

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.

November 24, 2019 Thanksgiving Sunday 9:45 AM

As a courtesy to other worshippers, 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 Grisett, President

INTROIT Love and Justice Chancel Choir
Words by June Christine Goudey
Music by John Glenn Paton

CALL TO WORSHIP Malia Cary, Liturgist

One: We gather together at a distinct time in history. On this day, we give thanks, remember and reconsider our call as the people of Christ.

Many: **We give thanks for all that has sustained us through this year, a year of want and abundance, fear and comfort, grief and hope**

One: We remember the forming of this nation, our mixed history of freedom and oppression, peace and violence, unity and division in diversity.

Many: **We gather with gratitude and courage for the facing of these days, to accept a call to justice, compassion and God’s shalom.**

One: Let us come into this place of worship with wonder and thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise. Let us worship.

Prayer: **Creator Goddess, we honor the cycles and seasons of our lives seeking divine guidance to make sense of all things, all events, all people and personalities. Assist us to take account of where we come from and where we are going, what we have to let go, and take on, in life, faith, relationships, beliefs and values. Through easy and difficult passages to new possibilities of living, may all feel welcome as we share a kaleidoscope of love. Amen.**

OPENING SONG (please stand if able) Celebrate the Lord of Love
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.

Building Community, Bettering the World, A Stewardship Moment
Led by Rev. Kel Henderson, Minister of Family Life

ANTHEM Be a Candle of Hope Chancel Choir
By Becki Slagle Mayo

CHILDREN & YOUTH MOMENT with Robbie Arevalos, Youth Director

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 The Congregation
Sharing Joys & Concerns
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. 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: cousin Gina. Bobbie Taylor: Ken Seymour & family. Lynn Stiegler: cousin Betty & family, niece Christy & family. Jim Guziak. Miguel Magaña: Rita Williman; Matt & John Schaefer. Kevin Brewer: high school friends Peg & Cliff. Matthew Ferguson: Emin.

Thanksgiving Prayer Litany Insert

Pastoral Prayer

Quiet Meditation

Congregational Prayer: 23rd Psalm, an adaptation by Jeanyne B. Slettom
Lord, You are our shepherd; we have all that we need. You created the green fields of this Earth, life-giving waters and pure, clean air. But earth itself needs reviving and we are called as stewards to its care. The Earth is Christ’s table; everyone is called to the feast. We see there are enough resources for all, when distribution is equitable and fair. Goodness and mercy fill all of creation, our home; It is for us to enjoy, but also to share and to protect. Amen.

READING

Habakkuk 2:1-4

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MESSAGE

Refocusing Thanksgiving

Pastor Mike Holland

HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

(please stand) Now Thank We All Our God

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A TIME FOR GIVING

(Online giving is also an option through churchofthefoothills.org)

Sharing Our Faith

Kevin Brewer, 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

Abba teach me, day by day, Love’s sweet lesson, to obey

Sweeter music, cannot be, Loving God who first loved me. (Repeat)

Tag: Loving God who first loved me

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



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR CHURCH HOLIDAY SPECIALS:



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP December 1st from 10 AM - NOON

A special time for children and youth to prepare for Christmas season by creating an Advent wreath, make ornaments and get in the holiday spirit. Adults will join in the fun after worship and the Congregational meeting. There will be a Chili Cook-off to see who has the best recipe for meat and meatless. This is one of our most meaningful and fun events of the year for everyone. Invite your friends. *NO RESERVATIONS needed, but **VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATED** FOR:* Table Angels to Assist Kids with Crafts, Set Up and Take Down Tables, Cooks, Kitchen Cleaners, To volunteer or for more info call, e-mail or see Pastor Kel or Robbie Arevalos

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!

Habakkuk 2:1-4

I will stand at my watch-post and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what YHWH says to me, and what will be the answer concerning my complaint. ² Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. ⁴ Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by faith.

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.

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:

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 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 are given today by Suvan Geer.

Greeter:	Joyce Luis
Elders for the week:	Kevin Brewer and Malia Cary
AV Technicians:	Justin Underwood, Dean Delgado, María Pérez, Anthony Henderson & Krista Owens
Digital Recording:	Justin Underwood

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES, November 24 -- 30, 2019

Today 11/24	9:45 AM	Morning Worship
	10:00 AM	Sunday School - Ages Pre-K through Senior High (Nursery available for infants & toddlers)
	11:00 AM	Fellowship/Coffee time - Davis Hall
	11:30 AM	Meeting with Common Ground – Fireside Room
	3:00 PM	Michael Schaefer Memorial Service – Sanctuary & Davis Hall
Mon. 11/25	SUNDAY BULLETIN	AND WEEKLY E-REMINDER ARTICLES DUE
Thurs. 11/28	THANKSGIVING DAY	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Fri. 11/29	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

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Ministry Opportunities

TODAY:

3:00 PM Memorial Service for Michael Schaefer in Sanctuary

A Reception to follow in Davis Hall. Some light refreshments will be provided, however everyone is invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share as well.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN CONTINUES!

Received to date: \$55,800;

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!

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER. 1, *Right After Worship in Sanctuary:* Fall Congregational Meeting to adopt 2020 Church Budget to fund ministries.

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!

