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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 – (Nancy Thompson)

## II. Welcome and Announcements - (Kathy Moran)

Today – Fellowship Time and candy cane hunt in K-Hall following worship.

Tuesday, November 29 - 1:00 p.m. Check-in on Zoom

Thursday, December 2 – 11:00 Music Practice

## III. Opening Hymn – CH #284 “Gather Us In” (Nancy Thompson)

Here in this place new light is streaming  
Now is the darkness vanished away  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
Brought here to you in the light of this day

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken  
Gather us in, the blind and the lame  
Call to us now and we shall awaken  
We shall arise at the sound of our name

We are the young, our lives are a mystery  
We are the old who yearn for your face  
We have been sung throughout all of history  
Called to be light to the whole human race

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty  
Gather us in, the proud and the strong  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly  
Give us the courage to enter the song

Here we will take the wine and the water  
Here we will take the bread of new birth  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters  
Call us anew to be salt for the earth

Give us to drink the wine of compassion  
Give us to eat the bread that is you  
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion  
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

Not in the dark of buildings confining  
Not in some heaven light years away  
But here in this place the new light is shining  
Now is the kingdom, now is the day

Gather us in and hold us forever  
Gather us in and make us your own  
Gather us in, all peoples together  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones  
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#### **IV. Call to Worship – (Kathy Moran)**

O come and be the hope in all our lives  
Though chaos and confusion still survive

**We know the path of hate all too well  
We need our God with us, Emmanuel!**

Rejoice, rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to us

**And all things shall be well**

#### **V. Children's Moment/Advent Candle and Calendar – (Jesse Kearns)**

#### **VI. Jeremiah 33:14-16 NRSV – (Kathy Moran)**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

## **VII. Luke 21:25-36 NRSV – (Kathy Moran)**

‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’

Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

## **VIII. Sermon - “The System Is Not Broken” (Georgeanne Bennett)**

## **IX. Song of Invitation – CH #125 “Come, O Long Expected Jesus” (Nancy Thompson)**

Come, O Long expected Jesus  
Born to set your people free  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Christ in whom our rest shall be  
You are strength and consolation  
Come salvation to impart  
Dear desire of many nation  
Joy of many longing heart

Born your people to deliver  
Born a child and yet a king  
Born to reign in us forever  
Born your gracious realm to bring  
By your own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone  
By your all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to your glorious throne.

## **X. Moment for Mission – (Recognition of New Leaders, Stewardship Report)**

## **XI. Prayers of the People – (Jesse Kearns)**

## **XII. Communion Song CH #408 “Come, Share the Lord” (Nancy Thompson)**

We gather here  
In Jesus’ name  
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame  
For thru his loving son  
The father makes us one  
Come take the bread  
Come drink the wine  
Come share the lord

No one is stranger here  
Ev’ry one belong  
Finding our forgiveness here  
We in turn forgive all wrongs

He joins us here  
He breaks the bread  
The lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead  
The one we love the most, is now our gracious host  
Come take the bread  
Come drink the wine  
Come share the lord

We are now a family  
Of which the lord is head  
Though unseen he meets us here  
In the breaking of the breads

We’ll gather soon  
Where angels sing  
We’ll see the glory of our lord and coming king  
Now we anticipate  
The feast for which we wait  
Come take the bread  
Come drink the wine  
Come share the Lord

## **XIII. Institution of Communion (Elders Kevin Zeitler and Bill Peterson)**

## **XIV. Partaking Communion Together**

## **XV. Blessing/Benediction (Jesse Kearns)**

## **XVI. Postlude - (Nancy Thomson)**

### **Credits**



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## CALENDAR

### **This Sunday—1st Sunday of Advent: Hope**

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](#)

### **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**

10:00 a.m. NAMI, Room 6 (last day)

### **Next Sunday—2nd Sunday of Advent: Peace**

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](#)

Church Office Administrative Assistant Briony works remotely from home on Fridays.

**Mask Guidelines for California** Due to the Delta variant, CDC and CDPH recommend everyone, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask. We are asking everyone to please wear a mask if you are able to.

## 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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