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Welcome to CAPC Oakland!

We are a reformed, multicultural, politically purple, community of followers of Jesus seeking to live our faith seriously in word, deed and relationships in the East Bay.

If you've never celebrated with us, you can follow along using this paper or the projection on the screen. Hymnals and Bibles are in the pews. We invite you to join us for a moment of community connection afterwards with a drink and simple snack.

CHILDREN

We have a quiet play area for children in the front of the sanctuary with toys and coloring sheets that can be played with during services. We also have a lounge, off the entryway, where the service is broadcast if you need more space.

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

PRAYER CARDS

You're invited to share your prayers of concern or gratitude by filling out the cards, located in the pews, and placing them in the glass vase on the table. We'll use them during today's service.

WIFI & SOCIAL MEDIA

2wire927 is our open wifi. The password is 7304088568. If you do social media during the service we invite you to add #capcoakland to include others.

NESTLÉ PARKING LOT

We're able to park in the lot behind the church. They ask us to enter and exit off of Chabot Road, using the pedestrian door there near Crossroads Trading.

CCL #1137062

November 18, 2018

GATHERING SONG

"Immortal Invisible"

- Blue Hymnal #263

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE

"In Christ Alone"

- Insert

ACT OF CONFESSION. *OPENING OURSELVES TO BEING UNDONE, THAT WE MIGHT BE REDONE*

SUNG RESPONSE

"Softly And Tenderly"

- Insert

DECLARATION OF GRACE. *THE IN-BREAKING OF GOD'S GRACE DISRUPTS OUR HUMAN CONDITION OF SIN*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Leader: God, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

To pray with someone after the service, look for today's liturgist after today's service

GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS TO EMPOWER THE WORK OF GOD IN THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY SONG

"Blest Are They"

- Insert

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Hosea 11:1-9; Romans 2:4 [John 21:15-19]

Pew Bible, pp. 664, 1046, 936

SERMON

"Beckoned By God's Kindness"

- Rev. Bill Beatty

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

- insert

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 GOD

"עֲלֵיכֶם שָׁלוֹם" or "Shalom Aleikhem"

(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 at work towards the healing transformation of the world.

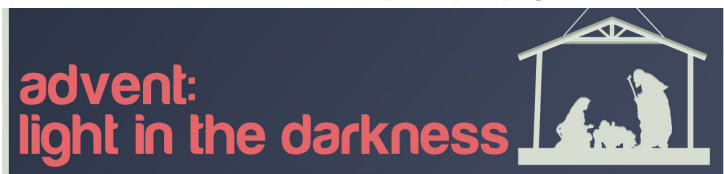
Advent 2018 || Light in the Darkness

The season of Advent, which comes from the Latin word *adventus* meaning “coming” or “visit,” begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year for Christians.

During Advent, we prepare for, and anticipate, the coming of Christ. We remember the longing of Jews for a Messiah and our own longing for, and need of, forgiveness, salvation and a new beginning. Even as we look back and celebrate the birth of Jesus in a humble stable in Bethlehem, we also look forward anticipating the second coming of Christ as the fulfillment of all that was promised by his first coming. In Advent, we recognize that we live in the tension of waiting and anticipating, remembering and hoping. As we remember the story of Jesus, as John describes it as a light coming into the darkness; we look for the light in the darknesses of today.

We’re celebrating our hope-full anticipation and incarnational vocation in many ways this Advent Season:

1. In worship with creative liturgy on the 4 Advent Sundays
2. With weekly Advent Dinners in the homes of different community members on Sunday evenings 7-9pm: a simple potluck dinner with the lighting of the Advent Wreath and a chance to just *be* together in a busy season
3. Weekly advent crafts for kids (and grown-up kids) after worship on Sundays – stayed tuned for info! Starts 12/2
4. A special daily digital devotional throughout the season
5. Decorating our usual space into one filled with light and warmth pointing to our shared hope. **Help us bring all of our decorations down from storage next Sunday, 11/25 after worship.** Then Come help decorate Tuesday, November 27th 8am-12pm putting up trees and lights.
6. We’re collecting news toys to contribute to the annual Harbor House Christmas Store. Find a flyer in the entryway and/or talk with Linda Davis.
7. We’re soliciting needed gifts via our Deacons’ Christmas Tree. Talk to Deacons Bill Beatty & Ben Bencomo.
8. Look for the light at our Longest Night Service on the night of the Winter Solstice Friday 12/21 @ 7:30pm: a service of song and prayer with a labyrinth of light
9. Join us for our Christmas Eve Celebration 12/24 at 7:00pm with carols, candles, a kid’s impromptu pageant and kisses!



ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

15 Pete Feltman 16 Ruth Ann Friedland
Elodie McClain (2005) 19 Radman Beatty (2006)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THANK YOU! to Rev. Bill Beatty who is preaching in worship today, as well as to elder Patt Schroeder helping to lead the service. At the end of our service today we'll be distributing turkeys to cook at your home and then return to the church kitchen on Thanksgiving morning before 10am.

Care Givers' Support Group | today 3-5pm meets near Cal. Call Marda for info at 540.7173

No Youth Group today or next week

ESL Class Ministry | Monday, 7-9pm at Primera Iglesia (1945 High Street, 94605). Info in entryway.

Choir Practice | Tuesday, 5:30-6:30pm (Sanctuary)

Celtic Prayer Mid Week Small Group | Wed 6:45-8:15pm, near CAL | Call Marda @ 540.7173

Friday Night Meal | Friday, 6-7pm!
Talk to Ellen Brylawski to help.

Women's Group – 1,2, 3rd Saturdays, 8:30a

Letter Ministry | Encourage another with a handwritten note. Find cards on the back wall!

The Vocabulary of Faith | Next Sunday 9:30-10:15a | our last session on the Beatitudes

Guatemala Mission Team | A team sent from our church community is currently in Palín, Guatemala working with our partners in the La Ceiba Coffee Cooperative. Updates are on our Facebook page.

Thanksgiving is this week! We're again hosting our annual free community meal on Thursday from 11a-1pm. You can help! Listen for info today.

Advent starts on Sunday, December 2nd – listen for announcements about service opportunities coming during this pre-Christmas season.

Thank you to Today's Leadership

Fellowship: Elaine Price; Chris Olson
Liturgist: Patt Schroeder
Godly Play: David Kittams (ST); Elaine Price (DK)

Leadership for next week, 11/25/18:

Fellowship: Bob & Ellen Brylawski
Godly Play: Cameron Beatty (ST); Fredora Darmstadt (DK)

LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Walter C. Smith (1867)

Blue Hymnal #263

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

GATHERING WORDS | CALL TO WORSHIP

Written by Rev. Thom M. Shuman inspired from Hosea 11.

Found online at @ <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com>

People read the bold font.

One: God of the past who whispered
in the prophets' ears;
who rescued us from sin's slavery:

ALL: we are here to thank you.

One: God of the future,
who is tearing down the old world,
and building your kingdom in our midst:

ALL: we are here because we trust you.

One: God of the present who,
in the giftedness of our diversity,
creates us to be one people:

ALL: we are here to praise you.

One: God of life that surprises us
when we find it within us:

ALL: we celebrate your grace.

"In Christ Alone My Hope is Found"

Author: Keith Getty; Author: Stuart Townend

1. In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
this cornerstone, this solid ground
firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
here in the love of Christ I stand

2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh
fullness of God in helpless Babe
This gift of love and righteousness
scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
the wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid
here in the death of Christ I live

3. There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
then, bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me
for I am His and He is mine
bought with the precious blood of Christ

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death
this is the pow'r of Christ in me
from life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from His hand
'til He returns or calls me home
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

*Author: Will L. Thompson
Glory to God Hymnal #418*

1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

"Come home, come home!
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"

2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me?

"Blest Are They"

*Author: David Haas
Glory to God Hymnal #172*

1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow;
They shall be consoled.

Refrain:

Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you; Holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours in the kingdom of God!

2. Blest are they, the lowly ones;
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst;
they shall have their fill.

3. Blest are they who show mercy,
mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they the pure of heart,
they shall see God.

4. Blest are they who seek peace
They are the children of God.
Blessed are they who suffer in faith,
the glory of God is theirs.

"I Have Decided To Follow Jesus"

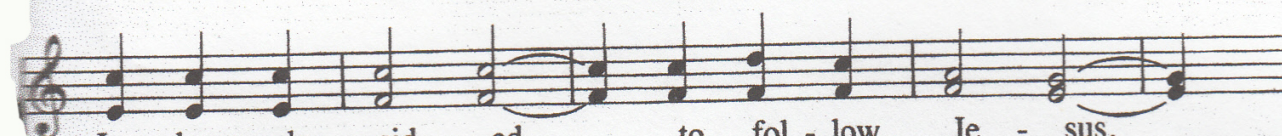
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1. I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.
2. Tho'no one join me, still I will fill follow;
Tho'no one join me, still I will fill follow;
Tho'no one join me, still I will fill follow;
No turning back, no turning back.
3. Though I may wonder, I still will follow;
Though I may wonder, I still will follow;
Though I may wonder, I still will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.
4. The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back.
5. Though none go with me, still I will follow;
Though none go with me, still I will follow;
Though none go with me, still I will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.
6. Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
No turning back, no turning back.

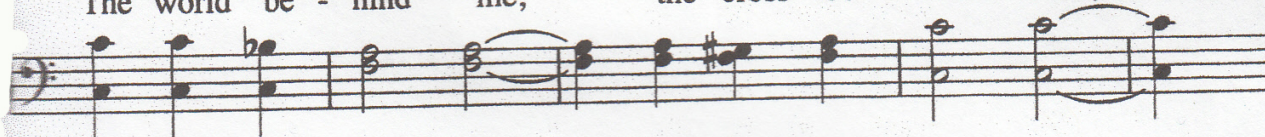
I Have Decided to Follow Jesus 118



1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,
 2. Tho' no one join me, still I will fol - low,
 3. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,



I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,
 Tho' no one join me, still I will fol - low,
 The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,



I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus—
 Tho' no one join me, still I will fol - low—
 The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me—



No turn - ing back, (no turn - ing back,) no turn - ing back!

