

Wherever you are on faith's and life's journey, you are welcome here!

## Gathering

### Prelude

*Traditions of Christmas* by Chip Davis  
*Coventry Carol / The First Noel* arr. by Mark Hayes  
*God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* by David Lanz

John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal

### Welcome to Advent

Mary Jacobs

### Lighting of the Candle of Love

The Womack Family

### Our Response

*When God Is a Child*

Chalice Hymnal 132, v 4  
Tina Peterson, song leader

## Considering

### Listening for the Word

Luke 2: 1-14

Children of the Church

### A Time for Our Younger Selves

Kel Henderson

### Special Music

*Shepherd's Pipe Carol* by John Rutter Chancel Choir  
Tina Peterson, Director of Music Ministries

### The Word Today

*Turning, Turning, We Come Round Right* Bill Jacobs

### Responding in Song

*O Little Town of Bethlehem* New Century Hymnal #133  
Tina Peterson, song leader

## Connecting

### Morning Prayers

Mary Jacobs

*Advent Unison Lord's Prayer*  
Emmanuel, God-with-us,  
Holy is your name.  
Let your light shine on earth even as we see it shining in the heavens.  
Stir up our desire to do your will.

Feed us with bread and with your own Spirit each day.  
Forgive our wounding ways as we forgive those who wound us.  
Lead us away from hatred and deliver us from fear.  
For we await Your advent, we long for Your healing,  
and we rejoice in Your wonder forever. Amen.

### Invitation to Stewardship

Sean Womack

*We encourage online giving through [churchofthefoothills.org](http://churchofthefoothills.org), or place your offering in baskets at the back of the sanctuary as you leave worship. Pledges and contributions may also be mailed to the church office at 19211 Dodge Ave.*

### Prayer of Gratitude

Sean Womack

### Communion

Words of Institution

Mary Jacobs

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lisa Post Letourneau, elder

Who is Welcome at This Table? **All: ALL PEOPLE ARE WELCOME!**

### Opportunities to Love and Serve

Mary Jacobs

### Song of Going Forth

*'Tis the Gift To Be Simple*

Chalice Hymnal 568

Tina Peterson, song leader

### Blessing

Bill Jacobs

### Congregational Response (for the season) *O Come, O Come Emmanuel, CH 119, vs 4*

Tina Peterson, song leader

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;  
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;  
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

### Postlude

*The Little Drummer Boy*

by Katherine Davis, Henry Onorati, Harry Simeone

John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal

***Be God's Beloved Community in the World!***

## Opportunities to Love and Serve

### December

Wednesday, Dec 22, 6:00 PM

#### *Held By the Light Healing Service*

A Quiet Time of Reflection which acknowledges the grief, the struggle, the less-than upbeat feelings that the season can generate and holds us in God's healing light.

Friday, Dec 24, 5:30 PM *Christmas Eve Service*

Candlelight and Communion

Friday, Dec 31, 6-9 PM *Watchnight Gathering*

We are offering a time of sharing food and friendship in a safe space on New Year's Eve. There will be games and fun activities ending with quiet time of reflection in the worship space before going home safely.



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**Sunday afternoon, January 16**

Chapman University Singers  
at Church of the Foothills – Santa Ana

A free public concert at 3:00 pm  
with selections from their upcoming tour

Masks and proof of vaccination or recent  
negative result of COVID test required

## *Dancing into Light*

December 19, 2021

10 AM

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