

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 8, 2019**                      **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**    Dan Griset, President

**INTROIT**    *Be a Candle of Light*    Chancel Choir

**LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE**

Kathy Alexander, Barbara Austin

*Children and Youth CHRISTMAS PAGEANT*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**    Sunny Erickson, Liturgist

One: Today is the second Sunday of Advent, which calls us to welcome each other in peace as the Spirit of Christ welcomes us in peace.

**Many: How we long to welcome God's reign of peace! May angels of mercy teach us the ways that make for peace in a world of strife.**

One: The reign of divine peace is always possible to open, willing hearts; and prophets call us to change our lives in faithful response.

**Many: In God's vision of peace, no one is oppressed or harmed by another. Our Messiah calls us to a just and peaceful path.**

One: Then let there be peace on earth and let it begin with us today.

**Prayer Goddess of non-violence, thank You for the divine gift of peace. May we also have the grace and courage to live lives of non-violence as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ the peacemaker. Disarm our hearts that we may disarm the hearts of others. Lead the whole human family into your non-violent reign of justice and peace where there is no fear, no war, no injustice, and no violence. In the Spirit of Christ we pray. Amen**

**ADVENT SONG** (please stand if able)                      Hark! the Heralds Angels Sing                      Page 144

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.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**    *O Christmas Tree*    Elizabeth Proescholdt,  
Jim Rosenquist, Stephanie Brown

**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. Susan Richardson: Calvin Scott, cousin Becky & husband. Carol Wilson: Kyle Gamez. Pastor Kel & Anthony. Kate McCloskey: Sarah Tyler & family. Robbie Arealos. Elaine Bredenbeck. Brenda: son Jesse. Suvan Geer: McCracken family. Bobbie Taylor: Ken Seymour & family. Lorinda Kasten-Lowerre: husband Jim, friends Char & Sandra, sister Benita. Lianne Oakes: friend & roommate Russ. Lynn Stiegler: cousin Betty & family, niece Christy's family. Dale & Arlene Post: Paul Bos.

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi**

**Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace, Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy; O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

**Quiet Meditation**

**READING**

Isaiah 11:6-9

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**MESSAGE**

*A Bold Vision of Peace*

Pastor Mike Holland

**HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP** (please stand)

*It Came upon the  
Midnight Clear*

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

Sharing Our Faith

Pamela Galera, 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 Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;  
To us the path of knowledge show, and help us in that way to go.  
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](http://www.churchofthefoothills.org)

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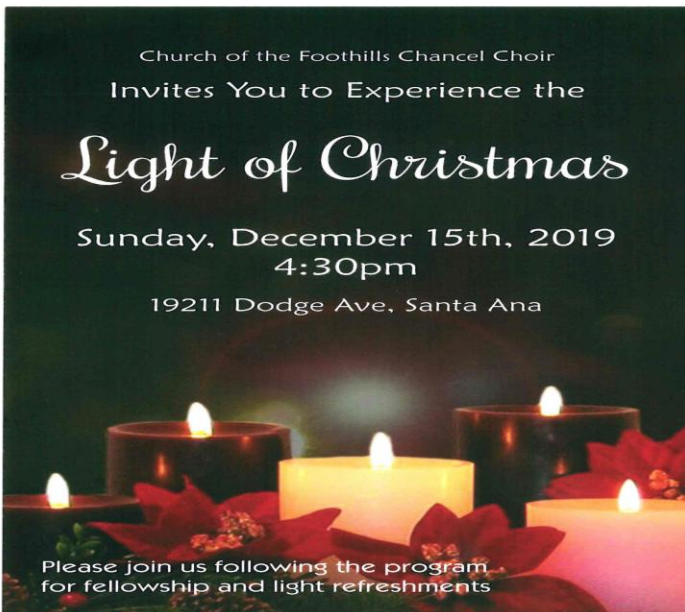
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## ISAIAH 11:6-9

<sup>6</sup>The wolf will lie down with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat; the calf and the young lion will feed together, and a little child will lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear will graze; their young will lie down together, and a lion will eat straw like an ox. <sup>8</sup>A nursing child will play over the snake's nest; toddlers will reach right over the serpent's den. <sup>9</sup>They won't harm or destroy anyone on my holy mountain. The earth will surely be filled with the knowledge of YHWH, just as the water covers the sea.

### 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:

**Bridge Club**  
**Chancel Choir**  
**Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF)**  
**Family Promise (homeless families with children)**

**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**

**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)**

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



## 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. Closing Candle Circle Outside. Invite friends!**



After 2 years of meetings with ministers & partners from around Orange County, OC XPLOR is ready to begin planning for our residents next year. A Host Team is in place and will be readying the residents' house in Orange for up to four Twenty-something adults. Interns will arrive from various areas of the U.S. to begin 3 years with us in August, 2020.

From our congregation, Pastor Mike will supply ministerial support to the resident assigned to us, Raul Rodriguez will work on setting up internships, Bill Richardson is liaison between home owners & residents for upkeep of the house, Tricia Holland is our Hospitality Guru, Lara McKinley will help as needed, & Susan Richardson will represent us at Regional Host Team meetings.

***We are looking for a member who can write a UCC grant for us!***

Which grants to apply for already chosen, and information about XPLOR program needed for the grants will be provided in writing. Anyone willing to help, please contact Susan Richardson. Thank you for your consideration.

# 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 graciously given today by Brenda Rowen.

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 8 -- 14, 2019

Today 12/8	9:45 AM	Morning Worship
	10:00 AM	Sunday School - Ages Pre-K through Senior High <i>(Nursery available for infants &amp; toddlers)</i>
	10:45 AM	Alternative Fair – Davis Hall
	11:00 AM	Fellowship/Coffee time - Davis Hall
Mon. 12/9	12:00 PM	Interfaith Council Mtg. -- St. Paul's Episcopal, Tustin
Wed. 12/11	<b>SUNDAY BULLETIN AND WEEKLY E-REMINDER ARTICLES DUE</b>	
	10:00 AM	CWF, Fireside Room
	7:00 PM	Choir Practice - Sanctuary
Sat. 12/14	11:00 AM	Stage Door Show – Davis Hall & Kitchen
	3:00 PM	OCTFM Christmas Dinner – Davis Hall & Kitchen

# Ministry Opportunities

## TODAY:



Thanks to our children and youth for helping lead us into worship this morning. They bring their own special holiday magic to Advent celebrations with a pageant centered around the Jesse Tree.

**10:45-12:30 Alternative Fair in Davis Hall.** Beautiful handmade gifts from our friends at Third World Gifts, Jewelry by Jennifer, Fair Trade, Habitat for Humanity, Heifer, Western Service Workers Dennis Woodwork, and many more. All of our vendors are non-profit or project specific. Buy unique gifts or make gift donations. Sponsored by Peace, Benevolence and Justice Ministry.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9:** Interfaith Council of Central Orange County (ICCOC) will meet at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, [1221 Wass St., Tustin, CA 92780](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1221+Wass+St,+Tustin,+CA+92780), from **Noon - 1:30**. One item of business will be to approve a Secretary (thank you Karen Knee from Unity). Enjoy visiting St. Paul's and discussing the great interfaith project they are supporting - Interfaith Prayer and Action. There's still plenty of time to RSVP to [brendadavis15@att.net](mailto:brendadavis15@att.net)



**TIME TO UPDATE CHURCH DIRECTORY of all Members & Friends for 2020.** 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@chotf.org](mailto:churchoffice@chotf.org) or stop by Davis Hall and look over your information and make any needed changes, corrections, and updates.

## 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: 43 pledges, \$127,038**

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

Thanks for your help!