

December 24, 2017

Christmas Eve

11:00PM

**FULLERTON FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ORDER OF SERVICE

**Indicates: Please stand if you are able.*

GATHERING AND PRAISE ---

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| Prelude | “Lo! How a Rose”
<i>Michael Bedford</i> | Kate Grabenstein, organ |
| Call to Worship | “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”
<i>(Sanctus 11th century)</i> | |
| Carol | “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”
<i>(In Dulci Jubilo, 1582)</i> | UM Hymnal 224
(stanzas 1 & 2) |
| Welcome | | |
| *Passing the Peace of Christ | | |
| *Carol | “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” | UM Hymnal 224
(stanza 3) |

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ---

The Bidding Prayer

Our Lord’s Prayer

The Word of Beginning: Genesis 3:8-20 Pam Taylor, reader
*God announces in the Garden of Eden that humanity will struggle
and be separated from its closeness to God’s spirit.*

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (15th century French)
Brian Mitchell, Oboe

The Word of Prophecy: Isaiah 40:1-11 John Lamkin, reader
God’s love is forever and God will never abandon us.

“Comfort Ye” from *Messiah*
G.F. Handel (1741)
Steven McCann, tenor

The Word of Coming: Micah 5:2-4 Kathie Eaton, reader
The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.

“O Thou That Tellest” from *Messiah*
Lauren Adaska, alto

The Word of Announcement: Luke 1:26-35, 38 Kathy Norris, reader
The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” (1599, German)

Vocal Ensemble

The Word of Adoration:

Luke 2:8-20

Don McFarland, reader

The shepherds go to the manger.

“Coventry Carol” (1591, England)

Vocal Ensemble

A Christmas Message

Pastor Paula Ferris

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

“Gesù Bambino”

Pietro A. Yon

A Service of Holy Communion

UM Hymnal 13

Invitation

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will, we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the Good News:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

That proves God’s love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God! Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Our cup is always non-alcoholic and gluten free bread is available.

*You need not be a member of this, or any, church
to share in the sacrament.*

“What Child is This?” (16th century, English)

Lauren Adaska, soprano

Russ Wilson, recorder

Kate Grabenstein, keyboard

Prayer After Receiving

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Candle Lighting Ceremony

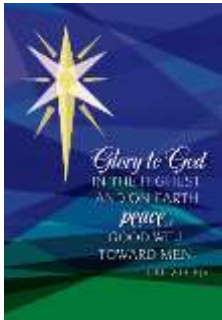
“O Holy Night” (1884)

Lauren Adaska, soprano

***Hymn**

“Silent Night”

***Blessing**



We thank! Our vocal ensemble: Lauren Adaska, Cathy Wilson, Steven McCann, Russell Wilson.
Kate Grabenstein, organ
For a beautiful “Nowell”

Coming in January! Sermon Series



LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES!

“Finding Nemo and Finding Me”

“Hidden Figures and Unhidden Faith”

“Billy Elliott and the Dance of Joy”

“Beauty and the Beast and the Possibilities”

“A Family Thing”

and more .

Sunday fun for the whole family!

Bring a friend during January and get a gift for you and your friend!

Please check our website for a calendar of events for this week.

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