

Christmas in the Courtyard

El Montecito Presbyterian Church

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Advent Candles

Prelude Matthew Roy

Welcome & Prayer of Invocation Tom Haugen

Music of Preparation

*Call to Worship Lauri Haugen

Lesson 1 Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; 53:5-6

Pastor: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

People: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Pastor: Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

People: But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

All: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Carol Medley Matthew & Jess Roy

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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!

What Child Is This?

What Child is this, who laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

GIVING OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

Offering & A Christmas Prayer

Elder

This year, the Christmas offering is directed to the Santa Barbara Rescue Mission and the Transition House.

Lesson 2

Luke 1:26-33, Matthew 1:18-22

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

Carol Medley

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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.

The First Noel

The first Noel, the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
O a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

Carol*O Holy Night*

1. O holy night! the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;
Fall on your knees, Oh, hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!
O night, O holy night, O night divine.

Scripture**Matthew 1:18-22****Sermon****What does God want for Christmas?**

Tom Haugen

Carol*King of Kings*

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope, without light,
'Til from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the word,
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. And the morning that You rose
All of Heaven held its breath,
'Til that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe,
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored. |
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Refrain:

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, Three in One;
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings!

2. To reveal the kingdom coming,
And to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation,
You did not despise the cross.
For even in your suffering
You saw to the other side,
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake you died.

Refrain

4. And the church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame;
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His name,
In His freedom I am free,
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me.

Refrain

Lesson 4

John 1:1-4, 14

Pastor: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

People: Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

Pastor: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

People: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

All: We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

*Benediction

*Candle Light Recessional

Silent Night

1. Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and Child.
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!

Postlude

**During this time of social distancing, God is with you!
And, we're here for you by phone or online.**

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