

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



*For unto us a Child is born,
For unto us a Son is given;
And the government shall be upon His shoulders,
And His name shall be called
Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God,
the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.
(Isaiah 9:6)*

December 24, 2021

**Means please stand, as you are able*

Prelude

Lionel Jasmin

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Liz Aguilar

Liturgist

Laurie Orange

Call to Worship: (In Unison)

Leader: Let us go, in heart and mind,
to see what has come to pass.
Let us go with the shepherds:

People: **Let us go to find the Savior!**

Leader: Let us go with the wise ones:

People: **Let us go to find God's promise, born for us!**

Leader: Let us go with the poor and humble:

People: **Let us go to find our King, born in a lowly
manger.**

Leader: Let us go with all the world, with all the peoples of
the nations.

**All: Come, let us worship; come, let us adore him:
Christ the Lord!**

Prayer of Invocation: (In unison)

Gracious, loving and merciful God, on this Christmas Eve, as the light of your Word penetrates our hearts, as we are reminded of the gift of life and faith, as the glories of the heavenly hosts are echoed in our church, we open ourselves up to your Spirit and give you thanks. We are grateful, Lord Jesus, that your story has become our story, and we celebrate your birth to take to heart the wonder of your love, that we may walk in your ways and delight in your will. Help us, Lord God, to be the faithful, gracious, loving, giving and forgiving people you would have us be. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn: (Red) #178 **“O Little Town of Bethlehem”**
vs. 1,3, & 4

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Prayer:

**God, our Life and Light, thank you for coming this night to us.
Thanks for touching all heaven and earth with your splendor.
In every corner of the world, shine this night with your peace.
In every corner of our hearts, shine this night with your grace.
Amen.**

Scripture Readings

John 1: 1-18

Hymn of Reflection: (Red) #197

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”
verses 1 & 3

A Christmas Meditation

Pastor Liz

Holy Communion

Invitation and Prayer:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer:

Pastor: Lord, we greet you this happy night,
for you have been at work in our world throughout all
time. You made all things and called them good.
You claimed your people Israel, freed them from the
bondage of Egypt, and journeyed with them through the
wilderness to the promised land.

People: You sent prophets to call your people back to you.

Pastor: Then in the fullness of time you sent your Son Jesus,
Emmanuel, born the King of Angels,
your Word in flesh appearing.

**People: He was one of us and lived with us,
giving up all his glory for our sake to make us whole.**

Pastor: And yet you raised him up again to overcome the power
of death and live a new life. Still, we wait for the day
when we too will share the fullness of life in Him and
with Him. And so, O God, come among us tonight.

Show us your presence in this bread and this cup, by the power of your Holy Spirit, unite us with Christ and all who share this feast, just as you send us out to be his presence in and for your world.

People: Give us courage to be your people, to show your justice, grace, mercy, peace, and love, and to be a part of your transformation of our world until the day when the baby whose birth we celebrate tonight comes again in peace and we sing your praise and glory forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Communion Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving (In Unison)

Loving God, on this most holy of nights, we thank you for the gift of Your Son, Jesus the Christ. As we celebrate the miracle of His birth, we ask that you help us to spread the Good News of Jesus in the way that we live and behave. May His love be proclaimed now and forever more, from generation to generation. Amen.

Hymn of Thanksgiving: (Red) #192

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

vs. 1 & 3

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)**

Glory to God in the highest heaven! We praise your name with our offerings and tithes. We give these gifts in recognition of Jesus, a tiny babe who from humble birth was created great in your light. Thank you, Gracious God, for pure, unbounded love wrapped in clothes laying in a manger – a gift so great to share that it could not be contained. Let the joy we feel in our hearts overflow in unending praise. Amen.

**Closing Hymn & Candle Lighting: (Red) #195 “Silent Night”
vs. 1,2, & 3 vs. 2 (in Spanish)**

Benediction

Pastor Liz

Postlude

Lionel Jasmin

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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.

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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
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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
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