COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF CHULA VISTA UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



WORSHIP SERVICE

Community Congregational Church of Chula Vista
United Church of Christ
December 7, 2025
Communion Sunday &
2nd Sunday of Advent

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

276 F St. Chula Vista, Ca 91910

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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Thought Before Worship: "Failure is not the falling down, but the staying down." Mary Pickford

Prelude: Lionel Jasmin and Aiden Keys

Lighting of the Candles:

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Victoria Freiheit

Liturgist: Sandra Nunnally

*Gathering Music: 1.Go Tell It on The Mountain

2. O Come Let Us Adore Him

3. Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Opening Prayer: Rev. Victoria

Our Motto: "No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!"

Lighting of the Advent Peace Candle: by Xavier, Loren, Jordynn and Damian Sanchez As we light the candle of Peace, let us remember that the Baby Jesus was given as the Prince of Peace, peace that Mary had. Her faith in God led her to a heart full of Peace, knowing that what the Lord had told her would come true. As we light the candle of Peace, let us renew our faith that the Christ-child came to be the Savior of the World and of each of us.

Call to Worship:(Responsively)

Sandra Nunnally

One: O Give thanks to our God who nourishes the earth!

All: Give thanks to our God who waters it!

One: The pastures and hills drip with joy!

All: The meadows and valleys shout and sing!

Opening Hymn: Lift up your heads, Ye Mighty Gates NCH p. 117 All Verses

^{*} Please stand if you are able.

Prayer of Invocation: Unison Sandra Nunnally

Saving God, look upon your world and heal your land and your people. Prepare us to be changed, this Advent, teach us to be tender and just, just as you are. Amen.

Choir Anthem: Christ was born to be our King by Susan Callaway

(a Christmas Communion Anthem)

Children's Story: Rev. Victoria

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10

Included in Sermon

Sermon: "Waiting" Rev. Victoria

Prayers of the People, Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Let us Break Bread Together Red p. 564 All Verses

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Sandra Nunnally

O God, we seek your comfort. You know of our iniquities—please forgive us and restore us to your good graces. Help us to be here and there for the meek, the poor, the needy, the forsaken—for we want to follow the ways of our Savior Jesus, the Christ....(Silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon:

Sandra Nunnally

One: God hears our prayers.

All: And answers and forgives.

One: God gives us new life,

All: So that we may be like Jesus, caring and upholding each other and the world.

Amen.

COMMUNION

Sandra Nunnally

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, our loving creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made.

We thank you for all that sustains life, for all people of faith in every generation who have given themselves to your will, and especially for Jesus Christ, whom you have sent from your own being as our Savior.

We praise you for Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection, and for the calling forth of your church for its mission in the world. Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere:

Holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Rev. Victoria

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Come down the center aisle to receive Communion by Intinction, then return to your seat by the outer aisles. If you prefer to remain seated, we will bring communion to you - Donna Purificacion

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks Almighty God that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Call to Offering: Unison

Sandra Nunnally

We give thanks, O God, for all who have contributed to the sharing of the Good News with us; for Jesus Christ, who is Himself our good news. We now contribute as much as we can to that continued sharing of the Good News. Amen.

Offertory:

Lionel Jasmin

*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.

Prayer of Dedication: (Unison)

Sandra Nunnally

We remember with Thanksgiving the simple sacraments you have given us to bind us together in the faith—Communion and Baptism. Bless our gifts, O God, our time, our talents, and our tithes. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*Closing Hymn: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence Red p. 166 All Verses

*Benediction: Rev. 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 and Aiden Key

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.

SCHEDULE FOR TODAY

December 7th - Communion Sunday and 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship

TUESDAY December 9th

5:00 PM American Youth - Bradley Hall 7:00 PM AA Top of the Hill – Lounge

THURSDAY December 11th

7:00 PM Choir Practice in Choir Room

FRIDAY December 12th

10:00 AM Bible Study meets in Lounge

SUNDAY December 14th - Christmas Cantata and 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship

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