

# Hope



**The Stone Church of Willow Glen -  
Presbyterian Church (USA)  
San José, California**

**November 27, 2022 - 9:30 a.m.  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

## **The Preparation for the Word**

*Before worship, speak with God. During worship, let God speak to you.  
After worship, speak with those around you.*

**Chimes**

**Prelude**

*“Wachet Auf”  
(Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying)*

*J. S. Bach (1685-1750)  
Barbara Vella, Organist*

**Welcome**

*Rev. Evie Macway, Interim Pastor*

**Introit**

*“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (vs. 1) Please join the choir for the refrain  
“Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel!”*

**Call to Worship**

*Andrew Clark, Liturgist  
(from Isaiah 2:5; Matthew 24:42; Romans 13:11-12)*

*Now is the time to wake from sleep.*

**The night is far gone; the day is near.**

*Keep awake; be ready. Christ is coming!*

**Let us walk in the light of the Lord!**

## \*Processional Hymn #12

“People, Look East”

1.  
People, look east. The time is near  
Of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
Trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the guest, is on the way.

3.  
Birds, though you long have ceased to build,  
Guard the nest that must be filled.  
Even the hour when wings are frozen  
God for fledging time has chosen.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the bird, is on the way.

2.  
Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
One more seed is planted there:  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
That in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the rose, is on the way.

4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim  
One more light the bowl shall brim,  
Shining beyond the frosty weather,  
Bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the star, is on the way.

## Lighting of our Advent Candle

Amity & Ainsley Bateman

With Christians around the world, today we begin our Advent journey. The lights of these candles light our way and help us to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of God’s Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Today we light the candle of hope to remind ourselves that God is at work in this world. From generation to generation, God has brought good news of love and compassion, justice and community. Let us rest and abide in that good news. Let us pray together...

**Lord as we look to the birth of Jesus, grant that the light of your love for us will help us to become lights in the lives of those around us. Prepare our hearts for the joy and gladness of your coming, Amen.**

## Call to Confession (from A Sanctified Art)

In God’s house, everyone is welcome—those who seem like they have it all together, and those who feel like their world is falling apart. No matter who we are, there’s room for us here. With that confidence, we turn to God in prayer, speaking the truth of our lives. Let us pray.

## Prayer of Confession

God of today and God of tomorrow, you say, “Bring your full self. There’s room for you here.”

**But we say, “Our lives are too messy.”**

You say, “Bring your hopes and your dreams. There’s room for you here.”

**But we say, “It’s too risky to hope.”**

You say, “Bring your grief and your prayers. There’s room for you here.”

**But we say, “Some things are easier to forget.”**

God of today and God of tomorrow, we know in our hearts that there’s room for us here.

**Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you.**

**Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best.**

Help us remember, today and tomorrow,

**There’s room for every story. Amen.**

## Silence

## Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Irene Pak Lee, Associate Pastor

Family of faith, we who feel scattered are held together. We who have lost our way are forgiven and found. And we who are lonely are brought into the fold and are told, “There’s room for you here.”

From generation to generation, this is the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are held, forgiven, found, and welcomed. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*Gloria #23**                      *“Angels We Have Heard on High” (Refrain only)*

***Glo...ria in excelsis Deo!***

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**\*The Passing of the Peace**

*The Peace of Christ be with you.*

**And also with you.**

### **We Listen To God’s Word**

**First Scripture Reading**

*Romans 13:11-14 (N.T., p. 162)*

*Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.*

**Anthem**

*“Advent Song”*

*Eugene Butler*

*Stone Church Chancel Choir; Nancy Kromm, Director*

**Children’s Sermon**

*(Children dismissed to church school)*

*Rev. Evie Macway*

**Second Scripture Reading**

*Isaiah 2:1-5 (O.T., p. 631)*

*The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.*

*In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.’ For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.*

*O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!*

**Sermon**

*“Hope: Waiting on Tiptoe”*

*Rev. Evie Macway*

### **We Respond to the Good News**

**\*Hymn of Response**

*“While We Are Waiting, Come” (see insert)*

*#92, Glory to God Hymnal*

*1*

*While we are waiting come*

*While we are waiting come*

*Jesus our Lord Emmanuel*

*While we are waiting come*

*3*

*Come Savior quickly come*

*Come Savior quickly come*

*Jesus our Lord Emmanuel*

*While we are waiting come*

*2*

*With pow'r and glory come*

*With pow'r and glory come*

*Jesus our Lord Emmanuel*

*While we are waiting come*

## Call for the Offering

### Offertory

“Macht hoch die Tur”  
(Fling Wide the Door)

Robert Buckley Farlee (b. 1950)

### \*Dedication of the People and Their Gifts Hymn #592

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost.***

### \*Prayer of Dedication

#### Prayers of the People and 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 forever. Amen.**

### We Go Out in God’s Name

### \*Closing Hymn #2

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.	2. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne
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### \*Charge and Benediction

#### Postlude

“The King Shall Come”

Charles Ore (b. 1936)

*Feel free to depart quietly. Please be mindful of those enjoying the postlude.  
Please exit thru the back doors, thru the Narthex to the patio.*

### \*Those who are able may stand.

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### Thank You...

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**ASL** ~ Hannah Pahl

**Deacon Greeters** ~ Sheri Cunningham

**Ushers** ~ Rhonda & Bill Lakatos

**Sound** ~ Marion Lee

**Zoom** ~ Marshall Sandoval Clark

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*The Stone Church of Willow Glen acknowledges that the land on which we worship this morning is the unceded land of the Muwekma Ohlone people.*

*During November, the **Buildings & Grounds Committee** and friends are serving coffee and refreshments after worship. Everyone is invited!*

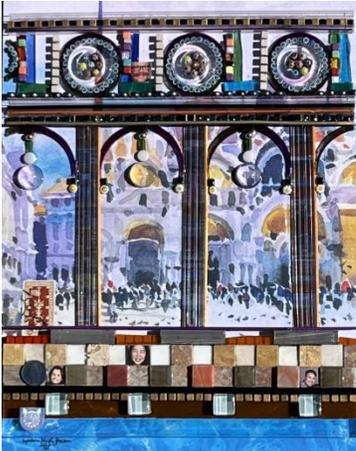
Membership Inquiry Luncheon: March 2023

Contact [evie\\_macway@stonechurch.org](mailto:evie_macway@stonechurch.org)

**Welcome Guests and Visitors!** We hope you already feel at home among us here at Stone Church. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship after worship.

**We Welcome** the sound of any little ones during worship, but if your baby (age 0-3) gets too wiggly for you; you may take them to the Nursery, located in the hallway between the Sanctuary & the Social Hall. It's open each Sunday for children ages 0-3 during worship, and for ages 0-up during Adult Ed study classes (11-Noon).

**Children's Sunday School** - Children attend worship with their families, and then leave for classes after the children's sermon. Please pick up preschool children from Room A at 10:50. All other children will be released at that time as well.



**Original bulletin Art** created by Willow Glen Artist Lynden Keith Johnson. From far and wide we are *Bringing Christmas Home*, a tradition I began some years ago for the Advent Season, arriving in California on the fourth Sunday of Advent. People are on the move. We travel. Most of us were not born where we presently live, and we all have friends and family living elsewhere. Furthermore, technology enables us to be ever-aware of the entire world if we so choose. No matter where on Earth our loved ones reside, there is a special place for them in our hearts at Christmas-tide.

Today we have an assemblage/collage impression of Piazza San Marco, Venice, Italy.

**The Chrismon Tree** – Early Christians used symbols on jewelry, utensils, and buildings to identify themselves to one another and to designate meeting places. These symbols also served to teach the faith and beliefs of the Christians, and thus were passed on through generations. “Chrismon” is a combination of two words, “Christ,” and “monogram.” Monogram means initials, or symbols for a particular person. A Chrismon tree bears symbols conveying the life of Christ and the meaning of Christmas through commonly found items and easily understood symbols (cross, star, fish, circle, heart, butterfly...). Please enjoy our Chrismon Tree through the Advent season. Thank you to all who helped setup the Sanctuary and Chrismon tree for all of us to enjoy! Chrismon symbol brochures are available in the Narthex.

**Advent Devotional** - This year Stone Church has again purchased the Advent devotional materials created by A Sanctified Art ([sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org)). The theme for this year is “*From Generation to Generation*.” In addition to worship, children's and craft materials A Sanctified Art publishes a devotional booklet containing daily devotions to be used at home. Use this link [online.flippingbook.com/view/261712895/](http://online.flippingbook.com/view/261712895/) to access an electronic copy of the devotional booklet. Printed copies are available in the narthex. In order to protect their work, please refrain from sharing this link or posting it on social media.

**Youth Group Movie Night Tonight!** – (5-7pm) All 6-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited; friends are always welcome too! RSVP or questions, contact Irene ([irene\\_pak@stonechurch.org](mailto:irene_pak@stonechurch.org)). Come even if you haven't RSVP'd.

**Holiday Giving** - Stop by the Stone **Giving Tree** (Social Hall) after worship today and take a tag (or two), plus the instruction flyer, write your name on the clipboard next to the tree, and return your gift by **next Sun, Dec 4th**.

We are also organizing a **Toy Drive** to support our longtime mission partner **Sunday Friends**. Bring your unwrapped toy donation (no weapon-themed or electronics-dependent items) to the drop box in the Social Hall by or before **Sun, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>**.

**Human Trafficking Action Stand** - Since 2016, a faithful group has spent one-hour a month standing on Lincoln Ave. with signs calling attention to human trafficking. With our “stand” and our signs, we are calling attention to this tragedy that occurs even here in the city in which we live. If this issue speaks to you, please join us as we take our “stand” **tomorrow, Mon, Nov 28<sup>th</sup>**. Meet in the church patio at 8:15 a.m. Signs and brochures are provided. Questions? Contact Claudia Hamm ([jnchamm@gmail.com](mailto:jnchamm@gmail.com)).

**Taize During Advent** - During this busy Advent season, give yourself the gift of sparkling candlelight, beautiful music, time for silence and reflection on the meaning of the season. Join us in the Sanctuary for our Taize prayer service on **Tuesday evenings, November 29<sup>th</sup>, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>** (6:45 - 7:30pm). The prelude music begins at 6:30p.m.

**Ushers Needed!** – We’ve been successful with getting most of our Nov & Dec spots filled, but we still need more Christmastime ushers: 1 for the **early Christmas Eve** (Sat, Dec 24<sup>th</sup>, 5pm), 2 for **Christmas Eve late** (9pm), and 1 for **Christmas morning’s worship** (Sun, Dec 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am).

**The Christmas Joy** offering will be collected on **Sun, Dec 18<sup>th</sup>** (see insert). This offering assists current and retired church workers in need, as well as providing support for future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

**Christmas Flowers** - Tis the season when the Deacons purchase Christmas flowers for the sanctuary; and you can be part of this Stone Church flower tradition by honoring someone special with a donation to help purchase the flowers. Please fill out the form below and circle whether the flowers will be *in memory* or *in honor* of the person named.

The flowers will decorate the sanctuary through Christmas Sunday. Over the preceding weeks, the flowers will be distributed to people in the church, including members who cannot attend services.

Complete and return this form, along with your \$5.00 donation, by December 11<sup>th</sup>, to the offering plate or leave in the office manager’s box. *Make checks payable to Stone Church with “Deacon’s Fund” on the memo line.* The names you designate will be printed in the bulletin on Dec.11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

Questions, please contact Sue Evans ([jaysue@comcast.net](mailto:jaysue@comcast.net), 408-282-4741), or the church office ([office\\_manager@stonechurch.org](mailto:office_manager@stonechurch.org), 408- 269-1593).

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In **Memory** or In **Honor** (CIRCLE ONE) of:

Amount enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

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**World Refugee Crisis Event - Wed, Nov 30<sup>th</sup>** (5:30 -7:30 pm), at Temple Emanu-El, 1010 University Ave, San Jose). Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley, the organization that coordinates the arrangements of our Roycott House refugee family, presents *From Ukraine to Afghanistan to Silicon Valley* about their response to the world refugee crisis at our local level. JFSSV works with HIAS, the global Jewish nonprofit that has resettled 4.5 million people since its inception in 1881. Event details: 5:30pm-- Wine & Cheese Reception; 6:30 pm--Speakers & Q&A .The event is free, and open to all, but please register online at <https://www.templestanjose.org/event/hias-jfs.html>

**In-Kind Donation Receipts** are due into the office the first week of December. In-kind donations are goods/items rather than money (or cash) that are given to the church, such as food or supplies to be

used for the church or an event: church workday, choir retreat, youth group, office supplies, etc. To have these donations appear on your year-end giving tax statement, please provide the Office Manager ([office\\_manager@stonechurch.org](mailto:office_manager@stonechurch.org)) an itemized summary, receipts, name of program/event supported, and your name.

**Pledge for 2023** – Pledges are accepted all throughout the year, but if you intend to pledge, but haven't yet, please complete a pledge form ASAP (found in the pews, the Narthex, and the office), or pledge [online](#), or email ([office\\_manager@stonechurch.org](mailto:office_manager@stonechurch.org)) your desired donation amount. The BRC (Budget Review Committee) will meet later this month and your pledge will aid them as they work on next year's budget.

**Pronouns** - Have you noticed people signing their names with the addition of he/him, she/her, or they/them pronouns? It's becoming more common as our culture seeks to be inclusive and recognize the gender to which an individual associates. If you would like to add a gender pronoun to your listing in the church directory, please contact Office Manager ([office\\_manager@stonechurch.org](mailto:office_manager@stonechurch.org)).

## Advent Events

### Nov 27 (9:30 am) **Worship – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

- Chrismon tree on display
- Advent Wreath Candles (Plaque) with Mary Jo after worship

### Nov 29 (6:45pm) **Weekly Advent Taize – SA**

- Give yourself the gift of sparkling candlelight, beautiful music, time for silence and reflection on the meaning of the season. Taize prayer services **Tuesday evenings, Nov 29, Dec 6, 13, & 20**. The prelude music begins at 6:30p.m. Service is 6:45pm - 7:30pm in the sanctuary.

### Dec 3 (12-2pm) **Parents' Day Out**

### Dec 4 (9:30 am) **Worship – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

- Peace Ornament – with Mary Jo after worship

### Dec 6 (6:45pm) **Weekly Advent Taize – SA**

### Dec 11 (9:30 am) **Worship – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

- **Gaudete (Joy) Sunday.** We light the pink candle on our Advent wreath and celebrate the joy of this season. Our church choirs will lead us in worship this Sunday with a cantata entitled, "Christmas Joy."
- Wear pink to worship and join in the celebration!
- Joy Symbol – with Mary Jo after worship

### Dec 13 (6:45pm) **Weekly Advent Taize – SA**

### Dec 18 (9:30 am) **Worship – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

- Children's choir will sing
- Joy Offering collected
- Christmas Carol Sing (11am) - SA

### Dec 20 (6:45pm) **Weekly Advent Taize – SA**

### Christmas Eve - Two worship services (**5pm & 9pm**)

- **(5pm) Early Service** - Bring a bell, or jingle your keys, at our family "bell ringing" service. **Anyone** that wants to dress in a costume (adults and children) for this service, see Mary Jo in the Fireside Room (4:30pm).
- **(9pm) Late Service** - our quieter, more traditional service that includes the Chancel Choir.
- Both services end on the patio in candlelight!

## Christmas Day (9 am) Worship

- Causal dress or come in your Christmas pj's!

## January 1 (9:30 am) Worship 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas!

- 2023 Star Gifts
- Watercolor stars of Bethlehem – with Mary Jo after worship

# Calendar

### November 27 – December 4, 2022

<b>Sunday (11/27)</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>
8:30 - 9am	Choir Practice - SA
9:30 - 10:30am	Worship - SA & Zoom
10:30 - 11am	Coffee Fellowship - Patio
10:45 - 11:45am	PNC - Gazebo
5 - 7pm	Y.Grp Movie/Campfire -
Patio/SH	
<b>Monday (11/28)</b>	
4 - 7:30pm	Vivace (Primo/Treble) - SH
6 - 8pm	Vivace (Treble) - SA
<b>Tuesday (11/29)</b>	
8:30am - 2:30pm	PACT Intern - SH
10 - 11am	PACT Mtg - SH
6:45 - 7:30pm	Advent Taize - SA
7 - 9pm	BRC - Zoom
<b>Wednesday (11/30)</b>	
4:15 - 6:45pm	Vivace - SH
7:30 - 9pm	Choir Practice - SH
<b>Thursday (12/1)</b>	
10 - 11am	Emerald Circle - Zoom
6 - 8pm	Vivace (SATB) - SA
6 - 7:30pm	Vivace (SATB) - SH
<b>Friday (12/2)</b>	
11am	Office closes early - Staff Lunch
<b>Saturday (12/3)</b>	
12:30 - 3:30pm	Parents' Day Out -
<b>Next Sunday (12/4) 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	
8:30 - 9am	Choir Practice - SA
9:30 - 10:30am	Worship & Communion - SA
10:30 - 11am	Coffee Fellowship - Patio
10:45 - 11:45am	PNC - Gazebo
11am - 12pm	Adult Ed - SA & Zoom

## NOVEMBER Birthdays

(2<sup>nd</sup>) Don Skipwith, Julie Ludwig; (7<sup>th</sup>) Madeline Henry, (8<sup>th</sup>) Ida Raby; (9<sup>th</sup>) Marsha Wadley; (10<sup>th</sup>) Mike Donald; (12<sup>th</sup>) Charlotte Dickson; (13<sup>th</sup>) Dick Kistler; (15<sup>th</sup>) Doug Williams; (16<sup>th</sup>) Cathy Marlatt; (18<sup>th</sup>) Aby Ryan, Carole Brandt; (19<sup>th</sup>) Sandi Lococo; (23<sup>rd</sup>) Louis Burgyan; (30<sup>th</sup>) Donna Erickson

**NOVEMBER Anniversaries** - Jean & Dan Raby  
11/29/1987

<b>The Elders of the Session</b>		
Clerk of Session ~ Deborah Crim		
Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Bob Cole	Fran Basso	Jeremy Easton
Derk Johnson	Carter Edwards	Donna Erickson
Emily Meacham	Gary Fritz	Carrie Giorgianni
Nina Mundi	Meredith Hurley	Mel Goertz
Fred Oliver	Barbara Krause	Chris Lee
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<b>The Board of Deacons</b>		
Moderator ~ Angie Davidson		
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Angie Davidson	Morgan Lord	Gail Chaid
Nanci Eksterowicz	Wendy Lord	Sheri Cunningham
Sue Evans	Kathleen Oliver	Janice Goertz
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