Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of San Rafael

Welcome To Our Christmas Eve Service

Activity bags for children are available in the entry way. A video of tonight's service will be available tomorrow on the church YouTube channel. See fpcsr.org for link.

Who We Are:

A vibrant and inclusive community grounded in celebration, service and spiritual growth.

Our Values, Mission & Vision

- A place to belong where all are welcome in person & online.
- Extending God's love to our community & beyond.
- Offering ministries of care & compassion.
- A progressive gathering space for lifelong learners.
- Encouraging contemplative practices.
- A center for the arts & a place for young musicians.
- Committed to social justice & caring for the earth.
- Our inspirations include our Presbyterian heritage, Celtic Christian spirituality & the wisdom of other faith traditions.

Sunday Services

8:30 am - Contemplative Service in the chapel

10:00 am - Sunday Celebration in the Sanctuary Featuring Choirs & Guest Musicians Livestreamed on YouTube

Worship Service Musicians

Amanda Hahn

Chancel Choir Director and flute

John Steiner, piano Thayer Jacobs, piano Jeanette Tietze, organ Owen Xu, violin

Marquise Usher Sounds A'Pealing Handbell Director

Arya Dev, violin Meg Eldridge, viola Jessica Ivry, cello

The Chancel Choir

Soprano

Dori Crawford Marcia DeZwarte Sandee Muirhead Sue Rostoni Martha Wall

Tenor

Dave Berta Erin Berta Dan Crawford Marquise Usher

Alto

Linda Adams Jan Millsapps Patsy Mullen Mary Pritchard Leslie Purdy Laurel Stevenson

Bass

Ralph Purdy Jay Jacobs Jim Turner

Sounds A'Pealing Handbell Choir

Amy Benjamin Dave Berta Erin Bertaz Dan Crawford Dori Crawford Lynn MacDermott Mary Pritchard Laurel Stevenson Jim Turner Marquise Usher Brianna Voss Martha Wall Owen Xu



Welcome from Pastor Cynthia

It is a joy to have you here for this beautiful service of hope and light as we celebrate Jesus' birth. No matter what you're seeking, our church can connect you to the unconditional and transforming love of God we've come to know in Jesus. Hope to see you again soon.



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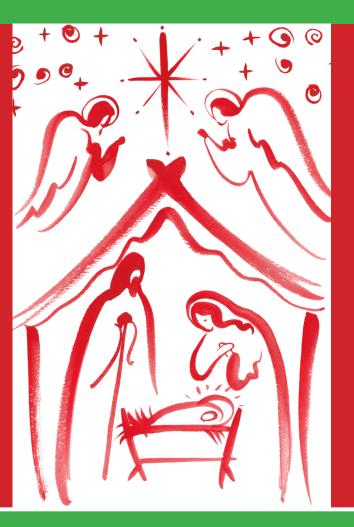


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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE December 24, 2024 • 5:00 PM

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It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

Carol

| Pre-Service Music | Pastoral Symphony (Handel) | | Third Lesson | Birth of Jesus in Bethlehem Luke 2:1-7 | Leslie Purdy |
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| | Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming Christmas Time is Here – V. Guaraldi Medley of Carols | Jeanette Tietze, Organ Thayer Jacobs, Piano String Quartet | Special Music | Ave Maria | John Steiner, piano Owen Xu, violin |
| Welcome | Candlelight Carol - John Rutter | John Steiner, Piano Rev. Cynthia Cochran-Carney | Fourth Lesson | Angels Visit the Shepherds Luke 2:8-17 | Ryan Knauber |
| Welcome | | Nev. Cyridina Cocin air Carriey | Reading | Singing of Angels by Howard Thurman | Dinah McClure |
| Lighting of the Christ Candle | | The Astle Family Steve, Jackie, Bea, Charlotte | *Carol | Angels We Have Heard on High | |
| *Carol | O Come All Ye Faithful | | Reflection | Love Knows Your Name | Rev. Cynthia Cochran-Carney |
| First Lesson | A Great Light Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 | Mike Stone | *Carol | Go Tell It on the Mountain | |
| | | | Fifth Lesson | Magi from the East Matthew 2:1-2, 7-12 | Laurel Stevenson |
| Special Music | Celtic Noel arr. by Sondra K. Tucker | Sounds A'Pealing Handbells | Carol | We Three Kings | |
| Reading | Celtic Christmas – Creative Breath by John Birch | Janet Pollack | Offering | | |
| *Carol | The First Noel | | Offertory | | String Quartet |
| Caron | The first noei | | Prayer | | Rev. Cynthia Cochran-Carney |
| Second Lesson | Mary's Song Luke 1:46-55 | Lynn MacDermott | Special Music | Still, Still, Still | The Chancel Choir |
| Special Music | Mary's Little Boy Child | The Chancel Choir | • | | The chance choir |
| | by Jester Hairston, Arr. by Ed Lojeski | | Lighting of the Candles | | |
| Reading | Advent Grace | Ralph Purdy | Congregational Carol | Silent Night, Holy Night | |
| | by Kimberly King | | Blessing | | Rev. Cynthia Cochran-Carney |
| Carol | What Child Is This | | *Carol | Joy to the World | |
| Reading | Christ of the Cosmos – Readings from Iona | Jeffrey Cochran-Carney | | | |
| Special Music | We Three Kings arr. by Cynthia Dobrinski | Sounds A'Pealing Handbells | Recessional | The Angels and the Shepherds | John Steiner, piano |
| Reading | The Risk of Birth by Madeline L'Engle | | | | |