



# Special Music Sunday



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH CHICO  
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Rev. Jesse Kearns, Pastor

December 19th, 2021

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**Welcome Visitors!** We are excited that you have chosen to worship with us today; all are welcome and beloved—all races, gender identities, sexual orientations, socio-economic statuses, *everyone*.

## I. Prelude – “Come Unto Him” (Shelley Fairchild and Family)

## II. Welcome and Announcements - (Jesse Kearns)

- Today – No Kay’s Coffee Bar until January 16 due to temporary California public gathering mask mandate.
- Tuesday, December 21 - 1:00 p.m. Check-in on Zoom
- Wednesday, December 22 – 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts in Koinonia Hall.
- Thursday, December 23 – 11:00 a.m. Music Practice in room 4.
- Friday, December 24 – 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve service at First Baptist Church.
- Sunday, December 26 – 9:00 a.m. Sacred Grounds in chapel and on Zoom, 10:00 a.m. worship in sanctuary, Zoom and FaceBook Live.

## III. Carol – CH #148 “O Come All Ye Faithful” (Joshua Hegg)

O come, all ye faithful  
Joyful and triumphant  
O come, ye, O come ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold him  
Born the King of Angels  
O come, let us adore him  
O come, let us adore him  
O come, let us adore him Christ the Lord!

Sing choirs of angels  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above  
Glory to God,  
Glory in the highest  
O come, let us adore him  
O come, let us adore him  
O come, let us adore him Christ the Lord!

Child, for us sinners  
Poor and in the manger  
We would embrace thee  
With love and awe  
Who would not love thee  
Loving us so dearly  
O come, let us adore him  
O come, let us adore him  
O come, let us adore him Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee  
Born for our salvation  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given  
Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing  
O come, let us adore him  
O come, let us adore him  
O come, let us adore him Christ the Lord!

#### **IV. Children's Moment – (Jesse Kearns)**

#### **V. “Bring a Torch Jeanette Isabella” (Shelley Fairchild and Family)**

#### **VI. Luke 2:1-7 (Barbara Poetker)**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

#### **VII. “Mary Did You Know” (Marie Grandeen and Nancy Thompson)**

## **VIII. Carol - CH #144 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (Joshua Hegg)**

O little town of Bethlehem  
How still we see thee lie  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary  
And gathered all above  
While mortals sleep the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love  
O morning stars together  
Proclaim the holy birth  
Your voices raise to God in praise  
And peace to all on earth

How silently, how silently  
The wondrous gift is given  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The joys of highest heaven  
No ear may hear Christ coming  
But in this world of sin  
Where meek souls will receive him still  
The dear Christ enters in

O holy Child of Bethlehem  
Descend to us, we pray  
Cast out our sin, and enter in;  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell  
O come to us, abide with us  
Our God Emmanuel.

## **IX. Scripture #2 – Luke 2:8-14 (Bill Peterson)**

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

## **X. Carol – CH #149 “Angels From the Realms of Glory” (Joshua Hegg)**

Angels from the realms of glory  
Wing your flight o’er all the earth  
You who sang creation’s story  
Now proclaim Messiah’s birth  
Come and worship, come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King

Shepherds in the fields abiding  
Watching o’er your flocks by night  
God with us is now residing  
Yonder shines the infant light  
Come and worship, come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn king.

Sages, leave your contemplations  
Brighter visions beam afar  
Seek the great desire of nations  
You have seen the natal star  
Come and worship, come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn king.

Saints before the altar bending  
Watching long in hope and fear  
Suddenly the Lord descending  
Here among us shall appear  
Come and worship, come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn king.

## **XI. Luke 2:15-21 (Nancy Morgans-Ferguson)**

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

## **XII. “Wexford Carol” (Shelley Fairchild, Mary Kearns, Lori Adrian, Lyndsey Hannan and Nancy Thompson)**

## **XIII. Stewardship Moment (Christmas Project Update)**

## **XIV. “This Is My Wish” (Upbeats)**

**XV. Communion – (Elders Georgeanne Bennett and Peggy Davidson), “Pastoral Symphony” (Shelley Fairchild and Family)**

**XVI. “The Peace Carol” (Upbeats)**

**XII. Benediction (Pastor Jesse)**

**XIII. Postlude – “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” (Joshua Hegg’s Multiple Man Choir)**



**Advent 2021: Seeking God Among Us**

✧ **December 24th:** Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 7:00 p.m. with First Baptist, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, and Chico Friends Quakers at [First Baptist Church](#) (850 Palmetto Ave, Chico). The theme is “One Night in Bethlehem”

**Church office closed December 24th-January 2nd**

## **Christmas Flowers**


The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary have been given to proclaim the Gift of Love that came on Christmas, and in joyful celebration, memory or honor of those who have enriched our lives.

- ✧ Don and Kathy Moran in celebration of our children and grandchildren
- ✧ Corky Letellier in memory of Mary Small
- ✧ Connie Wakefield in memory of Marilyn Hiestand
- ✧ Darrel & Mary Louise Hunter in honor of our families
- ✧ Carolyn Driscoll in honor of Daniel Driscoll & in honor of Art and Helen Davey
- ✧ Nancy Thompson in honor of great grandchildren
- ✧ Peggy Davidson in celebration of new great granddaughter, Josephine
- ✧ Marie Grandeen
- ✧ Story Family in honor & memory of Story Wilmoth Braz
- ✧ Lowell & Diane Terrell in celebration of Mason Regan’s first Christmas, and all our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren

## **Christmas Card List:**

- ✔ Thank you to those who sent Christmas Cards
- ✔ Karen Zinniel, LHP Interiors
- ✔ Christian Church Foundation
- ✔ The Abbey of Our Lady of New Clairvaux
- ✔ CCNC-N Regional Office
- ✔ Lowell and Diane Terrell
- ✔ Joyce Carrier



2021 Christmas Offering 

*A special day offering of Disciples Mission Fund  
supporting the ministries of our Region*

**Christmas Special Offering will be taken  
December 12th and 19th**

**We imagine God's love revealed  
when Jesus called disciples to follow him**

And we imagine God's love revealed when our Region nurtures persons for ministry preparing them for ordination and commissioning.

**We imagine God's love revealed when Jesus  
drew his disciples into retreat**

And we imagine God's love revealed when our Region gathers children, youth, and adults in summer camps.

**We imagine God's love revealed when the Apostle Paul  
cared for congregations and helped them find their leaders**

And we imagine God's love revealed when our Region provides care for our pastors, encouragement to lay leaders, and support in transitions.

**We imagine God's love revealed when the early church  
found ways to break down racial, political, and economic  
barriers to form true community**

And we imagine God's love revealed when our Region assists pastors and congregations to honestly confront racism in our own time.

**We imagine God's love revealed when a young couple in  
Bethlehem, overwhelmed by God's love, gave birth to one  
in whom they could see God's face**

And we imagine God's love revealed when we see the face of God in our neighbor, the stranger, and the refugee.

We invite you to share your gift to the Christmas offering supporting the ministries of our Region as we continue our witness to God's love in our midst.

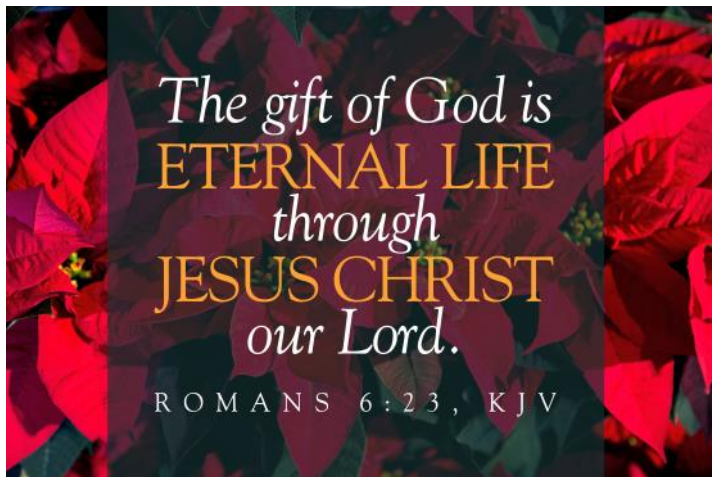


You may make a gift to the Christmas offering through your local church, or online at [disciplesmissionfund.org/give](https://disciplesmissionfund.org/give)

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**Bylaws**—We will be voting to approve the amendment of the Bylaws on January 2nd. [Here](#) is the link to vote. Please vote only once, either in person during the 10 am service in the Sanctuary on January 2nd, OR online via the [online survey](#).

- [Here is a PDF of the Bylaws showing the changes as highlighted in a simple format.](#)
- [Here is a PDF of the Bylaws showing all the amendments proposed, including all punctuation changes.](#)



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## CALENDAR

**Dec. 19th-26th 2021**

### **This Sunday—4th Sunday of Advent: Love**

9:00 a.m.-Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Chapel and on [Zoom](#)

10:00 a.m.-Indoor Worship in Sanctuary (please bring masks) and Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)

No Fellowship until after January 15th

### **Tuesday**

1:00 p.m. Check-in on [Zoom](#)

### **Wednesday**

6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Jay Nelson), Koinonia Hall and Fireside

### **Thursday**

11:00 a.m. Music Jam for all fully vaccinated musicians, Room 4

### **Friday—Christmas Eve**

7:00 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve service at First Baptist Church

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**Church Office Closed December 24th-December 31st**

**California Mask Mandate December 15th-January 15th: Everyone, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask in public indoor gatherings.**

## Some FAQs for Visitors

- **What is Communion?** Communion is a part of each Sunday morning where we remember the last meal that Jesus ate with the disciples by eating bread and drinking grape juice.
- **May I receive Communion?** Yes! Everyone is invited to receive -- we have no barrier to participating in communion.
- **What's a "Doxology"?** Some Sundays we will sing a "doxology" (literally "saying of glory") after we receive the offering. It is a prayer written in 1674 and is popular in Protestant Churches -- plus, we love the words.
- **Do we say the Lord's Prayer together?** We do pray the Lord's Prayer together occasionally on Sunday mornings during the prayer time.
- **What else should I know?** We'd love to share more of our loving and inclusive community with you. At FCC, you'll find all generations worshipping together and participating in church activities. We have activities for kids and youth, and we love to share in community together.
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