



College Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Welcome to College Avenue Presbyterian Church!

We're glad you're here with us today and look forward to worshipping together and getting to know each other. Children's Coloring Sheets & Quiet Toys are located at the table area in the front to the left of the stage. We also have a lounge, off the entryway, where we broadcast the service if you need more space. We share a small snack and coffee after the service to connect, reconnect and make new connections. Please come join us.

CHILDREN

We invite children 3 years old to 6th grade to depart for Godly Play (our Sunday School) during the song of praise. You can gather your child(ren) after worship upstairs in the GP room.

CAPC WORSHIP 101 PRAYER CARDS

You're invited to share your prayers of concern and gratitude with the community by filling out the cards, located in the pews, and leaving them in the glass jar on the left of the communion table before the end of the call to worship. We'll use them later in the Prayers of the People time using a call and response prompt.

WIFI

2wire927 is our open wifi access. The password is 7304088568. If you tweet or instagram we invite you to use hashtag #capcoakland

NESTLÉ PARKING LOT

We are able to park in the lot. They ask us to enter and exit off of Chabot Road, and to access the lot via the pedestrian door on Chabot.

CCLI #1137062

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2016

GATHERING SONG "Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice" - Blue Hymnal #409

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

SONG OF PRAISE "Healer of our Every Ill" - insert

TIME OF CONFESSION

Silent Prayer followed by **Prayer of Forgiveness and Assurance of Pardon**

SONG OF RESPONSE "He Came Down" - insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Call and response liturgically prayed at the conclusion of sharing a prayer card

Liturgist: God, in your mercy.

Community: Hear our prayer.

To pray with someone after the service, look for today's liturgist in the lounge off the entryway.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

SONG DURING THE OFFERING "While We Are Waiting" - insert

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 11:1-10; Matthew 3:1-12 - Pew Bible, p. 673, 935

SERMON "Rooted" - Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE "Good Christian Friends Rejoice" - Blue Hymnal #28

CELEBRATING GOD'S GRACE FROM THE COMMUNION TABLE

All who seek God's presence and love are invited to join in our table celebration

In our effort to welcome all to the table we have nut free & gluten free bread available

Choral Song before Communion "Let Us Break Bread Together"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING CALL AND RESPONSE

Leader: God is good!

Leader: And all the time!

People: All the time!

People: God is good!

EXHORTATION & BENEDICTION

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST "Shalom Elohim" (Hebrew)

We pass the peace weekly using languages native to the cultures of our church community as an audible sign of the Dominion of God working for the healing transformation of the world

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

December Birthdays

2	Annette Laverty	13	Lane Stahl
8	Christina Fonua	31	Gianelle Beatty
8	Taylor Beatty		

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today –we're collecting food and money donations to benefit our Deacon's Food Closet.

We're also taking photographs of our church community. You're invited to step into the library after worship, alone, with others, to get your photo taken! This will help us be even better with names and faces, and have fun too!

CAPC CHOIR | Wed 6-7pm and Sun at 11:50am. Talk to Pete!

Friday Night Meal | Friday 6-7pm. Talk to Ellen Brylawski to help: ellenbry@comcast.net

The Vocabulary of Faith Bible Study | Sunday 9:30-10:15a

Celtic Prayer Mid Week Small Group | Wednesday 7-8:30pm, meets near CAL campus | Contact Marda @ 540.7173

Women's Group | 1st, 2nd & 3rd Saturdays of the month 8:30-10am in the library. Currently discussing Acts of the Apostles.

Join us for our second Advent Family Dinner. Tonight 11/27, 6-8pm at the home of Ward & Marda Stothers (2600 Warring, Berkeley 94704) Bring a dish to share in our potluck dinner.

Youth Group | tonight Sunday, December 4, 5-7pm For middle & high schoolers.

Potluck & Movie Night: Thursday, Dec 8th 7:00pm "Miracle on 34th Street" Bring a favorite New York dish to share.

Coffee & Conversations | Tuesday, 12/13 10am: no- host, safe, open conversation about faith on the patio in front of Safeway at Claremont @ College Avenues.

Thanksgiving Meal : see photos on our facebook page, on our website at <http://www.capcoakland.org/thanksgiving-meal-2016/> and in today's power point slide show.

Men's Breakfast : Saturday, December 17, 8:30am. RSVP to Bill Beatty | 5653 Ocean View Drive

Winter Solstice – Longest Night Labyrinth Service: Wednesday, December 21st @ 7:30pm

Congregational Meeting Sunday, 12/18 to approve changes to the pastor's salary and elect a nominating committee.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Celebration : Sat, 12/24, 7 pm

Thank you to Leadership today:

Ushers: Chickwendu Okereke, Joy Barnes
Fellowship: Linda Davis, Louise Hirschman
Godly Play: Children remain in worship
Musicians: Dave Eagle, Swen Hendrickson, Roger Kim
& Pete Feltman

Leadership for next week, 12/11/16:

Ushers: Bob Brylawski, Jeff Trowbridge
Liturgist: *Can you help by doing it?*
Fellowship: Beth & Bill Beatty
Godly Play: David Kittams, Maya Patil

The Second Sunday of Advent Isaiah 11:1-10; Matthew 3:1-12

We live in a time of great division. While that seems to be part of human civilization, it seems more divisive than ever in the light of the recent election results, our bubble existence, and the normalized scapegoating of the "other" as the origin of our problems; whether that otherness be in relationship to race, caste, gender or religion. In lack of moral imagination, we seem to be able to paint the way to peace primarily through the blaming, or at the expense of the "other". Think of the snapshots we've seen of officers of the peace, standing above black lives bleeding out on sidewalks without offering first aid or comfort (by choice or institutional obligation). Think of the ways in which we often now call militarized forces "peacekeepers" in war torn places. The most common use of the word "peace" may be associate with a request for quiet, an escape of the pace and race of quotidian life. We associate peace part and parcel with God's activity in the world. But maybe we struggle to understand the notion of peace, of Shalom, to which the prophetic word of the Bible points.

Isaiah 11 talks of the root of Jesse. In the turmoil of the 7th century bce Assyrian invasion of Israel and Judah, where the meet the Egyptian military alliance in open battle, Isaiah speaks of a sprouting vision of peace. It shall be a kingdom enveloping all the world, in which enemies no longer simply don't fight, but live, lie and love together. It's less a victory over, than a victory with, a wholeness, a liberating truth that makes all things new. It can only be spoken of in poetry, for the vision of such a peaceable kingdom is bigger than words.

Matthew tells us of the person, purpose and preaching of John the Baptizer. In a time in which the Romans preached globalism and the religious leaders preached tribalism, in which foreign troops occupied the land of Palestine in order to ensure the peace of the princes, or prince, known as Emperor Caesar Augustus, the son of God; the population was torn apart, divided among purists and collaborators, the haves and have-nots, the pure and foreign. Into this division John preaches radical empathy. The path of God's chosen is not one of vilification or violence, but of repentance, recognizing first one's own heart and responding in radical empathy to those with whom we live. It's a call to conversion. To know a truth that sets you free from tribalism, life-denying actions based in the fear of loss, and the shackles of self-indulgent senses of self. The Way of the Messiah is not made by economic transformation, military force or social movements, but begins in the way a heart is changed by encountering the truth of God and living as a response to such radical love.

Questions for the Practice of Examen & Contemplation

- What does the word peace mean for you? What does it evoke? How do you long for peace in your life? How or where do you have peace in your life?
- John calls all those who hear him to turn around, to recognize that they are no different than anyone else. How is God calling you to repent of the "bubble" in which you may be living, or from which you see the world?
- Shalom means wholeness. Talk with God about how you long for the wholeness which only stems from the root of Jesse.

Call to Worship : Lighting the Advent Wreath

Reader: The days grow shorter. The nights grow longer. Winter is coming. Christmas approaches. In the darkness a light shines, which cannot be understood or overcome.

*One: In the beginning was the Word—
spoken and breathed,
a promise made and kept.*

***All: Listen and hear— God's promise is true!
For in the beginning, beyond time
The Word was, and through the Word
all things come into being.***

*One: Eternal and near at hand,
Already and not-yet,
like a light in the darkness,
like a path to choose,
a way of seeing the world to put on.
God's promise is the foundation of all life.*

***All: Come, let us choose the peace that is
beyond all understanding. Let us claim the
shalom of God which makes all things new.
The root of Jesse. The Key of David. The light
of the world comes to us even in our
wilderness.***

One: Christ is coming.

All: Christ is coming again.

~The second candle is lit~

"Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice"

*Blue Hymnal #409
Carl P. Daw Jr. (1985)*

1 Wild and lone the prophet's voice
echoes through the desert still,
calling us to make a choice,
bidding us to do God's will:
"Turn from sin and be baptized;
cleanse your heart and mind and soul.
Quitting all the sins you prized,
yield your life to God's control.

2 "Bear the fruit repentance sows:
lives of justice, truth and love.
Trust no other claim than those;
set your heart on things above.

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Soon the Lord will come in power,
burning clean the threshing floor:
then will flames the chaff devour;
wheat alone shall fill God's store."

3 With such preaching, stark and bold,
John proclaimed salvation near,
and his timeless warnings hold
words of hope to all who hear.
So we dare to journey on,
led by faith through ways untrod,
till we come at last like John
to behold the Lamb of God.

"Healer of our Every Ill"

Composer: Marty Haugen

Refrain:

Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

1 You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.

2 In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love.

3 Give us strength to love each other,
every sister, every brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.

4 You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.

"He Came Down"

He came down that we may have love
He came down that we may have love
He came down that we may have love
Hallelujah forevermore.

"While We Are Waiting Come"

Author: Claire Cloninger

1. While we are waiting, come
While we are waiting, come
Jesus our Lord, Emmanuel,
While we are waiting, come

2. With pow'r and glory, come
With pow'r and glory, come
Jesus our Lord Emmanuel
With pow'r and glory, come

3. Come, Savior, quickly come
Come, Savior, quickly come
Jesus our Lord Emmanuel
Come, Savior, quickly come

"Good Christian Friends Rejoice"

Translator: John Mason Neale

Blue Hymnal #28

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ was born today.
Ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

2 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

PRAYER AND DEVOTION

Healer of Our Every Ill

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Refrain (Unison)

Chords: C Dm C F G7 C Am G Am F G

Heal - er of our ev - ery ill, light of each to - mor - row,

Chords: Em Dm Am Dm7 E F C Dm C G G7 C

give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

Chords: Am Em F

1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
2 In the pain and joy, be - hold - ing how your grace is
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - ery sis - ter,
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

to Refrain

Chords: Eb Dm C F Am G G7

peace and glad - ness. Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - ery broth - er. Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing. Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

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