



**United Church of Christ of California – California, MO**  
**Rev. Russell Cobb** **Pastor**  
**Mrs. Beth Dampf** **Organist**  
**Mrs. Stacy Friedrich** **Sr. Choir Director**

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**December 19, 2021**  
**The Fourth Sunday in Advent**

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The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome and Announcements

\*Processional Hymn No. 100 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Call to Worship: LOVE (*Please be seated.*)

Advent Reading: Love (from 2 Samuel)

Leader: Today we relight the first three candles of the Advent wreath. The candle of HOPE, PEACE and JOY.

*Lighting of The Candles of HOPE, PEACE, and JOY*

Leader: Now we light the fourth candle of Advent. This is the candle of LOVE.

*Lighting of The Candle of LOVE.*

Leader: Jesus demonstrated self-giving love in his ministry as the Good Shepherd. Advent is a time for kindness, thinking of others, and sharing with others. It is a time to love as God loved us by giving us his most precious gift. As God is love, let us be love also. From the Gospel of John, we hear:

Congregation: **“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”**

Prayer of the Day:

**Teach us to love, O Lord. May we always remember to put you first as we follow Christ’s footsteps, that we may know your love and show it in our lives. As we prepare for our celebration of Jesus’ birth, also fill our hearts with love for the world, that all may know your love and the one whom you have sent, your son, our Savior. Amen.**

Call to Praise

O Lord, open our lips!

**And our mouths shall show forth your praise!**

Act of Praise *“Gloria Patri” (printed on laminated card in pew rack)*

Invitation to Children’s Time

Hymn for Children – “Jesus Loves Me”

Children’s Time

The Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves

Response *“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

Prayer of Dedication

~Sr. Choir Christmas Cantata~

Were You There on That Christmas Night?

Readers: Kendra Hall & Allan Mortenson

A Great Light

Bethlehem

Never Been a Night Like This!

All is Well

Sing We Now of Christmas

Welcome to Our World

Were You There on That Christmas Night?

Glory to the Newborn King

Benediction

\*Congregational Response

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Postlude

Thank you to the **Alan Chambers Family** for leading the  
Advent Call to Worship this morning

A **Nursery** is available in the upstairs hallway, just outside the sanctuary. The attendant on duty is Taylor Ratcliff. The volunteer helper is Courtney Cassil. There are activity bags at the back of the sanctuary for children that stay in the worship service.

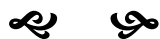
**Need some help with hearing?** See an usher at the back of the sanctuary to check out a hearing assisted unit for your personal use in the sanctuary and in the Friendship Hall. We have new units available.

**Notice the “Connection Cards” in the pews.** They are for our guests or anyone that has a prayer request or needs more information about the church. Please place it in the offering plate.

## **Salem UCC Christmas Program – Tonight at 7:00 pm**

The Sounds of Joy will be performing &  
Donna Ward from Grace Living will be speaking

A second Christmas tree has been put up in the sanctuary. We are calling it the **“Memory Tree.”** It is for families to decorate with an ornament in memory of their loved one. It will be on the pulpit side of the sanctuary. You can stop by anytime and put your ornament on the tree. Please leave us a note when you bring in your ornament so we can list your loved one’s ornament in the bulletin.



**Thank You!!!**

**Thanks to everyone who took Angel’s from The Angel Tree  
and either purchased gifts or donated money for food  
certificates for the children and their families**



**Activities Calendar: December 19, 2021 ~ December 26, 2021**

**Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> - Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

7:00 p.m. – Salem UCC Christmas Program

**Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 p.m. – Brotherhood Caroling

**Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

**Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

6:30 p.m. – Christmas Program Practice – Dress Rehearsal

**Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve (Office Closed)**

7:00 p.m. – UCC of California Christmas Program

**Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day**

10:00 a.m. – Worship & Holy Communion

**Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School (Cookies & Carols)

10:30 a.m. – Worship

**Articles for  
*The Tidings*  
due Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Thank you!**

**Offering Envelope Boxes**

Offering envelope boxes are available to be picked up at the back of the Sanctuary. If there is not a box with your name on it & you would like to have a box, please notify the Church Office. Thank you!

**Annual Reports for Committees & Organizations are due in the Church Office by December 30, 2021. Financial reports are due January 7, 2022. Thank you!**

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY**

6:00 p.m. Sundays at New Life Christian Center  
A Christ-Centered 12 Step Support Group for Men  
"Overcoming Our Hurts, Hangups And Habits Together"

# ROCK SOLID FINANCES

This class will provide sound financial strategies based on the truth of God's Word. We will cover topics on budgeting, debt management and managing money God's way by applying biblical principles.

**This workshop will start at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings, January 12, 2022 through February 9, 2022 & last between 45 minutes to no more than an hour.**

**You can sign up for this workshop at the back of the sanctuary or on the bulletin board by the kitchen.**

## **Project Share & the Food Pantry Need Volunteers**

The Food pantry needs volunteers on the first Wednesday of each month for pre-packing dry goods that each family receives. Please stop by the Food Pantry and ask for Bill Hess if interested.

Project Share is always seeking volunteers to sort clothes on Mondays and Tuesdays. They also need help working in the front of the store when they are open. Contact Lina Eddy at 573-480-5103 if you are interested in helping.

## **rightnow MEDIA**

To get access to Right Now Media for you and your family use the link or text to the number listed below.

Custom Registration Link –

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/CALUCC>

Text Registration Code – UCOC to 4977

## **After School Food Program for Students**

Every Friday from 3:15-5:30 PM ~ 410 S. Oak St., California  
For more information, call 573-418-0385

### *Please pray for these . . .*

Love & Justice in God's World

The Family & Friends of Carolyn Niccum-Armes

*(sister of Jerry Wolfrum)*

Our Confirmands:

Ashton Bolinger, Addison Carr, Heston Gatlin, Adler Koestner,  
Amelia Motley, Chase Trimble, Cody Schneider

### **All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:**

Becky Zuidervaat   Charlie Gabert   Collin Mouse

Jo Suggs   Chris Schoenthal   Kim (Yelton) Haesemeier

Judy Kilmer   Bill Schacht

### **All Those Serving in the U.S. Military, including:**

Craig Hall *(Air Force, stationed at Dyess AFB, Abilene, TX)*

Martin Knipker *(son of Kenny Knipker)*

Dwight Bowlin *(grandson of Jack & Carole Bowlin, Fort Campbell, KY)*

Dakota Meyer *(grandson of Billy Meyer, Ft. Carson, Colorado Springs, CO)*

Madelynn Perry *(granddaughter of Jan Anderson, army – Europe)*

Dylan Ash *(son of Lanny & Ellen Ash, stationed at Oak Harbor, WA)*

Hayden Grant *(grandson of Kathy Grant, Air Force, Pensacola, FL)*

Kyle Hofstetter *(son of Scott & Jill Hofstetter, stationed at San Diego, CA)*

Alexander Ives *(nephew of Pamela Hill, Army – Fort Bragg)*

Cory Friedmeyer *(grandson of Charles Goode, Marines, Palm Springs, CA)*

Ryan Carel *(nephew of Leroy Schnieders, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC)*

Derek Meyer *(grandson of Elaine & Eldred Proctor, Army, Fort Bragg, NC)*

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**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS HAVE BEEN  
PLACED IN MEMORY OF ~**

**Nick & Trella Clennin**  
**Harold & Ruth Clennin**  
by Carla Clennin

**Walter Pate**, by Jim & Roberta Pate

**Bob Burger**, by Jim & Roberta Pate  
& Lisa Burger

**Cletus & Geneva Kueffer**  
by Rhonda & Duane Huhmann,  
Amy & Tom Huhmann

**Wayne Bueker**, by Mary Bueker & Family

**Walter & Maxine Bueker**  
by Mary Bueker & Family

**Carl & Alice Meisenheimer** by the Family

**Rollie Brizendine**, by Mary Lee Brizendine

**William Schlup**, by the Family

**Bob Keil**, by the Family

**Ed & Ella Kueffer**, by the Bob Kueffer Family

**Daniel Franks**, by Elaine Proctor & Family

**Robert S. "Bob" Bruce**, by Patty Bruce & Family

**Bill Burger**  
**Fred & Lucy Burger**  
**Donald & Eva Mae Switzer**  
by Judy, Jeremy, and Andy & Families

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS HAVE BEEN  
PLACED IN MEMORY OF ~**

**Robert (Bob) Burger  
Martin & Florence Burger  
Irvin & Vernie Stegner**  
by Mary Burger

**Gene Ash, Daryl Ash, & David Ash**  
by Judy Ash

**Ed & Mary Lou Hert,** by the Family

**J.E. & Charlene Ford,** by the Family

**Don & Katharine Ratcliff**  
by Dale & Carol Ratcliff & Family

**Vernon & Dorothy Messerli**  
by Dale & Carol Ratcliff & Family

**A. Margaret Bueker,** by the Family

**E.M. & Natalia Burger,** by the Family

**Morris Burger**  
With our love – from Delores & family

**Rev. Richard Ferris,** by Carmen Ferris

**Norma McDaniel,** by Harley, Steve, and Deb McDaniel

**Gail Wolfrum, Logan Cary, & Caroline Wolfrum**  
by Betty Swillum, Carol Wolfrum, & Beth Peeper

**Herman & Juanita Wolfrum**  
by Betty Swillum, Carol Wolfrum, & Beth Peeper

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS HAVE BEEN  
PLACED IN MEMORY OF ~**

**Justin Trimble, by Amanda, Macie, & Chase Trimble**

**Dick & Jane Spieler, by the Family**

**Roger L. Kirchoff**  
by Dorothy Kirchoff & Family

**Grandpa Bob Keil, by Austin, Kaitlyn, & Keil Mouse**

**Stephen Wilson, by Duane & Judy Barbour**

**Marie & Belva Wilson**  
**Catherine & Raymond Barbour**  
by Duane & Judy Barbour

**Evis & Gladys Stauffer, by the Family**

**Brad Kueffer, by the Kueffer Family**

**Douglas J. Cantriel, by JoAnn Cantriel & Family**

**Ruby Lee Smith &**  
**In Honor of (MawMaw) Carole Beth Bowlin**  
by Caleb Howard

**ORNAMENTS ON THE MEMORY TREE HAVE  
BEEN PLACED IN MEMORY OF . . .**

**"Papa" Wayne Howard, by Caleb Howard**

**Wayne Howard, by Kent, Gerri & Caleb Howard**

**Gary Oesterly, by Mary Oesterly & Family**

**Robert (Bob) Burger  
Martin & Florence Burger  
Irvin & Vernie Stegner  
by Mary Burger**

**Herman & Juanita Wolfrum  
Gail L. Wolfrum, Logan Cary & Caroline Wolfrum  
by Carol Wolfrum**

**Walter Pate  
Bob Burger  
by Jim & Roberta Pate**

**Bonnie Wolfrum, by the Wolfrum Family**

**Morris Burger  
Jim & Betty Stables  
Janet Dueber  
by Philip & Susan Burger**

**Louis & Ruby Coale, by Jerry & Ruth Coale**

**Dennis Gerlach, by Kathy Gerlach & Family**

**Morris Burger (1935-2020), by Dolores Burger**

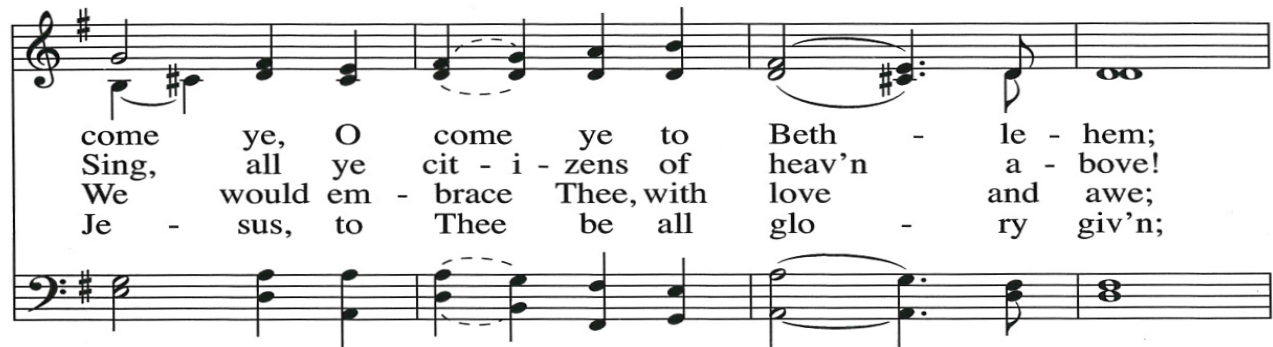
**Justin Trimble, by Amanda, Macie & Chase Trimble**

**Kristina Caldwell, by her family  
& friend, Amanda Trimble**

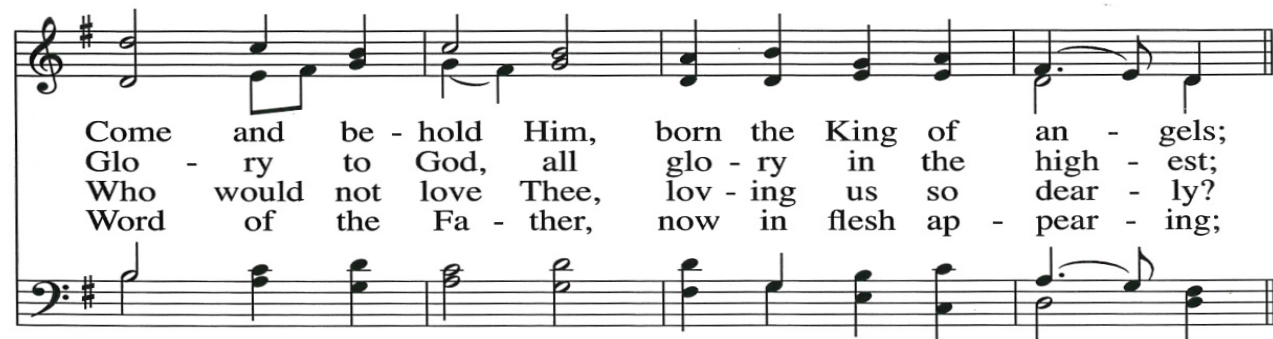
# O Come, All Ye Faithful



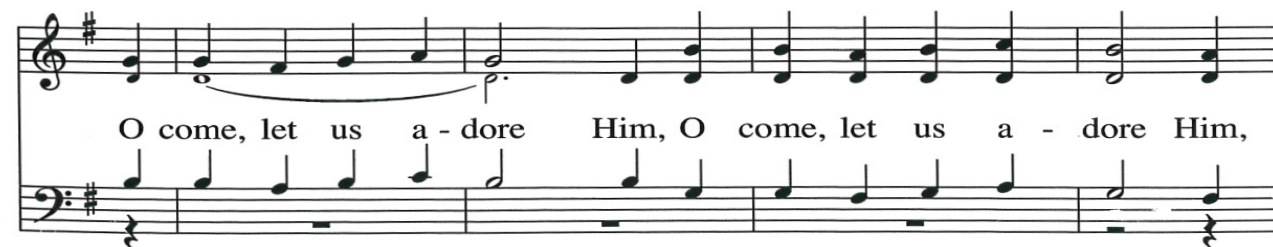
1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
 2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 3. Child for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,  
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,



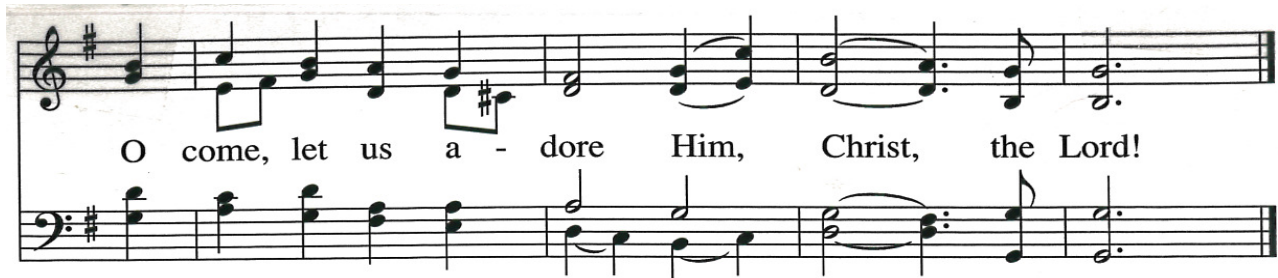
come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!  
 We would em - brace Thee, with love and awe;  
 Je - sus, to Thee be all glo - ry giv'n;



Come and be - hold Him, born the King of an - gels;  
 Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;  
 Who would not love Thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?  
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ, the Lord!

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son,  
our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy  
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered  
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,  
and buried; he descended into hell; the  
third day he arose again from the dead; he  
ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the  
right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the  
quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the one  
Holy universal Christian Church; the  
communion of saints; the forgiveness of  
sins; the resurrection of the body; and the  
life everlasting. Amen.



## GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.

## 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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory for ever. Amen.



## DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings  
flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.



## KYRIE

*Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.*  
**Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.**  
*Minister: Christ, have mercy upon us.*  
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