

**COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
OF CHULA VISTA  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**



**WORSHIP SERVICE**

**9:30 A.M.**

**Community Congregational Church of Chula Vista**

**December 29, 2024**

**First Sunday of Christmas**

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here!*

*276 F St. Chula Vista, Ca 91910*

***Welcome! Mabuhay! Bienvenidos!***

We welcome you in the name of the still speaking God!

We invite all **guests** to please **PRINT** their name and contact info on the **“Information Card”** in the pew rack and place the card in the offering plate. Anyone with a prayer request, please put it on the **“Information Card”** and place it in the offering plate.  
***If you need assistance***, please ask our Greeters.

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Greeters: Isabel Blanco & Maria Hartz

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**Thought before Worship:** Remember, Nature whispers, “There is no time for it all. Soften the urgency and move with ease. Patience is your ally on the journey of change.”

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**Lighting of the Candles**

**Prelude:** Lionel Jasmin and Alejandro Tapia

**Gathering Music:**   **1. Go Tell it on the Mountain**  
                              **2. Lord, I lift your name on high**  
                              **3. It's a great day**

**Welcome and Announcements** Rev. Victoria Freiheit

**Opening Prayer:** Rev. Victoria

**Opening Hymns:**   **I wonder as I wander** Red p.183 all verses

**Liturgist:** Erika Dennis

**Call to Worship:**   **(Responsively)** Erika Dennis

One: Grace to you and peace from God who is, and was, and is to come,

**All: And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness**

One: The first-born of the dead, the ruler of kings on earth

**All: And from God's Holy Spirit, who gives us ineffable joys,  
this year and every year. Amen.**

**Hymn:**   **Angels We have Heard on High** NCH p. 125 all verses

**Lighting of the Christ Candle** Erika Dennis

“As we light the Christ Candle, we remember Jesus, the Light of the World, whose light has shown in our hearts to give the light of knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ..2 Corin. 4:6. Amen.”

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**\* Please stand if you are able**

**Prayer of Invocation: (Unison)**

Erika Dennis

**We give ourselves to you, O God. Assign us to the place you have reserved for us in your creation. Put me forward or humble me. Give me many tasks or have me step aside while you call others. All that we are and all that we have, belongs to you, Holy God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Choir anthem:**

**PEACE ON EARTH**

**words and music by BABBIE MASON with Joyful, Joyful, We adore Thee  
soloist Suzanne Persaud Jasmin**

**Children's Time:**

Rev. Victoria

**Scripture:**

**Psalm 121 and Titus 2:11-14**

**Included in sermon**

**Sermon:**

**In Between Time**

Rev. Victoria

**Prayers of the People, Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer:**

Rev. Victoria

**Call to Offering: (Unison)**

Erika Dennis

**Remembering the mercies of God, and the hope of His calling—we examine ourselves by the Light of His Spirit, which guides us to give as we are able, even if we have fallen short. We know You bless all we can give. Amen.**

**Offertory:**

**Noche De Paz**

Tanya and Alejandro Tapia

**\*Doxology:** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Praise God for all that love has done;*

*Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.*

**Prayer of Dedication: (Unison)**

Erika Dennis

**You have given yourself to us, Lord, now we give ourselves for others. Your love has made us new people, we will serve you with joy. Your glory has filled our hearts, help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn:**

**As with Gladness Those of Old NCH p. 159 v. 1, 3, &4**

**\* Benediction:**

Rev. Victoria

*Form a circle*    **Let there be Peace on Earth**

Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God as our Maker, All one Family.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow.  
To take each moment, and live each moment  
In peace eternally,  
Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.

**Postlude:**

Lionel Jasmin and Alejandro Tapia

**Announcements**

***WE WELCOME YOU to the Community Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. To our visitors we extend a special greeting. We are delighted that you have joined us today. Please sign the information card and let us know if you need prayers.***

**TODAY**                    **December 29<sup>th</sup>, First Sunday of Christmas**  
    9:30 AM            Worship Service  
    10:30 AM           Coffee Fellowship + Fun and Games with Luz Barrera  
**THURSDAY**            **January 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
    7:00 PM            Choir Practice in Choir Room  
**FRIDAY**                **January 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
    10:00 AM           Bible Study meets in Lounge  
**SUNDAY**                **January 5<sup>th</sup> – Epiphany Sunday- Wisemen Manger Scene**  
    9:30 AM            Worship Service  
    10:30 AM           Coffee Fellowship

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