

Whether you come as a searcher, stranger, faithful member or friend, your presence expands our faith community and enriches the fellowship of this church. We welcome you in friendship and in faith. We care for you in spirit and in deed, through Jesus Christ, the foundation of our faith and our window upon spiritual life.

**December 9, 2018**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**9:45 AM**

*As a courtesy to other worshipers, please turn your cell phones off or to vibrate.  
Please do not take or post pictures and videos to media sites without permission first.  
Thank you.*

**PRELUDE**

John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal

**SHARING OF OUR FELLOWSHIP**

Stephanie Brown, President

**INTROIT**

*Silent Night*

Elizabeth Proescholdt, Chloe  
Rush, Sarah Tollison

*Children and Youth CHRISTMAS PAGEANT*

*(How the Grinch Met Christmas)*



**OPENING SONG** (please stand if able) *Joy to the World*

Please greet those around you after this song, and then be seated. Thank you.

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

Pastor Mike Holland

*Please sign the blue Fellowship Tablet at this time, pass it to the person next to you and return it to the center aisle when everyone has signed. We invite guests to share addresses and phone #s.*

**LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION**

Christina Ports-Tollison  
and Sarah

**ANTHEM**

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*  
By Sy Miller and Jill Jackson Miller

Chancel Choir

**CHURCH SCHOOL** Children and youth are excused to Sunday School

**Go, our children, with our blessing, God's light to be. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here the Spirit's power filled you, here with tender comfort stilled you. Go, our children, with our blessing, you are our own.**

**MORNING PRAYERS**

**Sharing Joys & Concerns**

The Congregation

**Cards are available in the pew racks; please fill out and place in offering plate.**

Joan Kaul for Kelly & family, Susan & Larry, Dave & family, Tom & Jacky, Janet, Margaret, Lian, Kathy, Jan & Ellsworth Family. Susan Richardson for cousin Becky & Calvin Scott & family. Carol Wilson for Clara & her parents. Debbie Hollister. Davenport Family for father, grandfather Davenport. Kathy & Barbara for Kathy's mom Trini & friend Dan. CJ MacLean for Gary & the Hoeflich family. Pastor Mike: Alan Holler. Kathy Kingsbury request letters and pictures be sent to partner Kelly Smith on Hospice in New York. See Carol Wilson or Pastor Mike for address.

**Quiet Meditation**

Luke 1:5-15, 18-20 (a paraphrase)

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**Pastoral Prayer**

**New Zealand Lord's Prayer**

***Eternal Spirit,  
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver  
Source of all that is and all that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is Heaven;  
The Hallowing of Your name echo through the universe!  
The way of Your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!  
Your Heavenly Will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
From the trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love,  
now and forever. Amen***

**SONG**

*Breathe on Me*

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Sing! Prayer and Praise

**MESSAGE**

*Waiting on an Angel*

Pastor Mike Holland

**HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP** (please stand) *All Earth is Waiting*

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**A TIME FOR GIVING** (Online giving is also an option through [churchofthefoothills.org](http://churchofthefoothills.org))

Sharing Our Faith

Rev. Nancy Brink, Elder

Offertory

John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal

Receiving of Gifts (please stand if able)

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks for the Holy One,  
Give thanks because God's given so much love to us. (repeat)  
(ending) Give Thanks!**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor Mike Holland

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom Captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Child of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

**POSTLUDE**

John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal

*Anyone desiring to be a disciple of Christ and member of this church  
is encouraged to speak to the minister after the service.*

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Be sure to place your food or cash donations for Southwest Community Center  
in the shopping cart located in the fellowship hall.

You can hear today's service, and download an mp3 file, from our website at:  
[www.churchofthefoothills.org](http://www.churchofthefoothills.org)

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for coffee and refreshments.

Interested in knowing more about "Progressive Christian" faith?  
Copies of Dr. Marcus Borg's book, *The Heart of Christianity*, available at the  
Welcome Booth (\$10 donation)

**THE FAIR-TRADE CORNER in Fellowship Hall is open only TODAY**, for coffee,  
tea, chocolate, olive oil and other items.

Proceeds support indigenous producers around the world



## **CHURCH OF THE FOOTHILLS CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND DINNER**

**“We Need a Little Christmas”  
Next Saturday, December 15  
5:00 PM In the sanctuary**

A Musical Performance Featuring the Chancel Choir  
Singing songs from around the world.

Solos and small ensemble selections presented  
by members of the Chancel Choir.



**Dinner to follow in the Fellowship Hall  
Main course provided -- bring a dish to pass.  
Sign-up today in Fellowship Hall**



## **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE For the Whole Family**

**Monday, December 24, 5:30 PM**

**Lighting the Christmas Candle**

**Children’s Story**

**Sacrament of Communion**

**Sacred Christmas Music by Chancel Choir and Soloists**

**Closing Candle Circle Outside**

**Invite friends!**

### **In Need of Prayers?**

If you would like to request prayers for yourself or others, please contact the church office at [churchoffice@chotf.org](mailto:churchoffice@chotf.org) or 714-544-1319.

### **The Use of Inclusive Language**

Our church believes the Holy or Divine Spirit can be experienced as both male and female gender. We use inclusive language such as God, Goddess, Creator, Christ, Logos or Sophia to express the universal nature of this Spirit. Sophia (Greek word for Wisdom) is used for Christ in the New Testament.

### **Our Philosophy of Worship**

Recognizing the diversity of personal preferences, taste and interest in the people who worship here at Church of the Foothills, we are committed to a “blended” approach in our service that includes traditional, classical, contemporary, gospel, folk, modern, and other types of music. We hope the richness of the worship experience will enhance the spiritual life and faith of all who participate. Please address any suggestions, questions or concerns to Pastor Mike, the Elders or the Worship Committee. Thank you for participating in our worship service today.

**Small Group Ministries** provide opportunity to share spiritual fellowship, activities, support and mission projects with others. For more information about the following Small Group Ministries, please contact:

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| <b>Bridge Club</b>                                      | <b>Gloria Wildman</b>         |
| <b>Chancel Choir</b>                                    | <b>Tina Peterson</b>          |
| <b>Christian Women’s Fellowship (CWF)</b>               | <b>Lynn Stiegler</b>          |
| <b>Family Promise (homeless families with children)</b> | <b>Andy Bartley</b>           |
|                                                         | <b>Malia Carey</b>            |
| <b>Hearts &amp; Minds (compassionate listening)</b>     | <b>Suvan Geer</b>             |
| <b>Mixed Media (arts, plays, movies)</b>                | <b>Kathy Dunlap</b>           |
| <b>Monday Night Study Group</b>                         | <b>Lianne Oakes</b>           |
| <b>ONA (LGBTQI) Ministry</b>                            | <b>Carmen Mercado</b>         |
|                                                         | <b>Rosadelia Mercado</b>      |
| <b>PB&amp;J (Peace, Benevolence &amp; Justice)</b>      | <b>Sunny Erickson</b>         |
| <b>Sacred Seasons Center &amp; OCICE</b>                | <b>Rev. Susan Chamberlain</b> |
| <b>Soup Kitchen (feeding the homeless)</b>              | <b>Dan Grisct</b>             |

Church of the Foothills also offers a host of Ministry Teams opportunities as a way to be involved in church, community and around the world for peace, love and justice. Just complete and turn in the **Passion and Gifts Survey on the table in the Narthex**. Thanks

**YOUNG ADULT OPPORTUNITY (21-30 years old).** The National Benevolent Association (NBA) of the Christian Church (DOC) is now receiving applications for the **XPLOR 2019-20 program** year. XPLOR provides young adults opportunity to deepen their spiritual life, develop professional skills, and practice vocational discernment while working with churches and community organizations. Youth serve 10 months in cities across America in partnership with DOC churches and regions. Info and Applications can be found online at: [www.nbacares.org/xplor](http://www.nbacares.org/xplor) See Pastor Mike for more information.

# WELCOME!

We are glad you are with us this morning. Please use the blue Friendship Booklet from the pew rack:

- To include your name, address and phone number
- To get a message to the minister
- To indicate your interest in church membership

If you are a visitor, please take one of the name badges (located in the Friendship Booklet) write your name on it and wear it so that we may recognize you as our guest, greet you by name and extend to you our hand of friendship. Packets for visitors are available outside the sanctuary at the Information Booth and by the board for name tags. **Telex Sound Enhancement receivers are available in the narthex for the convenience of the hearing impaired.**

Infant & Toddler care is offered in the nursery.

**Need someone to talk with about life and faith? For pastoral assistance: Pastor Mike is available during office hours of 9-2, M-T-Th; for other times call 714-423-0182. For an Elder, call the church office at 714-544-1319. Peace to you.**

Flowers today were brought by Sandy Irwin.

Greeter: Donna Martin  
 Elders for the week: Rev. Nancy Brink and Miguel Magaña  
 AV Technicians: Justin Underwood, Dean Delgado, María Pérez,  
 Anthony Henderson & Krista Owens  
 Digital Recording: Justin Underwood

### THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES, December 9 -- 15, 2018

Today 12/9	9:45 AM	Morning Worship
	10:00 AM	Sunday School - Ages Pre-K through Senior High <i>(Nursery available for infants &amp; toddlers)</i>
	11:00 AM	Fellowship/Coffee time - Fellowship Hall <i>(remember to bring goodies to share during the month of your birthday!)</i>
	1:15 AM	Hearts & Minds Ministry -- JR
Mon. 12/10	11:00 AM	Interfaith Council Mtg. -- FH
	7:00 PM	O & A Bible Study – McKinley's home
Tues. 12/11	6:00 PM	Finance Ministry Mtg. -- Library
	7:30 PM	Cabinet Meeting -- Library
Wed. 12/12	<b>SUNDAY BULLETIN AND WEEKLY E-REMINDER ARTICLES DUE</b>	
	10:00 AM	CWF, Fireside Room
	7:00 PM	Choir Practice - Sanctuary
Sat. 12/15	5:00 PM	Christmas Concert & Dinner – Sanctuary & FH

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### Church of the Foothills

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# Ministry Opportunities

## TODAY:

**11:15 AM Hearts & Minds Ministry** (safe, respectful listening and sharing)  
led by Suvan Geer – Junior High Room in Fellowship Hall

## 'TIS THE SEASON TO ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS:

**TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY, Dec. 9 & 16**, select individual names from "Giving Tree." Southwest Community Center has identified all families as qualified recipients.

**INTERFAITH COUNCIL OF CENTRAL OC, Mon., Dec. 10, Church of the Foothills Noon luncheon** (prepared by PB&J Ministry) and program for United Nations Human Rights Day with speaker Joyce Sanchez, Orange County Hate Crime Prevention coordinator, who will introduce the Orange County Hate Crime Network. Please RSVP

**MONDAY, Dec. 10, 7:00 - 8:15 pm. LGBTIQI OPEN AND AFFIRMING MINISTRY Bible Study**, at the home of Lara and Michelle McKinley, If you can, bring a Bible (better than using a phone!). Discussion led by Rev. Nancy Brink, Chapman University.

## TIME TO UPDATE CHURCH DIRECTORY of all Members & Friends for 2019.



An email with the current directory was emailed to everyone this past week. Please look over your information and make any needed changes, corrections, and updates, and send to the church office: [churchoffice@chof.org](mailto:churchoffice@chof.org). **Include a picture** of you or your family too and it will be included in the new directory as well!



**NOTICE: Fall Congregational Meeting Sunday, December 16 following** worship to adopt the 2019 Church Budget to fund all ministries.

**DECEMBER 22, 5:00 PM: Winter Solstice Celebration and Vegetarian Potluck, Sat. Dec. 22 – 5 PM to 8 PM, Sacred Seasons Center, 2611 N. Linwood Ave., Santa Ana 92705**, to honor Winter Solstice traditions and cultural stories as indigenous folk and all of Earth responds to the last season of the year. Come share your traditions and your stories with us as we enjoy this magical closing time of year with Music, ceremony, celebration and honoring of the season of darkness and light. **RSVP ASAP for this popular event to Rev. Susan Chamberlin at: [susanrc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:susanrc@sbcglobal.net).** Indicate what food item you'll bring for potluck.



**2019 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: received \$161,871.25; Giving Goal is \$240,000.** Estimate of Giving Cards in Narthex. Place in offering plate, or mail to church office.