

**COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
OF CHULA VISTA
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**



**WORSHIP SERVICE
9:30 A.M.
December 10, 2023
Second Sunday of Advent**

***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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Prelude:

Lionel Jasmin & Alejandro Tapia

Gathering Music:

1. O come let us adore Him
2. Go, tell it on the mountain
3. Gloria in excelsis Deo
4. It's a great day to praise the Lord

Welcome and Announcements:

Rev. Victoria Freiheit

Liturgist:

Rosille Vasquez

***Hymn:** **Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus** Red p.168 all verses

Call to Worship: (Responsively)

Rosille Vasquez

One: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Many: Renew our worn-out hopes. Restore our forgotten dreams.

One: Come, Prince of Peace, come.

Many: Refashion our commitment to a world of justice and peace.

One: Come, Wonderful Counselor, come.

Many: Rekindle our joy for living and refuel our passion for truth.

One: Come, giver of life come. Refresh our yearning for you.

Many: Replant us in your grace--come, Lord Jesus, come.

*** Hymn:** **Of the Father's Love Begotten** Red p. 172 all verses

Prayer of Invocation: (in Unison)

Rosille Vasquez

Morning softly awakens all of our deepest longings to be renewed. We await the birth of the Child of Peace. We all—shepherds and Magi, the old and the young—we know all our longings are met in the holy child of Bethlehem. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent candles

The Vasquez Family

Two candles, burning bright, chasing away the darkness with light. Sending a glimmer of hope to those in despair, letting them know we remember and care. Giving a ray of possibility to those who've lost their way, with these candles of hope and peace, we signal trust in God's new day. Amen. (Mother reads, Father lights two candles, children stand to the side with folded hands in prayer.)

*** Please stand if you are able**

Choir Anthem:

Be It unto Me

Children's Time:

Ode To Joy

Sierra Ogden

Scripture included in Sermon:

Rev. Victoria Freiheit

Prayers of the People, Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (debts)

Order of Baptism

Pastor: Members and friends in Christ, we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism.

People: **There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us.**

Pastor: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Creator of us all. Baptism is the sacrament through which we are united to Jesus Christ. It is the outward and visible sign of an invisible event. It shows the death of self, and the rising to a life of obedience and praise. It also shows the pouring out of the Holy Spirit. In baptism, God works in us the power of forgiveness, the renewal of the spirit, and the knowledge of the call to be God's people always.

People: **This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ's body.**

Questions for the Parents and Sponsors of Enzo Limbo:

Pastor: Do you desire to have your child baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Parents and Sponsors: We do.

Pastor: Will you encourage this child to renounce the powers of evil and to receive the freedom of new life in Christ?

Parents and sponsors: We will with the help of God.

Pastor: Will you teach this child that he may be led to profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

Parents and Sponsors: We will with the help of God.

Pastor: Do you promise to teach this child, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

Parents and Sponsors: We will, with the help of God.

Pastor: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow with him in the Christian faith and to help him be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?

Parents and Sponsors: We do, with the help of God.

Questions for Joan Last

Pastor: Do you desire to be baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Joan: I do.

Pastor: Do you renounce powers of evil and receive freedom of new life in Christ?

Joan: I will with the help of God.

Pastor: Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

Joan: I do.

Pastor: Do you promise to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

Joan: I will, with the help of God.

Pastor: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?

Joan: I do, with the help of God.

Question for the Congregation

Pastor: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support and care to the ones about to be baptized as they live and grow in Christ?

People: We promise our love, support and care.

Prayer of Baptism

Pastor: Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray: Bless by your Holy Spirit, gracious God, this water. By your Holy Spirit save those who confess the name of Jesus Christ that sin may have no power over them. Create new life in the ones being baptized this day that they may rise in Christ. Glory to you, eternal God, the one who was, and is, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Act of Baptism and Prayer for the Baptized

Pastor: Let us pray for Enzo Limbo and Joan Last who are baptized today. Dear God, you have filled the world with joy by giving us the gift of Jesus. Bless Enzo and Joan, that they may never be ashamed to confess a personal faith in you. Give to them strength for life's journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life, through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.

Call to Offering: Unison

Rosille Vasquez

People of God, we have come praising God with song and spirit, now we come to praise with gifts of generosity. Amen.

Offertory:

Bach Prelude in C Major

Brandon Vasquez

Announcements

WE WELCOME YOU to the Community Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. To our visitors we extend a special greeting. We are delighted that you have joined us today. Please sign the information card and let us know if you need prayers.

The Fine Arts Board wishes to thank all who participated in the wonderful displays of Passions and Joys.

1st place – Jerry May’s Marble Machine

2nd place – Tie between Lizzie’s quilt and Pat Doege’s Specialty Quilts

3rd Place – The Barrera’s Family Trips

Thanks also to behind-the-scenes persons

- **Louise for information online**
- **Corinne for printing signs/ballots**
- **Pelito for setting up of tables/clean up.**

Refreshments by Fine Arts members

And thanks to the congregation for voting and taking the time to enjoy the displays.

We collected \$120 that will go toward future events.

Future displays will be with new pictures and quilts etc.

Suggestions: Welcomed for future events and references for performers.

Please stay for fellowship in Bradley Hall to hear several of the children play for you.

TUESDAY	December 12th
9:30 AM	Quilters meet in small dining room
4:00 PM	AYOP – meeting In Bradley Hall
7:00 PM	AA – meeting in Lounge
WEDNESDAY	December 13th
10:30 AM	Women’s Fellowship in Bradley Hall- Preschool Christmas Performance
THURSDAY	December 14th
7:00 PM	Choir Practice
FRIDAY	December 15th
10:00 AM	Bible Study
SATURDAY	December 16th
10:00 AM	Art Group meeting in small dining room
SUNDAY	December 17th Third Sunday of Advent-Cantata- Christmas Offering
9:30 AM	Worship Service
10:30 AM	Fellowship and coffee