

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



**WORSHIP SERVICE  
9:30 A.M.  
December 17, 2023  
Third 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

**Welcome and Announcements:** Rev. Victoria Freiheit

**Liturgist:** Niel Purificacion

**\*Hymn:** Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates NCH p.117 v. 1,2,4

**Call to Worship: (Responsively)** Niel Purificacion

One: This is the time of Advent.

Many: **Carols are sung, the ears of the heart awaken and listen.**

One: Candles glow, children's eyes grow wide with wonder.

Many: **The stars twinkle; heads tilt back in a moment of awe.**

One: Christmas is stirring in every corner.

Many: **Joy creeps into our hearts and praise leaps from our voices.**

**Lighting of the Advent candles** **The Holiman Family**  
**Three 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, peace, and joy we signal trust in God's new day. Amen.**

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**\* Please stand if you are able**

**Choir Cantata:**

**“Night of Miracles” by John W. Peterson**

Minister Of Music, Director

Lionel Jasmin \*

Sopranos

Ester Banayo \*(treasurer)

Melyn Limbo \* (guest)

Donna Purificacion \* (worship leader)

Echo Stafford \*(fine arts leader)

Tanya Tapia \* (section leader)

Altos

Pat Doege \*(librarian)

Belen Hebreo

Suzanne Persaud Jasmin

Ruth Jones \* (chaplain)

Violetta Estepa \* guest

Tenors

Michael Atwood \*(guest)

Chris Dunn \* (narrator)

Abner Limbo

Nate Jr Purification

Neil Purification

Alejandro Tapia \* (section leader)

Bass

David Hand \* (choir president)

Nathan Purificacion

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

**Children's Story:**

Rev. Victoria Freiheit

**Call to Offering:** Unison

Niel Purificacion

**Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, we give this offering as a sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. Amen.**

**Offertory:** Jesus was a wonderful child

Lionel Jasmin & Alejandro Tapia

**\*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.*

**\* Offering Dedication: (Unison)**

Niel Purificacion

**Generous God, we thank you for the opportunity to share with you from the many blessings you have already given to us. We pray that you use these offerings to bring healing to others in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn:**

**What Child is This?** NCH p.148 all verses

**\*Benediction:**

Rev. Victoria Freiheit

*Form a circle* **Let There Be Peace on Earth**

Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Maker, All one Family.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow.

To take each moment, and live each moment

With peace eternally,

Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.

**Postlude:**

Lionel Jasmin & Alejandro Tapia

**Weekly Inspiration:** Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. Psalm 126:5

**You are invited to a New Year's Eve Service this year, on Sunday, December 31st, at 11PM, at the Community Congregational Church, in the front of the Sanctuary. We will share our 2023 experiences and make our New Year's resolutions, ending with a prayer. Happy New Year!**

**Please note free parking in the back of Banner Bank on Church St. + right across Church St. also.**

### **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.**

<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>December 19<sup>th</sup></b>
9:30 AM	Quilters meet in small dining room
4:00 PM	AYOP – meeting In Bradley Hall
7:00 PM	AA – meeting in Lounge
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>December 21<sup>st</sup></b>
7:00 PM	Choir Practice
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>December 22<sup>nd</sup></b>
10:00 AM	Bible Study
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>December 24<sup>th</sup> - Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve Day</b>
9:30 AM	Worship Service
10:30 AM	Fellowship and coffee

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# 411 The Joy of the Lord

*The joy of the Lord is your strength. Neh. 8:10*

1. The joy of the Lord is my strength, The  
2. He heals the bro - ken heart - ed and they cry no more, He  
3. He gives me liv - ing wa - ter and I thirst no more, He

joy of the Lord is my strength, The joy of the  
heals the bro - ken heart - ed and they cry no more, He heals the bro - ken  
gives me liv - ing wa - ter and I thirst no more, He gives me liv - ing

Lord is my strength, The joy of the Lord is my strength.  
heart - ed and they cry no more, The joy of the Lord is my strength.  
wa - ter and I thirst no more, The joy of the Lord is my strength.