

SONG (please stand)

The First Nowell

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MESSAGE

Captured By a Dream

Pastor Mike Holland

HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP (please stand if able)

O Little Town of Bethlehem
Rev. Wilfredo Benitez-Rivera

A TIME FOR GIVING (Online giving is also an option through churchofthefoothills.org)

Offertory

Away in Danger

Video

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.*

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

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)

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**THE FAIR-TRADE CORNER in Fellowship Hall is open only the Second
Sunday of each month now**, for coffee, tea, chocolate, olive oil and other items.
Proceeds support indigenous producers around the world

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!



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. RSVP ASAP for this popular event to Rev. Susan Chamberlin.



Be sure to stop by the *Scrip Elves* during Fellowship time today. We are putting in an order on Monday which will be back to the church in about 3 days so just let us know what you need. You can contact Mike Dann. You can give the SCRIP cards as presents themselves - great as stocking stuffers, to include in your holiday cards - or use the SCRIP to purchase the gifts on your list. And since a percentage of SCRIP comes back to Church of the Foothills, you are also contributing to a balanced budget with your purchase.



Purchase a poinsettia for \$10.00 to help decorate the sanctuary during Advent. Place your check in the offering plate, marked "Poinsettias". Please take your plant home following the Christmas Eve Service.

In Need of Prayers?

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

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.

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.

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:

Bridge Club

Chancel Choir

Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF)

Family Promise (homeless families with children)

Hearts & Minds (compassionate listening)

Mixed Media (arts, plays, movies)

Monday Night Study Group

ONA (LGBTQI) Ministry

PB&J (Peace, Benevolence & Justice)

Sacred Seasons Center & OCICE

Soup Kitchen (feeding the homeless)

Gloria Wildman

Tina Peterson

Lynn Stiegler

Andy Bartley

Malia Carey

Suvan Geer

Kathy Dunlap

Lianne Oakes

Carmen Mercado

Rosadelia Mercado

Sunny Erickson

Rev. Susan Chamberlain

Dan Grisct

In addition to Small Groups, Church of the Foothills 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

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 brought today by Denise MacLean in celebration of her birthday.

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

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES, December 16 -- 22, 2018

<p>Today 12/16</p> <p>Mon. 12/17</p> <p>Wed. 12/19</p> <p>Fri. 12/21</p> <p>Sat. 12/22</p>	<p>9:45 AM Morning Worship, Communion</p> <p>10:00 AM Sunday School - Ages Pre-K through Senior High <i>(Nursery available for infants & toddlers)</i></p> <p>11:00 AM Fellowship/Coffee time - Fellowship Hall <i>(remember to bring goodies to share during the month of your birthday!)</i></p> <p>Congregational Meeting -- FH</p> <p>7:15 PM Baby Shower for Etel Sierra -- FH</p> <p>SUNDAY BULLETIN AND WEEKLY E-REMINDER ARTICLES DUE</p> <p>10:00 AM CWF – Fireside Room</p> <p>11:00 AM Rodrigo's Fiesta Fundraiser – Take a Flyer</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Practice - Sanctuary</p> <p>7:00 PM TG Rainbow -- SR</p> <p>7:00 PM Bridge Small Group Ministry</p>
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Ministry Opportunities

TODAY:

WE WELCOME SPECIAL GUESTS TODAY: *Canta Bella*, Women's Choir from Irvine High School. Thank you for sharing your gifts of music with us.

11:15 AM Fall Congregational Meeting today in Fellowship Hall to discuss and adopt a 2019 Church Budget to fund all ministries.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO ADOPT SOMEONE FOR CHRISTMAS: select individual names that Southwest Community Center identified as qualified recipients. FH.



RODRIGO'S FIESTA FUND RAISER (formerly Don Jose's), 14882 Holt Ave. Tustin 714-832-3280. Wednesday, December 19, 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM ALL DAY! Take a flyer. This fundraiser goes to our Campership Fund, which helps our youth go to camp at Loch Leven (DOC) or Pilgrim Pines (UCC).



FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES THIS MONTH:

- 1) Sign up to bring meals for the last two weeks of December.
- 2) Provide SCRIP that will be given to the families - Target is best.

It will be used for shoes, uniforms, school supplies, etc. See Malia Cary and Andy Bartley, Family Promise Coordinators, after church. Thanks so much!



Baby shower for Etel Sierra Monday, December 17 at 7:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Hosted by Nancy Brink and Cuca Perez for their Honduran friend living with them and working toward legal citizenship, and expecting a daughter in January. Come for wine & cheese and help Etel prepare for motherhood. Her registry is at: Target.com/babyregistry. Enter the Mother's name "*Etel Sierra*" to see what items are still needed.

2019 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN to Date: \$178,951.25; Giving Goal is \$240,000. Estimate of Giving Cards in Narthex. Place in offering plate, or mail to church office.

TIME TO UPDATE CHURCH DIRECTORY, Members & Friends 2019.

An email with the current directory was emailed to everyone recently. A Paper Copy is also available in the Fellowship Hall. Please look over your information and make any needed changes, corrections, updates. You also can notify the church office: churchoffice@chotf.org. **Include a picture** of you or your family too and it will be included in the new directory as well!

