

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 1, 2019

First 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

Dan Griset, President

INTROIT

Be a Candle of Light

Chancel Choir

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE

The Cosmos Family: Allison, Tiger, Olivia, Colette

CALL TO WORSHIP

Malia Cary, Liturgist

One: What is hope if not the very act of gathering on a Sunday morning in late fall, the first Sunday of Advent, to offer our thanks and praise?

Many: **What is hope if not the sight of youth meeting together to learn, to enjoy each other's company, and challenging all to grow?**

One: What is hope if not the very prayers and meditations we offer today, the songs, music and instruments, the sermon and offering?

Many: **What is hope if not hungry bellies that hunger no more; broken hearts that mend; tired bodies that rest; earth that is restored; love shared?**

One: What is hope if not the presence of us, the children of Christ' Spirit?

Prayer: **On this Sunday of Hope, we pray and work for our world to conform to Divine purposes. In the support of community and each other, may we see the light that is love, the seed that is peace, the song that is joy, and the star that is hope. Amen**

ADVENT SONG (please stand if able) *Come, O Long-Expected Jesus* Page 122

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.

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ANTHEM

The Light of Christmas
By Joel Ranez

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN & YOUTH MOMENT

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, God's light to be.

MORNING PRAYERS

Sharing Joys & Concerns

The Congregation

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

Joan Kaul: Judy, Kelly & family, Susan & Larry, Dave & family, Kathy, Palbaum family, Marni & family, Debbie, Bobbi, Judy L., Ruth & Gary, Aunyx, Juan, Edna, Troy. Susan Richardson: Calvin Scott, cousin Becky & husband. Carol Wilson: Kyle Gamez. Pastor Kel & Anthony. Kate McCloskey: Sarah Tyler & family. Maria Pérez: Eugene Brink. Robbie Arevalos. Elaine Bredenbeck. Brenda: son Jesse. Suvan Geer: thanks for cousin Gina's continued healing. Bobbie Taylor: Ken Seymour & family. Lorinda Kasten-Lowerre: husband Jim, friends Char & Saundra. Lianne Oakes: friend & roommate Russ. Lynn Stiegler: cousin Betty & family, niece Christy's family.

Pastoral Prayer

Quiet Meditation

Isaiah 2:2-4

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Lord's Prayer

(Feel free to address God in the manner of your choosing: Father, Mother, Creator, etc.)

Our God, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

MESSAGE

How Do We Hope?

Pastor Mike Holland

HYMN OF COMMUNION (please stand) *Love and Justice*

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Sing! Prayer and Praise

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

All worshipers are invited to participate. We partake of the bread as it is passed, then hold the cup so that we may drink as "one" at the direction of the pastor.

Invitation Pastor Mike Holland
Prayer Pamela Galera, Elder
Words of Institution and Sharing of the Elements
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Known to us in the breaking of bread and drinking of cup; renew the Divine image within us; restore our hope in love; and refresh our spirits for caring service.

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

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/CHORAL 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.*

Check the Kiosk outside for more info about our Progressive Christian faith.

Everyone is invited to the Davis Hall after worship for coffee and refreshments.

Please place food or cash donations for those in need in the shopping cart.

Hear today's service from our website at: www.churchofthefoothills.org

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8: Our children and youth will be participating in the Sunday morning service and help bring their own special holiday magic into worship. The pageant will be centered around the Jesse Tree and it will be connected to the morning's worship theme. Everyone is invited to participate. See Pastor Kel.



CHRISTMAS MUSICAL CELEBRATION



Can you believe it's almost Christmas? To celebrate the music of the season, the Chancel Choir invites you to their Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 15th at 4:30 PM in the Sanctuary. Following the concert, join us for a Holiday Gathering in Davis Hall. The concert will have something for everyone, from traditional sacred music to the "old favorites" we all love to hear during Advent. A variety of musical styles and combinations, from solos and duets to the full choir, accompanied by instrumentalists, keyboard, and drums, will fill your heart with holiday spirit. Please mark your calendars now, and join the choir as we fill the Sanctuary with joyous holiday music!



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE For the Whole Family

Tuesday, 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!

Décor is going to put up the Christmas trees **12:00 noon on Saturday Dec 7**. We really need a few more hands to help as the trees need to be assembled and decorations need to be placed around the church. If you can help please see Cuca on **TODAY** so we know how many we can count on the following Saturday.



Isaiah 2:2-4

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.³ Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.⁴ He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

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.

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 Cary
Suvan Geer
Kathy Dunlap
Lianne Oakes
Carmen Mercado
Rosadelia Mercado
Sunny Erickson
Suvan Geer
Rev. Susan Chamberlain
Dan Grisct

In addition to Small Groups, Church of the Foothills offers a host of Ministry Team 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 are given today by Donna Martin.

Greeter: Kelly Swanson
 Elders for the week: Malia Cary and Pamela Galera
 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 1 -- 7, 2019

Today 12/1	9:45 AM	Morning Worship, Communion
	10:00 AM	Sunday School - Ages Pre-K through Senior High <i>(Nursery available for infants & toddlers)</i>
	11:00 AM	Fellowship/Coffee time - Davis Hall CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Craft Workshop & Chili Cook-Off – Davis Hall
Mon. 12/2	7:00 PM	PB&J - Library
Tues. 12/3	4:00 PM	Ruby's Night – Take a Red Flyer
	6:45 PM	Christian Education Ministry Mtg. -- Library
Wed. 12/4	SUNDAY BULLETIN	AND WEEKLY E-REMINDER ARTICLES DUE
	10:00 AM	CWF – Fireside Room
	7:00 PM	Choir Practice - Sanctuary
Thurs. 12/5	6:00 PM	Marketing Training – Davis Hall
Sat. 12/7	8:00 AM	Girl Scouts Breakfast & Pictures with Santa – Davis Hall
	12:00 PM	Bahret Memorial Reception – Davis Hall

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.

Ministry Opportunities

TODAY:

10:00 AM until Noon: Craft Workshop & Chili Cook-off – Davis Hall

10:45 AM Fall Congregational Meeting to adopt the 2020 Church Budget



JOIN CHURCH FRIENDS at Ruby's Diner this **Tues., December 3, 4-7 PM** for a fun, tasty & enjoyable way **to raise funds for student scholarships to church camps.** Pick up a red flyer in the Narthex today. Dine-in or take-out! 13102 Newport Ave., Tustin, 714-838-7829. Invite family and friends

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3: Men Alive, OC Gay Men's Chorus will present **Merry & Bright Sounds of Joy!** This free concert will be in our Sanctuary at 7:00 PM.



TIME TO UPDATE CHURCH DIRECTORY of all Members & Friends for 2020. Please stop by Davis Hall and look over your information and make any needed changes, corrections, and updates.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN CONTINUES!

Received to date: 35 pledges, \$109,438

Please place all completed Estimate of Giving Cards in the offering plates, or send to church office. Cards are also in the narthex.

Our theme for 2020 is *Building Community, Bettering the World*

Our goal is to raise at least \$225,000 in pledges.

Thanks for your help!

Pastor Mike is helping lead a GLOBAL MINISTRIES TRIP TO PALESTINE/ISRAEL June 1-12. Total Cost is \$3,500; partial scholarships are available. Reservation Deadline and Deposit is January 31. Flyer and Itinerary of trip is available in Narthex. Maximum of nineteen spaces available. See Pastor Mike for more info or to sign up.

MEDIA RELEASE FORMS are available in the narthex and on our website:

www.churchofthefoothills.com. This form gives options for how and to what extent you are willing to allow the church to share photos and videos of you and/or your children. Please read thoroughly, and after checking your options, be sure to fill out and sign the Release Form. Place forms in offering plate or mail to the church office. Thank You!