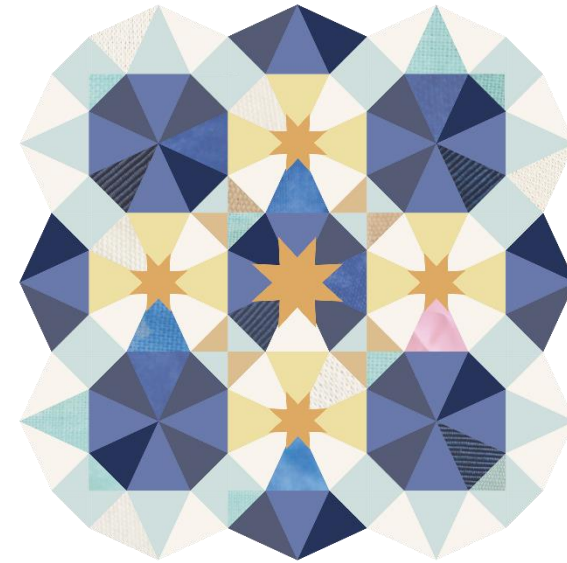
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# PEACE

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Worship, 10:00 am