

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 29, 2019 First Sunday after Christmas 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 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing Adrian Rangel
By Felix Mendelssohn

SHARING OF OUR FELLOWSHIP Dan Grisct, President

INTROIT What Child is This? Adrian Rangel
Traditional

CALL TO WORSHIP Pamela Galera, Liturgist

One: Angels we have heard on high, sing sweetly of peace on Earth goodwill, equality and harmony among people all around the world.
Many: We will strive to listen to their heavenly song by welcoming their words into our hearts, rising to their call and emulating their lyrics through our actions.
One: O Little town of Bethlehem how still you lay as you welcomed in a young family whose child would radiate light and be a vessel for Divine love.
Many: We too welcome all this blessed child represents and wish to live in His radiant light, feeling the comfort and strength of unconditional Divine love.
Prayer: We will Go tell it from the Mountain the message and meaning Jesus' life revealed to the world. We share the thoughts of love, peace, hope, and joy in our daily lives by actively looking for opportunities to live out these attributes through our faith by touching the lives of others. Amen

OPENING SONG (please stand if able) Come, Now is the Time to Worship
Please greet those around you after this song, and then be seated. Thank you.

WORDS OF WELCOME Pastor Kel Henderson

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC What's So Funny About Peace, Love and Understanding Jim Rosenquist
By Elvis Costello

CHILDREN & YOUTH MOMENT with Pastor Kel Henderson

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, Judy L., Aunyx, Juan, Troy, SW, Mickey. Susan Richardson: cousin Becky Scott's surgery 12/26 & her husband Calvin for good health. Carol Wilson: Kyle Gamez. Pastor Kel & Anthony. Kate McCloskey: Sarah Tyler & family. Robbie Arevalos. Elaine Bredenbeck: Paikoff family. Brenda: son Jesse. Jim Guziak. Suvan Geer: McCracken family & brother-in-law James Geer. Bobbie Taylor: Ken Seymour & family. Lorinda Kasten-Lowerre: husband Jim, friends Sandra & Char, sister-in-law Paula. Lynn Stiegler: cousin Betty & family, niece Christy's family. Allison Matthews: my dad Robert. Kevin Brewer: high school friends Peg & Cliff. Michelle: my relationship with my son Nolan. Dale & Arlene Post: Glo Bos. Doug Saylor: mother Betty Saylor. Wenonah Sheehan: son Perry Howard.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer Gnostic Version
Our Father and Mother God, You are within us all, and You make all things holy and united, as You are holy and united, one God living and true. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, which is love to all that lives in the heavens and on the earth. Give us this day our daily bread, and let us give our daily bread to those who have none; and heal our broken spirits, as we heal and forgive others. And lead us, through the darkness of your mystical love, to the light of the Christ, Amen

Quiet Meditation

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MESSAGE Seeing Jesus in the Season Pastor Kel Henderson

HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP (please stand) Change My Heart, #128 Sing!
O God Prayer and Praise
Vs. 1 & 3



A TIME FOR GIVING (Online giving is also an option through churchofthefoothills.org)
Sharing Our Faith Sunny Erickson, Elder
Offertory Adrian Rangel
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!

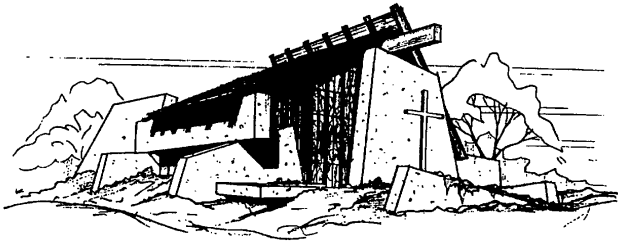
BENEDICTION Pastor Kel Henderson

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel God’s mighty power and God’s grace.
I can hear the brush of angels’ wings, I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. (Repeat)

POSTLUDE Joy to the World! Adrian Rangel
By George Frederick Handel
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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heart, an open mind and an adventurous spirit.



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Kathy Vail, Office Manager
Dana & Jordan Block, Childcare Personnel
Rev. Nancy Brink, Rev. Susan Chamberlain, Rev. Bernie Davis, Rev. Dr. Duane Day,
Rev. Barbara Grear, Rev. Dr. Jerry D. Martin, Ministers in Residence

Church of the Foothills is an accepting, caring, open and affirming Christian congregation,
that welcomes and includes all people of every ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation,
different ability, economic status or religious background.



NEW YEAR'S EVE RELEASE & RENEW BURNING BOWL CEREMONY DECEMBER 31, 2019

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

The Chapel on the campus of Church of the Foothills

Common Ground and Church of the Foothills present a meaningful hour of thoughtful reflection and focused vision for the future. The evening includes music, inspiration, meditation, and ceremony.

Participants will have an opportunity to privately:

Identify those things that are getting in the way or holding back life; Write a letter of intentions after a time of meditation and opening to divine guidance (each letter will be held in prayer until December 1, 2020, at which time the self-addressed letters will be returned); Release to the flame of the burning bowl a piece of paper with things that need to be released written on it

Please Join Us!



Life is an amazing race that offers tons of adventures and obstacles. This year at Winter Camp, family group teams will compete in scavenger hunts, escape rooms, obstacle courses, and more to achieve the impossible together! Reserve your spot in the Amazing Race and create memories that will last a

lifetime. It is going to be truly amazing!

Check in Friday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m. | **Check out** Monday, January 20 at 11:00 a.m. Cost is \$200. *Payment plans are available.*

To register: www.disciplespswr.org/camp

Loch Leven Camp & Conference Center is located at 8171 Mountain Home Creek Rd., Mentone CA 92350. **See you at the race!**

NO SCRIP AVAILABLE TODAY. THEY WILL RETURN NEXT SUNDAY

Mark 10:13-16

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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 Décor Team.

Greeters:	Kelly Swanson
Elders for the week:	Sunny Erickson and Pamela Galera
AV Technicians:	Justin Underwood, Dean Delgado, María Pérez, Anthony Henderson & Krista Owens
Digital Recording:	Justin Underwood

THIS WEEK’S OPPORTUNITIES, December 29, 2019 – January 4, 2020

Today 12/29	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
	11:20 AM	Hearts & Minds Ministry -- JR
Mon. 12/30	1:00 PM	5 th Sunday Feeding at Southwest Community Center
		AND WEEKLY E-REMINDER ARTICLES DUE
Tues. 12/31		SUNDAY BULLETIN
	5:00 PM	New Year’s Eve Release & Renew Burning Bowl Ceremony -- Chapel
Wed. 1/1/20	6:30 PM	New Blessing -- Sanctuary
		NEW YEAR’S DAY – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
	Fri. 1/3	7:00 PM Men Alive auditions -- Sanctuary

Ministry Opportunities

TODAY:

Thank you Adrian Rangel for your gifts of music at the piano today

11:20 AM Hearts & Minds Ministry -- Junior High Room (safe, respectful listening and sharing) – led by Suvan Geer.

1:00 PM 5th Sunday Feeding at Southwest Community Center – See Dan Griset

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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

Our goal is to raise a minimum of \$225,000 in pledges.

Received to date: 50 pledges, \$147,418

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

TWO GLOBAL MINISTRIES MISSION TRIPS PLANNED FOR 2020:

(Scholarships available if needed)

Nicaragua Clean Water Project **Feb 11-19** led by Mike Fronk & David Roger. \$1,800. Deadline to register: Dec. 31. Contact Mike Fronk: mikef@fccpomona.org.

Palestine/Israel Just Peace June 1-12, led by Pastor Mike and Rev. Nancy Fowler, \$3,500. Deadline to register Jan 31. Contact Pastor Mike at drmholland91@gmail.com



See Susan Richardson