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GATHERING MUSIC

Janet Searfoss, piano

WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero

Your continued financial support of the church is now more important than ever. Offering plates are located on the back table. 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.

RESPONSIVE READING

Dominic Rold

Do not be afraid; for see - I bring 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 Christ the Lord.

Glory to God in the Highest.

And peace to all who find rest in Him.

CHRISTMAS CAROL O Come, All Ye Faithful (*see insert*)

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Angie, Witney and Henry Seibold

Great God of love and light, we thank you for the light of that special star that guided shepherds and magi to the holy baby. Lead us now, by the light of your love, that we may follow you to new life in him. In celebration of the birthday of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

A Christmas Story

INTRODUCTION TO THE CHRISTMAS STORY

#217 United Methodist Hymnal – Away in a Manger

As we sing, the Holy Family will make their way forward.

READING FROM LUKE The Entrance of the Holy Family

MESSAGE ABOUT THE HOLY FAMILY

#238 UMH – Angels We Have Heard on High

READING FROM LUKE The Entrance of the Angels

MESSAGE ABOUT THE ANGELS

#245 UMH – The First Noel

READING FROM LUKE The Entrance of the Shepherds & Sheep

MESSAGE ABOUT THE SHEPHERDS

#254 UMH – We Three Kings

READING FROM MATTHEW The Entrance of the Magi

MESSAGE ABOUT THE MAGI

#251 UMH – Go, Tell It on the Mountain

THE ENTRANCE OF YOU AND ME

CLOSING HYMN Silent Night, Holy Night

Go forth this Christmas Eve in God's love and peace.

Pastoral Associate for Family Ministries: Tricia Guerrero
Children's Ministries Coordinator: Jamie Jones
First UMC Preschool Director: Dee Menzies
Senior Minister: Rev. Patricia Farris
Pianist: Janet Searfoss
Holy Family: Katya, Rosendo and Luka Huerta
A/V Engineer and Videographer - Adam Guerrero, Ben Ing and Brandon Searfoss

Welcome! We count it a privilege and a blessing to worship with you on this joyous Christmas Eve. If you come as a guest, we hope you will leave as a friend.

This is a moment to grow in generosity and joyful hearts, offering all the gifts with which we have been blessed to hold one another through these times. The offering plates are on the table as you leave. Stewardship: It's not too late to turn in your 2022 pledge - you may pledge online at: www.santamonicaumc.org/stewardship, or mail in your pledge card. Thank you!

For information on the ministries and events of First UMC Santa Monica, visit the website: www.santamonicaumc.org or download the First UMC App (go to the App Store, search FirstUMC_SM).

Christmas Prayer

May God's light shine brightly in your hearts, experiencing a renewed sense of God's love and healing presence in your life. For the light shining in the darkness, shining persistently and magnificently, heralds the dawn of a new day. In the Christ Child is born the fullness of life, joy, and peace for all. Amen.

Carols and Hymns

O Come All Ye Faithful

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;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all 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.

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
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The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King
of Israel.

We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal
beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens
there shown a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born.

Silent Night, Holy Night

Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin
mother and child.

Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light;
radiant beams from thy holy face
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night,
wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!





Alternative Christmas - Last Week to Give!

There's still time to help us share the Spirit of Christmas this year with Alternative Christmas. To all who already supported by making a donation in the name of a loved one, your gifts helped our seven chosen mission projects to continue their much-needed work during this difficult year. A big thanks to Jocelyn Hicks-Garner and the Missions Council for organizing this event, and for hosting two coffee hours with discussions about the mission projects.

Through December: www.santamonicaumc.org/acfair



January Mid-Week Recital

After a short break in December, the Mid-Week recitals are back for 2022. January's recital features **Philip Vaiman, violin, & Miloš Veljković, piano**. Philip is a Russian-born American violinist who continues the great Russian string-playing tradition. Miloš was born in Serbia, and is now based in Los Angeles.

Wednesday, January 12, 12:10 p.m.

ONLINE: Facebook: @santamonicaumc • YouTube Channel : www.youtube.com/c/santamonicaumc • Website: www.santamonicaumc.org/livestream

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Ongoing Ministries in January

- **Men's Bible Study:** Tuesdays, 7 a.m. via Zoom
- **Open Space Young Adults Soul Care:** In-Person and Online meetings
- **Listening Hearts Women's Group, with Tricia Guerrero:**

1st and 3rd Wednesdays: January 5 & 19, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

- **Sunday School for Kids:** Sundays, 10 a.m.

Hybrid of in-person and Zoom Sunday School for ages 2 and up.

- **UMYF Youth Group:** Sundays, 6 p.m. First UMC Courtyard

For more information on all of these programs, go to

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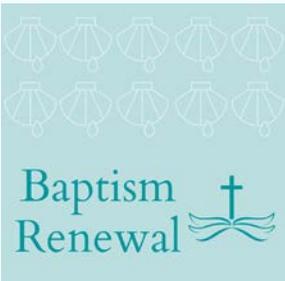
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Epiphany

Join us for January 2 worship, where we share the sacrament of Holy Communion and explore the meanings of the Epiphany, "the twelfth day of Christmas." The Epiphany reveals to us the true nature of the Messiah God has sent to be born among us, to be born within us. The Three Kings prod us to explore for ourselves the power of this love, the import of this love, the range and depth of this love. We are invited to claim it for ourselves and to let its light illumine our lives with grace and peace. We are emboldened to share it with all who, by God's grace, cross our path and share our world. And we are tasked to insure all its benefits for the least and the last, the lonely and the lost, subjects of a new king whose only power is love.

Sunday, January 2, 10 a.m. In-Person and Online Worship



Baptismal Renewal

Each year as a new year begins, we enjoy the renewing of our baptismal vows as a time to recommit our lives in the example of Christ Jesus and receive a fresh out-pouring of the Holy Spirit. We invite you to prayerfully prepare for worship on January 9 together, in-person and online. If you are participating online, prepare a small cup or bowl of water which will become for us a source of new life. This is the water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.

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Sunday Social Hour: Both In-Person and Online

Come say "Hi" and spend some time in community after worship today. Following worship, come outside to the courtyard to visit and say Hello to one another. Then at 11 a.m., we offer Zoom Coffee Hour to all who would like to participate. **Sundays at 11 a.m.**

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