



## Christmas Eve 2017

### Welcome to College Avenue Presbyterian Church

#### *Merry Christmas!*

During tonight's service, you'll need both a bulletin and a candle (for the candlelit singing of Silent Night).

Tonight's celebration is built around the ancient practice of lighting the Advent wreath in preparation for Christmas. For little ones, there are sheets and crayons in the front of the church, near the double doors.

Tonight, we gather to retell the Nativity story. It's not just a story, but our story. One we continue in our life today. We're having an impromptu children's pageant during which children & youth are invited to participate as actors as we read aloud the story in an interactive way. *We even have costumes!!!!*

Musical Prelude

Words of Welcome & Invitation to Worship

- Rev. Monte McClain

Lesson 1: Isaiah 2:2-5

Carol "O Come All Ye Faithful"

Blue Hymnal #41, v. 1, 2 & 3

Lesson 2: Isaiah 11:1-10

- Bob Brylawski

Lighting of the First Candle :: HOPE

Carol: "Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming"

Blue Hymnal #48, v. 1 & 2

Lesson 3: Matthew 1:18-24

Second Advent Candle :: PEACE

Carol: "Away in a Manger"

Blue Hymnal # 25, v. 1, 2 & 3

Lesson 4: Luke 1:26-38

- Chickwendu Okereke

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle :: JOY

Carol: "Joy to the World"

Blue Hymnal #40, v. 1 & 2

*We invite children & youth to come and pick a role and costume located in the back room.*

Lesson 5: Luke 1:39-56

- Linda Trowbridge

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle :: LOVE

Carol: "In the Bleak Midwinter"

Blue Hymnal # 36, 1, 2, 3 & 4

Lesson 6: Luke 2:1-15

- Sophie McClain

Kids' Impromptu Christmas Pageant:

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Carol: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Blue Hymnal #23, v. 1, 2 & 3

### WIFI

2wire927 is our open wifi access. The password is 7304088568. If you post during or about the service we encourage you to use #capcoakland

We'll post photos of tonight on our Facebook page & website [www.capcoakland.org](http://www.capcoakland.org)

SPECIAL THANKS TONIGHT TO  
Pete Feltman Minister of Music, the CAPC Choir  
Dave Eagle, Roger Kim, & Pete Egan (accompanist)

The image on the front is of the painting "Nativity" by the contemporary American painter Brian Kershisnik.

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### Offering

*Tonight's collection goes to the work of our Deacons in and outside our church: feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and loving others, as God first loves us.*

Choral Song during the Collection of the Offering

"O Holy Night"

Words of Christmas Contemplation

Rev. Monte McClain

Celebrating the Promise of Christmas with the Gift of the Light of God

Lesson 7: John 1:1-5, 16

Christmas Circle of Light: - A Light to All Peoples

*Following the reading, we'll form a circle around the walls of the sanctuary.  
As we sing "Silent Night" we'll pass the light of God  
to one another beginning from the light of the Advent Wreath.*

Singing of "Silent Night"

Blue Hymnal #60, v. 1-4

Benediction and Sharing of Holy Chocolate Christmas Kisses

### Silent Night lyrics...

1. Silent Night! Holy Night!  
All is calm all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child  
Holy infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace!  
Sleep in heavenly peace!

2. Silent Night! Holy Night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia  
Christ the Savior is born!  
Christ the Savior is born!

3. Silent Night! Holy Night!  
Son of God love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

4. Silent Night! Holy Night!  
Wondrous Star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing,  
Alleluia to our King:  
Christ the Savior is born!



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