



## **Affirmation of Welcome**

**We are an Open and Affirming Congregation, welcoming all of God's children.**

If you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered,

**You Are Welcome Here!**

If you are Asian, Hispanic, Black, or White,

**You Are Welcome Here!**

If you are male, female, or transgender,

**You Are Welcome Here!**

If you are 3 days old, 30 years old, or 103 years old,

**You Are Welcome Here!**

If you've never been in a church, if you are Buddhist, Roman Catholic, agnostic,  
Or a life-long member of the UCC,

**You Are Welcome Here!**

If you are straight, gay, lesbian, or bisexual,

**You Are Welcome Here!**

If you are fully abled, disabled, or a person with differing abilities,

**You Are Welcome Here!**

Whoever we may be, wherever we are on our life's journey,

**We welcome one another to this place,  
even as God welcomes us all in Jesus Christ!**

### **WELCOME TO VISITING PARENTS**

We offer several child care options and fun activities for kids during worship hour:

- ✧ Infants and toddlers will be cared for in the nursery.
- ✧ Kindergarten through seventh grade will go to class after the Word to Young Worshipers.
- ✧ Crayons and paper for children are also available from ushers.

Please sign our guest book in the narthex before you leave, and join us for refreshments in Pilgrim Hall downstairs following the service. If you are interested in learning more about our church, or becoming a member, please speak to our pastor.

Large Print Bulletins are available. Please ask an usher for one. Hearing difficulty? Please talk to any usher about a Williams Sound Personal PA receiver available for your use in the sanctuary.

Pillows for your back support are also available.

### ***Office Hours:***

**Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.: 9:00 - 12:00**

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## DECEMBER 15, 2013 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### **Meditation Music**

God of crossroads and journeys, you place in us communities where encounter other travelers and teachers on the way. Help us to be present to those we encounter, and meet the challenges that help us grow toward you. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

### ***Gathering in God's Presence***

*\* Please Stand as you are able.*

#### **Prelude**

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

J. S. Bach

#### **Bearing the Light of Peace**

#### **Bearing the Light of Christ**

#### **\* Call to Worship**

L: Welcome, all who are feeling lost or lonely, hoping for a word of love;

**P: Rejoice and be glad - God is here!**

L: Welcome, all who are wondering and searching;

**P: Rejoice and be glad - God is here!**

L: Welcome, all who are anxious and waiting;

**P: Rejoice and be glad - God is here!**

L: When what is broken is made whole, when the sick are healed and the hungry fed,

**P: When the lonely are embraced with compassion, when the sorrowful are lifted up;**

L: Then God shall be seen among people, not in part, but fully.

**All: Even as God desires to be - Emmanuel, God with us!**

#### **\* Hymn of Praise**

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

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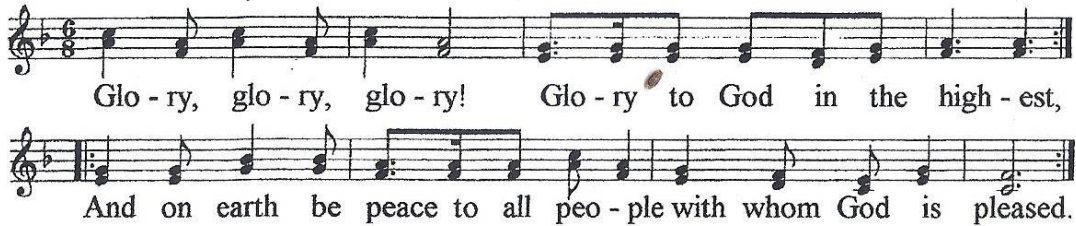
#### **\* Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

**Holy Source of Hope, Peace, and Promise, as we journey toward another Christmas, fill us with your compassion and joy. Be with us today, as we celebrate your coming among us. Inspire us with your Spirit, so that in and through our music and praise, we might delight in you and bring glory to your Name. May this time of worship touch our hearts, and lead us toward a deeper commitment to your loving service. This we pray in the name of Christ our Savior, Amen.**

**\* The Song of Praise**

**Glory to God**

Pablo Sosa, 1988



***Lighting the Advent Wreath***

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The Candle of Joy

The Croyer-Westerberg Family

L: Our third Advent Candle is the Candle of Joy.

**P: Joy to the world, our Savior comes!**

L: The Light of Christ brings hope and joy to our turbulent world;

**P: The Light of Christ brings hope and joy to our troubled lives.**

L: May the Light of Christ's love shine brightly in us and through us,

**P: That we might bring hope to others and fill the world with joy!**

As the Candles are lighted, we will sing the following verse of *One Candle Is Lit*

Come festively sing, while awaiting the birth,  
Join angels in dancing from heaven to earth.  
Wave banners of good news, lift high thankful praise.  
One candle is lit for the joy of these days.

**The Reading**

Luke 1:46-55

Pew Bible, p. 57

**Time with Young Worshipers**

[The Cantata]

*Once in Royal David's City*

see insert

[Prayers and Offering]

# ***The Church at Prayer***

## **Silent Meditation**

### **Prayers of the Church**

**Our Lord's Prayer** *[the additional use of "Mother" is optional, according to One's Theological understanding]*

**...Our Father-Mother, 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.**

## **Organ Response**

### ***Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings***

## **The Invitation**

### **Offertory**

Magnificat," we sing

Parker

### **\*The Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all Blessings flow**

**Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**

**One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

### **\* Prayer of Dedication [Unison]**

**Gracious God, we lift up to you our songs of praise, our hearts of joy, and our gifts of love. Bless these gifts that they may be a source of blessing to others.**

**Renew our lives, that we might use them to further the work of your Realm. We ask in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## Going with God's Love

### \* Hymn of Departure

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing  
[verse 1]

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### Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

Acolyte

### Circle of Fellowship

As we move to form a circle around the pews, we will sing **Halle, Halle, Hallelujah** (3 times) **Hallelujah, Hallelujah**. After the benediction is pronounced, we will sing it through once more. Our circle is open near the door as a symbol of our welcome to new people to our community of faith.

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

### \*Commission and Benediction

#### Postlude

Once he came in blessing

Weisse

### PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Forbes Family, The Family of Vonda Ward, The Family of Nancy Foose, Doug Lightbody, Bill & Ann Toneff, Kathleen Stewart, Tina Ortiz, Frank Ditzig, Mary D'Agostino, Shirley Duncan, Donn Whyte, Cindy Burton, Effie Pappas, Betty Batsch, people who are unemployed and under employed.

(Please let the office know of any additions, corrections or changes to our prayer lists.)

Attendance Sunday, December 8, 2013 –Adults: 96 Kids: 18 Total: 114

## ***BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING TODAY!** At 2:00 pm, our youth, adults and children of all ages will meet at the church to go caroling to our shut-in members. This is a great opportunity to sing some of our favorite Christmas carols while bringing a special Christmas greeting to those members who regularly cannot join us for worship. We will return to the church around 4:00 to warm ourselves with some hot chocolate and other goodies.

**THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE WILL BE AT 10:00 pm.** We will commemorate Jesus' birth with carols and scripture, and celebrate Christ's timeless presence through the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Our service will conclude with our traditional circle of candlelight, as we each receive and spread the light of Christ's love and peace.

**SHARE IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT OF GIVING!** Our annual Christmas Adopt-a-Family project has a new name this year: Adopt-an-Individual. We hope the whole congregation will reach out generously as they always have. Some of the items that would be appreciated are: queen-sized sheet sets (flannel or regular), blanket or two, Bedspread (non-bulky, velour-like) bath towel sets, kitchen towels, potholder (no Mitts), and dishcloths, gift cards for stores such as T J Maxx, Kohl's, Target, Dots, etc, and of course the always welcome checks to BUCC [noted "Adopt-an-Individual], or cash with the same notation on the envelope.]

**THERE WILL BE A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**, immediately following this morning's worship. Please note that we will be voting on the Korean Church of the Nazarene's request to lease and worship in the church, which would take effect January 1. Please plan to stay for this important meeting.

**PILLAR DEADLINE** is today, please forward any items you would like in the January Pillar to Jeannette at [buccoh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:buccoh@sbcglobal.net)

## ***THE READING***

### **The Reading - Luke 1:46-55**

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Holy One, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, who has looked with favor upon this lowly servant. Surely, from now on all generations

will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is God's name. Divine mercy is upon those who revere the Holy One from generation to generation. God has shown strength with God's arm; has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. God has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. God has helped God's servant Israel, in remembrance of Divine mercy, according to the promise God made to our ancestors, to Abraham and Sarah and to their descendants forever."



### ***2013 POINSETTIAS***

<i>Cindy Burton</i>	<i>In Memory of her Parents, William L. Burton &amp; Delores R. Burton.</i>
<i>Joanne Cook</i>	<i>In Memory of The Deeter Family, Robert and Willie Deeter, and twin sister, Jeanne Durig, and in Memory of her Beloved Husband Skip Cook.</i>
<i>Jeanne R. Cowden</i>	<i>In Memory of James W. Cowden.</i>
<i>Marjorie Culver</i>	<i>In Memory of her Husband Dick, and Nancianne Martin.</i>
<i>Jim &amp; Peg Duffy</i>	<i>Happy Birthday Jesus!</i>
<i>Dottie &amp; Jim Farwell</i>	<i>In Honor of Dottie's Mother.</i>
<i>Anna Mary Fisher</i>	<i>In Memory of Loved Ones.</i>



<i>Dorie Gabor</i>	<i>In Memory of her Husband, Steven Gabor.</i>
<i>Joy Garapic</i>	<i>In Memory of William Garapic, Husband, Father, Grandfather.</i>
<i>Diane Gressley</i>	<i>In Memory of Pauline Farina, and Emma &amp; Evan Gressley.</i>
<i>Phyllis Hassler</i>	<i>In Memory of Frank Hassler.</i>
<i>Mac and Marianne Hoppel</i>	<i>In Honor of the Karwowski-Hoppel Families.</i>
<i>Dassie Matsuoka &amp; Daughters</i>	<i>In Memory of James Matsuoka.</i>
<i>David Pastor</i>	<i>In Memory of Eleanor Pastor &amp; Albert Romanin.</i>
<i>Fred &amp; Connie Pesek</i>	<i>In Memory of our Parents.</i>
<i>Bettina Ortiz</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Betty, Joseph, &amp; Timothy Oritiz.</i>
<i>Bettina Ortiz</i>	<i>In Honor Daniel King; Rachel Grace, Julianne, Jenna and David Kubic; Steven King, Steven, Lyndsey and Bradley Hough.</i>
<i>Max Roha</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Mary Chapman Roha 5/7/1960-7/21/01, and Lois Langmead Wallin 3/29/23-7/21/07.</i>
<i>Max Roha</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of David J. Roha 5/7/1960-7/18/2013.</i>
<i>Mariam R. Rosewicz</i>	<i>In Memory of Loved Ones.</i>
<i>George &amp; Carole Snider</i>	<i>In Memory of our good Friend Debbie Busta.</i>
<i>RuthThorp</i>	<i>In Memory of her Husband, Harvey O. Thorp.</i>
<i>Bill &amp; Anne Toneff</i>	<i>In Memory of Elizabeth &amp; C.C. Thornton, and Very &amp; Milan Toneff</i>

Sherrill & Bill	<i>In Memory of Mary &amp; Bill Witt, and Jane Witt. In Memory of Arch Duncan. In Honor of Shirley Duncan, and the Wonderful people of BUCC.</i>
Jill Zedan	<i>In Memory of Bobby, Pres, Joanie, Jack &amp; Terry.</i>

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sunday 12/15/2013</b>	10 am 11 am  2 pm	Worship Service CANTATA Congregation Meeting Coffee Hour Caroling
<b>Wednesday 12/18/2013</b>	6 am	Early Birds
<b>Thursday 12/19/2013</b>	1pm 5:30 pm	Bible Study Pageant Dress Rehearsal
<b>Saturday 12/21/2013</b>	AM	*Pageant Run-Thru if Needed*
<b>Sunday 12/22/2013</b>	10 am 11 am	Worship - Pageant Coffee Hour

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE**  
**DECEMBER 15, 2013 CANTATA**

**HEAD USHER:** Max Roha  
**USHERS:** Matt Wolberg, Sam Koch, Sue Maier, David Ritchey  
**ACOLYTE:** Naomi Klonowski  
**PEACE CANDLE:** Arthur Oravec  
**SOUND:** Chad Sproul  
**COMMONS GRTR:** Ann Kelly  
**NARTHEX GRTR:** Dorie Gabor  
**FLOWERS:** POINSETTIAS  
**NURSERY:** Shauna Bigelow  
**COUNTERS:** Bruce McCain, Anna Mary Fisher  
**SERVERS:** Sue Stenzel & Dottie Farwell  
**CLEAN-UP:** Bob Chandler & Pat Bailey  
**SNACKS:** Marge Culver & Ruthie Thorpe  
**SNOW HERDER:** Chad Sproul

**PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE**  
**DECEMBER 22, 2013 PAGEANT**

**HEAD USHER:** Jill Zedan  
**USHERS:** Wes Novak, Joanne Cook, David & Kathy Pastor  
**ACOLYTE:** Ben Rehling  
**PEACE CANDLE:** Ryan Stewart  
**SOUND:** KevinSmith  
**COMMONS GRTR:** Marge Culver  
**NARTHEX GRTR:** Fred Pesek  
**FLOWERS:** POINSETTIAS  
**NURSERY:** Jane Cribbs  
**COUNTERS:** Dassie Matsuoka, Donn Whyte  
**SERVERS:** Darlene, Emily & Celia Kelly  
**CLEAN-UP:** Chad & Bridget Sproul  
**SNOW HERDER:** Matt Wolbert

