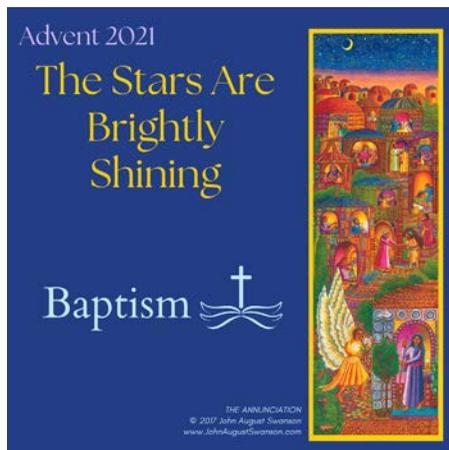


FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP

IN-PERSON **AND** ONLINE Worship • First Sunday of Advent • Baptism
November 28, 2021



WE GATHER

WELCOME AND LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Tricia Guerrero

O God, rejoicing, we remember the promise of your Son. As this candle is lit, may the blessing of Christ come upon us, brightening our way and guiding us. May Christ our Savior bring light into the darkness of our world, and to us, as we wait. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE Sleepers Wake! (J. S. Bach)

Ty Woodward, organ
Chancel Choir Octet

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jamie Jones, Lay Lector

God of promise and peace, from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness, that all the earth may stand in awe and wonder at your marvelous deeds.

Give us ears to hear and eyes to watch, that we may know your presence in our midst during this holy season of joy as we anticipate the coming of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

RESPONSE O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Ty Woodward

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

BAPTISM Sage Rumack (*see insert*)

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Jocelyn Hicks-Garner, Lay Leadership Team

We give thanks for God's Creating Spirit that continues to give us life and lead us forward!

Thanks be to God!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL Luke 21:25-36

Jamie Jones

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

HOMILY "The Stars Are Brightly Shining"

Rev. Patricia Farris

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER Creator of the Stars of Night

Ty Woodward

Creator of the stars of night, thy people's everlasting light,
O Christ, thou Savior of us all, we pray thee, hear us when we call.

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Tricia Guerrero

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.



SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM



Sunday, November 28, 2021

INTRODUCTION

Rev. Patricia Farris

Brothers and Sisters, from the beginnings of Christianity, baptism has been our entrance into the family of faith. We believe baptism is a visible sign of the grace and love of God at work in our lives. In baptism, we are marked as Christ's follower and welcomed as part of the universal church. We believe that Jesus gives children a special place in the family of faith. He said to us: "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."

PRESENTATION

Jocelyn Hicks-Garner, Lay Leadership Team

I am pleased to present to you **SAGE RUMACK** for Baptism.

THOSE TO BE BAPTIZED *(Questions to the Parents)*

Rev. Farris

Do you believe in God the source, the fountain of life; and in Christ, the offspring of God, embodied in Jesus of Nazareth and in the church; and in the liberating Spirit of God?

We do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you of new life in Christ, resisting evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

We do.

Will you nurture Sage in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself, to profess his faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

We will.

BAPTISM

Rev. Farris

SAGE

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

TO THE CONGREGATION

Jocelyn Hicks-Garner

Members of the household of faith, I commend Sage to your love and care. Let us do all in our power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

As members with him in the body of Christ and in this community of faith, we renew our promise to participate faithfully in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Jamie Jones

Your continued financial support of the church is now more important than ever. Offering plates are located in the Narthex. You may also give online at www.santamonicaumc.org/give; mail your gift to the church; or drop it into the mail slot of our offices any day of the week. You may continue to earmark gifts for our various mission projects. May God grow in us generous and joyful hearts. Thank you.

OFFERTORY

Chancel Choir Octet

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come (Paul O. Manz)

Peace be to you and grace from Him who freed us from our sins, who loved us all and shed His blood that we might saved be. Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, who was and is and is to come; sing Holy, Holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming, is coming soon, for Christ is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jamie Jones

Holy One, Light of the World, this Advent season we wait in hope and we give in hope. Hope for your coming reign; hope because of your presence with us even now. Receive these generous offerings, and use them for your work of healing and hope in our world. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

POSTLUDE March in C (Felix Mendelssohn)

Ty Woodward

Chancel Choir Octet: **Barbara Smith** & Karen Ing; **Vera Lugo** & Ann Wilson

Jeff Greif & Patty Eskridge; **Troy Robertson** & Michael McClish

Worship concludes with the Postlude music which prepares us to transition from worship to life in the world.

—**Welcome New Visitors!** We're happy you're here. You may fill out a New Visitor Sign-In form outside the sanctuary, or online to send us your prayer requests, questions, comments, and suggestions. Go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/im-new.

—**Flowers:** We accept donations to the Flower Fund to remember or honor a loved one for Sunday Worship service. To donate to the flower fund, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/flower-fund.

—**Prayer Quilts:** If there is a prayer quilt during service, you may call or email Sarah in the church office to request a tie be made on the quilt for you; she will let you know the requested prayers: Sarah Rold (310.393.8258), or s.rolld@santamonicaumc.org. Prayers will be collected Tuesday – Friday of the following week, and the prayer knots will be tied by the church staff. To request a Prayer Quilt for someone in need, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/prayerquiltministry.

—**Give:** Offering plates are located in the Narthex. You may also give securely online at www.santamonicaumc.org/give, via mail, or onsite through the office mail slot. No gift is too small. Thank you!

—**Prayer Requests:** The Prayer Chain is a network of persons who pray in response to prayer requests, and treat all requests as confidential. You may send a prayer request at any time, and our Prayer Chain will be notified of your request. For more info, go to www.santamonicaumc.org/prayer-requests.

—**Westside Food Bank:** We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. Bins are located outside the Sanctuary Sunday mornings.

STAY CONNECTED:

- **Men's Bible Study:** Tuesdays, 7 a.m. via Zoom
- **Young Adults/Open Space:** Next meeting: December 8, in-person
- **Listening Hearts Women's Group:** Next meeting, December 1
- **Sunday School for Kids:** Today - meet in the Courtyard
- **Youth Ministry:** Not meeting tonight

Sunday Social Hour: Both In Person and Online!

After Worship in the First UMC Courtyard
AND continuing Online 11 a.m. Zoom Social Hour

Zoom info: <https://zoom.us/j/96578397184>

Zoom ID: **965 7839 7184** - Password: **fumc**

For information on how to join any of these ongoing ministries,
visit the website: www.santamonicaumc.org.

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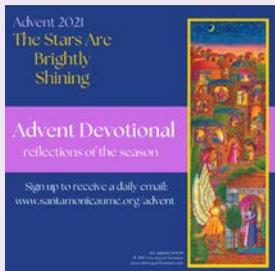
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God is real. God is love. ■ Together we can change the world.

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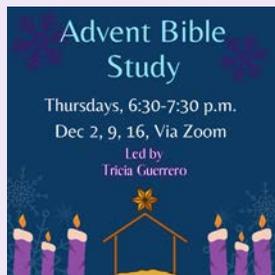
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Advent Devotional

At its heart, Advent is a season of reflection, and to help us along the way is our Advent Devotional - a collection of daily scripture readings along with written reflections by a diverse group of people from our church. We're also excited to offer Audio Devotions on Sundays and the last week of Advent. A wonderful opportunity to share Advent with friends and family! Printed booklets available at church, or sign up for the daily devotional emails:

www.santamonicaumc.org/advent



Advent Bible Study

Join Tricia Guerrero for an Advent Bible study on Zoom, for three Thursdays in December. The study will help us to prepare for Sunday worship in Advent, as we reflect on the coming Sunday's scripture, alongside parts of John August Swanson's artwork, *The Annunciation*. To sign up, visit www.santamonicaumc.org/advent.
Advent Bible Study: Thursdays, December 2, 9, 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m. via Zoom



Angel Tree Project

Angel Tree is a Christmas outreach project for Family Place at Upward Bound House, led by Chris Ruud. The goal is to fill 26 laundry baskets with new household items to provide families with new things for Christmas. Please contact Chris (310 393.3255, chr10is@yahoo.com) and she will tell you what is still needed and what you can do to help. For more info, visit:

www.santamonicaumc.org/angel-tree-project



Creche in the Courtyard

Come by the church courtyard to view the annual Creche scene. At Christmastime, our hearts are drawn to the story of the humble birth of Jesus. You will find him in the creche with the Holy Family—Joseph and Mary—a shepherd, and the animals that shared their shelter and warmth. In him, God's love comes to be with us, bringing peace, hope and joy for all.

Your continued financial support of the church is now more important than ever: www.santamonicaumc.org/give



Stewardship 2022

Your steady and reliable financial support has seen us through lean times. We rejoice in these blessings and give thanks to God! Now it's time to lean into the hope that comes from God, pledging to do our part through our generous giving and financial pledge for 2022. Each gift makes a difference. Each pledge is an investment in the lives of God's people. Each act of faithful giving spreads God's love and hope far and wide and deep.

www.santamonicaumc.org/stewardship



Alternative Christmas Fair – Online

Sponsored by the Missions Council, the Alternative Christmas Fair is a way to support mission projects and programs in the community and around the world, by giving a financial gift in the name of a loved one. Each donation (\$5 minimum) comes with a e-card with the gift information. Share the SPIRIT of Christmas! This year we celebrate Alternative Christmas on the website through December. View the 2021 Projects, and fill out the Giving Form online, then you will receive a receipt via email with your donation. www.santamonicaumc.org/acfair

*Coffee Hour with Missions Council

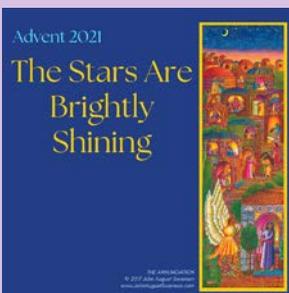
Join Jocelyn Hicks-Garner, Missions Council chair, as she joins 11 a.m. Zoom Social Hour to discuss the Mission Projects of the Alternative Christmas Online Fair.

December 5 & 12, 11 a.m. via Zoom



Sunday Social Hour: Both In-Person and Online

Come say "Hi" and spend some time in community after worship today. We offer two ways you can participate - in person and online - or you can do both! Following worship, come outside to the courtyard to visit and say Hello to one another. Then at 11 a.m., we will continue to offer Zoom Coffee Hour to all who would like to participate. **Sundays at 11 a.m. Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/96578397184> Zoom ID: 965 7839 7184 Password: fumc**



Christmas Eve Services

Christmas Eve Outdoor Worship
Friday, December 24, 4 p.m.

First UMC Courtyard - Family Friendly
Celebrate with Christmas carols,
re-telling the Christmas story, and
rejoicing together!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Friday, December 24, 7 p.m.

In-Person and Online Worship
Choir, Organ, Harp and Candlelight