

**Community Congregational Church
of Chula Vista
United Church of Christ**



**Fourth Sunday of Advent
LOVE**

December 19, 2021

**Means please stand, as you are able*

Prelude

Margaret Gaillard

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Liz Aguilar

Liturgist

Belen Hebreo

Call to Worship: (In Unison)

Leader: This is the fourth Sunday of Advent, a time to rejoice in the wondrous things that God is doing.

People: **Our hearts are filled with the hope that is coming into the world.**

Leader: The time is fast approaching, not for parties or presence, but for the awareness of God's loving gift to us--the gift of the Christ child.

People: **Help slow us down, Lord, that we may realize that your gift of love is at the center of our lives and our celebrations.**

Leader: Thanks be to God who again reminds us of God's eternal love.

People: **Open our hearts, O Lord, to receive your blessed gift. AMEN.**

Prayer of Invocation: (In unison)

Precious Savior, breathlessly we wait for your Coming. Our hearts are filled to overflowing with LOVE for you and for one another. Come into our waiting hearts that we may celebrate the miraculous day of your birth. Welcome, Lord Jesus, for it is in your name, that we pray. Amen.

Advent Hymn of Praise: (Red) #184

**“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”
vs. 1,2, & 3**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Advent Prayer in Unison:

Loving God, we thank you that you love us. Thank you for people who love us. Help us to share your love with everyone—even when it is not easy to do. May your love live in our hearts and lives forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Matthew 1:18-25

Christmas Cantata “Glory Shone Around”

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

***Offering Response *Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God for all that love has done,
Creator, Christ and Spirit one. Amen**

***Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

God of LOVE, teach us how to listen for your call in our lives. Teach us how to be faithful stewards with the gifts you have entrusted to us. Teach us how to use this offering as a source of your ministry and mission. Teach us how to bow down on our knees and to spend time beholding the miracles all around us. In the name of the greatest teacher, Emmanuel, we pray. Amen.

**Closing Hymn: (Red) #192 “Angels We Have Heard On High”
vs. 1,2, & 3**

Benediction

Pastor Liz

Postlude

Margaret Gaillard

Announcements

Welcome to Worship! We especially give a warm welcome to first-time guests! If you do not have a church home, please consider making this your church! Feel free to fill out a welcome card in the pew in front of you. If you have any questions, please speak to one of the ushers, pastors or check us out on our web site: www.chulavistachurch.com . Please stay after worship for fellowship and goodies in Bradley Hall!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR CHURCH CHOIR AND MINISTER OF MUSIC LIONEL JASMIN FOR THE CANTATA TODAY! Thank you for all your extra work in helping us celebrate the wonder of Christmas and the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

Feeling inspired to join the choir?! Then, speak to a choir member or to Lionel, our Minister of Music. Choir rehearsal is every Thursday at 7 p.m. All are welcome!

This Week's Activities

Today: Council Meeting at 11: 15 a.m. in the Lounge

Tuesday: Quilters at 9:30 a.m. in the Small Dining Room

Friday: Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 p.m. in the main sanctuary!

Office will close after 12 p.m.

Sunday: December 27th at 9:30 a.m. A Worship Service of Lessons and Carols

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*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey...
you are welcome here!*

Welcome! Mabuhay! Bienvenidos!

We welcome you in the name of the still speaking God!
We invite all **guests** to please **PRINT** their name and contact info
on the **"Information Card"** in the pew rack and place the card
in the offering plate. Anyone with a prayer request,
please put it on the **"Information Card"** and place it in the offering plate.

If you need assistance, please ask our Greeters.

Media Ministry: Laurie Orange, Jerry May, Judy May, Ko Tangen, Kevin Hewitt

New Members are welcomed on a regular basis! If you would like to join the
family of CCCC, please talk with one of the pastors today!

Senior Minister.....	Rev. Elizabeth Aguilar
Associate for Senior Ministry.....	Rev. Victoria Freiheit
Minister of Visitation.....	Pastor James Donahoo
Office Assistant.....	Sabrina Mosqueda
Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries.....	Rev. Dr. Jamall Calloway
Church Musician.....	Lionel Jasmin
Parish Visitor.....	Erika Dennis
Parish Nurse.....	Luz Barrera
Event Coordinator.....	Sylvia Campbell
Sexton.....	Pelito Capistrano

